

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
September 8, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:30 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, Roger Moellenberndt, and Randy Mican. City staff present included City Administrator, Tami Walker, Police Chief, Troy Brenek, Public Works Director, Darryl Moeller, and City Secretary, Mason Florus.

Visitors included Darrell Vyvjala of the Schulenburg Sticker, Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Tina Bohlmann, Schulenburg Festival Association President, Scott Gresham, Justin Eschenburg, Lisa Rolirad, Jeanine Ulrich, Kim Haba, Jeannie Mican, Michael Ohnheiser, Brian Lux, and Pat Faith.

Mayor Koopmann called role. Mason Florus said a prayer over the meeting and its members. Mayor Koopmann led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Under Presentations by Citizens, Brian Lux addressed Council. Mr. Lux said he was concerned about the Flock Camera on the pole between Fayette Savings and Dairy Queen.

Chief Brenek answered that it is not a Flock Camera, but it is a license plate reader that has been there over a year. Mr. Lux concluded that he felt it was a violation of citizens' privacy.

Under Consent Agenda, Alderman Mican questioned several bills. He inquired what Argent Institutional Trust Company was for. Ms. Walker replied that that is the payment on the Civic Center Loan. Alderman Mican also inquired about a \$2,000,000 amount. Ms. Walker stated that that was an accidental key stroke and the correct register was presented in Council's Packets along with the "Check Unposting" Register. Alderman Mican also asked about Smithville Auto and the dollar amount for Seifert Oil. Public Works Director, Darryl Moeller, stated that the City shops local first but sometimes we outsource for certain parts in a time crunch. Also, the amount for Seifert's was for two deliveries. They deliver every ten days.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, and C. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. Minutes from the Budget Workshop held on August 17th, 2026
- B. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on August 17, 2026
- C. Payment of Current Bills

Mayor Koopmann invited Planning and Zoning Chair, Tina Bohlmann, to lead discussion on a Replat at 712 South Street, Schulenburg, Texas, splitting one lot into three separate lots.

Ms. Bohlmann informed Council that the Commission met and there were no objections. The property is located in the R-5 District, and all three lots are large enough to house a single wide, or a smaller home. The Commission approved the replat.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to accept the replat. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker led discussion on an Ordinance on Amending an Ordinance Revising and Setting Rates for Electrical Services within the City.

Ms. Walker announced that there were no increases to the electric services. However, with the new fees for oversized loads, an updated ordinance had to be adopted.

Ms. Walker then read the ordinance.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker led discussion on an Ordinance Amending an Ordinance Revising and Setting Rates for Water and Sewer Services within the City.

Ms. Walker then read the ordinance.

Alderman Wick made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker led discussion on an Ordinance on Amending an Ordinance Revising and Setting Rates for Garbage Services within the City.

Ms. Walker then read the ordinance.

Alderman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to approve the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker led discussion on Adopting Appendix A – Schedule of Fees in addition to the City's Core Services.

Ms. Walker announced that this is the updated fee schedule and increases that were discussed during budget workshops are reflected in the schedule.

Alderman Mican asked if Council increased Alcohol License Fees, and Building Permit Fees. Ms. Walker stated that increases Council wished to make during budget workshops are listed in this updated schedule.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to accept the Schedule of Fees. The motion passed 3-2 with Aldermen Wick and Mican voting against.

Ms. Walker led discussion on Adopting an Investment Policy Resolution for the City of Schulenburg.

Ms. Walker then read the Resolution.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to accept the Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker invited City Secretary, Mason Florus, to lead discussion on Amending the Employee Health Benefits Defined Contribution for City Employees and Authorizing City Administrator to select Insurance Broker and Consultant Services.

Florus stated that as discussed during budget, health insurance saw a 9.8% increase in premiums. As a result, staff is suggesting a defined contribution of \$1,275. This included the "Anchor" PPO plan, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance. The City offers 6 different health plans. Employees have the option to "buy up or down."

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to set the defined contribution at \$1,275, and authorize the City Administrator to select Insurance Broker and Consultant Services. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker led discussion on Approve Authorization to issue Requests for Proposal for Administrative Services (RFP) for Grant Community Application and Implementation Services for Texas Community Development Grant Program for FY2027 and/or FY2028 Community Development Fund as Administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Ms. Walker elaborated that the City is required to go out for procurement for grant administrative services. This is granting permission for staff to start going out for RFP.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to approve the authorization to issue requests for proposal for administrative services. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Koopmann invited Schulenburg Festival President, Scott Kresham, to lead discussion on a Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund request from the Schulenburg Festival Association.

Mr. Gresham stated he was speaking on behalf of the Rodeo Committee. Mr. Gresham passed out a sheet to Council breaking down numbers from the last three rodeos. Mr. Gresham stated that the rodeo brings in anywhere between 750 – 1,300 people to the rodeo each night depending on the events, and if the Rodeo Arena is rebuilt, there will be opportunities to host multiple events per year.

Ms. Walker reminded Council that this is a budgeted item for this current fiscal year. Along with the City and Festival's contribution, the EDC is going to contribute the reminder for the project.

Alderman Wick informed the Mayor that he was abstaining because he serves on the Rodeo Committee.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to grant HOT Funds of \$100,000 to the Schulenburg Festival for the Rodeo Arena. The motion passed 4-0 with Alderman Wick abstaining.

Ms. Walker led discussion on a Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund request from the Schulenburg Little League.

Ms. Walker addressed Council that there was a letter included in Council Packets from Schulenburg Little League. They are requesting \$65,000 for new lights, and \$15,000 to erect a building to cover the new electrical panels and breakers that were recently installed.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to grant the request for \$80,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Mayor Comments, Mayor Koopmann had no comments.

Alderman Wick stated that a citizen approached him about having to be diverted last month because an officer wouldn't let him cross at S. Main and Lyons. Chief Brenek answered that the PD temporarily closes down certain streets during the Festival 5K for runner's safety. He apologized for any inconvenience.

Municipal Court Judge, Kayla Peters', Chief Brenek's Police and Code Enforcement, Library Director, Thadious Polasek's, Fire Marshal, Steve Strickland's, and Public Works Director, Darryl Moeller's reports were all included in Council's Packets.

Chief Brenek added that the ventilation should be finished this week. He stated that the technicians confirmed that the PD is infested with mold.

Alderman Mican asked the price, and if the ventilation is going all the way through the roof. Chief stated he hasn't received a final bill, but it should be around \$17,000. They are taking air out of the server room (in an effort to also cool that space) and running it through the vault and up out through the roof where the air is expelled outdoors.

City Administrator, Tami Walker, reported the following to Council:

- Staff is settling into the temporary office space
- Want to meet with Council about when and how to inform citizens about elections. Staff is prepared to start October 1.

- Staff is conducting interviews for the HR/Payroll position. Hopefully the first meeting in October that employee will be introduced to Council.
- Been meeting with Tyler on our upcoming transition to version10.
- Auditors are beginning early. Staff is sending records to the Auditors.

Mayor Koopmann requested that Council individually reach out to Ms. Walker within the next week or so and express their thoughts on informing the citizens about the election.

Ms. Walker reminded that this is information only, and not designed to sway the vote one way or the other.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29. The motion passed unanimously.