

CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
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The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas. The elected officials present included Mayor, Connie Koopmann, Alderwoman, Kathy Kleiber, Aldermen, Greg Thomas, Frank Wick III, and Roger Moellenberndt. City staff present included City Administrator, Tami Walker, Public Works Director, Darryl Moeller, Finance Director, Kenny Schramek, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Ms. Walker announced that Darryl was in attendance so she suggested quickly revisiting the general fund accounts to answer any questions from last night.

She began that she talked to Thadious and he always budgets \$20,000 for building improvements in case something happens with the roof, ac, etc. That is not earmarked for a particular project and if it is not used it will be spent on other items at the end of the year. She added that \$12,000 is the lease price for the new copy machine.

In Sports Complex, Darryl mentioned that he priced Grasshopper, and Toro mowers, and they are about the same as Exmark. Exmarks are dependable machines and it's easy to go right up the road to La Grange to get parts.

In Civic Center, Moeller explained that the City already has the cameras, he will have to look if the \$50,000 is for a 5- or 10-year license.

Under Street, the City also priced a John Deere loader, and it's about the same price. However, CAT will come to the warehouse to work on the machines and have provided excellent customer service in the past.

Council now moved onto the utility fund departments.

Major topics discussed in Electric included wholesale electric which will be approximately \$5.2 million. The current digger truck is 24 years old, and Altec will not work on trucks 25 years or older. Christmas lights are also budgeted for \$50,000.

Major topics in Water included the waterline replacement project on 90 from East to West Ave. at a total of \$985,000. The Main Pump House Booster Pumps will also need replacing. Staff is budgeting \$68,000 for that item.

Major topics in Sewer included replacing the line on East Ave. at \$100,000, Babylon expansion engineering for \$300,000, and replacing a sewer line behind Klesel St. from Herder to 77. That project is a total of \$1.5 million. However, that project can be done in sections and will be less depending how much line is replaced.

Moeller also announced that the only pickup truck being purchased would be a Sewer truck for \$65,000. This will replace a 99 or 05 model. He added shoring for \$22,000. It is necessary to keep the guys safe as they recently dug down to 11 feet. The City has rented this type of shoring twice at \$5,000 each rental.

Under Warehouse, staff discussed a fleet management software for \$5,950. That is the initial set up fee and annual license. Going forward it will be \$4,000 a year.

Under Garbage, brush grinding is budgeted for \$60,000. Staff is also proposing buying two new compactors for DFA for \$50,000 each. The City will go up on DFA's rent to \$1,000 per month to offset this cost.

Alderman Mican entered Council Chambers at 5:53 and took his seat at the dais.

Alderman Mican was briefed on the items that were discussed.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Klieber, to adjourn the workshop at 7:05. The motion passed unanimously.