

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
September 21, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, September 21, 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, Finance Director, Kenneth Schramek, and Billing Manager, Megan Bartos.

Visitors included Scott Wenske of the Schulenburg Sticker, Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Tina Bohlmann, Chad Zimmerman, Jeanine Ulrich, Jeannie Mican, Michael Ohnheiser, Brian Lux, Pat Faith, Ona Marak, Erin Wotipka, and Mr. & Mrs. Reverend Andrew Stafford.

Mayor Koopmann called roll. Reverend Andrew Stafford said a prayer over the meeting and its members. Mayor Koopmann led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Under Presentations by Citizens, Chad Zimmermann mentioned that it might be a great idea for the City to allow some of the traveling exhibitions to use the newly renovated Civic Center for a return investment.

Under Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions, Mayor Koopman honored Reverend Andrew Stafford with the City of Schulenburg Honorary Citizen Award. She then thanked him for all his service to the community through the years.

Under Consent Agenda, Ms. Walker noted that in the bills, there is a check for Langford for services on the GLO grant that is 100% reimbursable. She also noted that the funds for Schulenburg Festival and Schulenburg Little League were already approved but instead of creating a separate packet, they were put into this packet. Alderwoman Kleiber questioned the check for Craftsman and Ms. Walker explained that was for the playground equipment. The City paid what was budgeted and the EDC paid the difference. Alderman Mican also mentioned that HOT fund letters should not be written on behalf of organizations without the current board's consent.

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

- A. Minutes from the Regular Scheduled Meeting held on September 8, 2026
- B. Payment of Current Bills

Mayor Koopman then read the 2026 Taxpayer Impact Statement.

Mayor Koopmann invited Planning and Zoning Chair, Tina Bohlmann, to lead discussion on a Replat at 207 Anderson Street, Schulenburg, Texas, for the purpose of moving a lot line 15 feet to the West.

Ms. Bohlmann informed Council that the Commission met and there were no objections. The owner owns both properties (205 and 207 Anderson). One of the properties has a dilapidated house that will be demolished soon and she will be extending her fence as well. The Commission approved the replat.

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

Kenneth Schramek led discussion and read aloud the annual budget amendments to the General Fund for the fiscal year 2025-2026.

Alderman Mican questioned if those adjustments included the City Hall annex building. Alderman Thomas wanted to make sure that we had enough in the budget to cover the limestone needed because a lot of the money was taken out of that particular line item. Ms. Walker reiterated that this budget is for the current year and is a roadmap so items are moved around on line items to help the budget balance properly.

Alderman Mican made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to approve and adopt the Annual Municipal Budget Amendments to the General Fund for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 beginning October 1, 2025 and ending September 30, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker read the ordinance for Adopting the Annual Municipal Budget for FY2026-2027, beginning October 1st and ending September 30th.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to approve the ordinance. Mayor Koopmann then did a roll call vote.

The motion to set and approve the Ordinance Adopting the Annual Municipal Budget for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 failed on a 3 to 2 vote with Aldermen Wick, Moellenberndt and Mican all voting nay and Alderman Thomas and Alderwoman Kleiber voting yay.

Mayor Koopmann then addressed the council as a whole expressing her concern with the Council voting down the budget. She explained that there were plenty of opportunities to make adjustments and ask questions.

Alderman Wick stated he felt that there were a few items in the budget that were based on a "might" or a "maybe" and he also promised the citizens that he would not raise taxes.

Ms. Walker then reached out to the City's Attorney and the advice of legal counsel was to adjourn into Executive Session.

Mayor adjourned into Executive Session pursuant Section 551.071 Consultation with the Attorney at 7:11 p.m.

Mayor and Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:51 p.m.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to table agenda items C, D & E until legal counsel has provided further information. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker led discussion and read the Investment Strategy Statement for the City of Schulenburg which is an addition to the Investment Policy that was previously presented.

Alderwoman Kleiber made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to Adopt the Investment Strategy Statement. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker listed the proposed Schulenburg EDC Board of Directors.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Thomas, to approve the 2026-2027 Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker presented the Schulenburg EDC budget.

Alderman Thomas made a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Kleiber, to approve the 2026-2027 Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Mayor's Comments, Mayor Koopman noted that Wednesday, Oct. 7, Schulenburg Area Food Pantry will be celebrating their 30th Anniversary.

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

- Piers and footings are being dug and set for the new playground at the Sports Complex.
- The City has been approved for grant funds for a comprehensive plan. The City needs to gather a core group of people from various stakeholders of the community (City, P&Z, business owners, etc.) that would meet before the next council meeting.
- She has gotten with Billy Nunn, the City's Building Inspector, about updating/changing the Schedule of Fees. Those changes will be presented in the near future.
- Fayette County Appraisal District is looking for a representative to serve a 2-year term.
- Collaborating with Huntington Bank on the City Bank Bid.
- Collaborating with Tyler Technologies on the upgrade and conversion of the software.
- RFP has been submitted to the newspaper for the Grant Administrative Services to build multiple contracts on various grants the City would like to apply for.
- Collaboration with the auditors on the current audit being done

- September 11th, there was a meeting held with TxDOT. More information will be provided at the next council meeting.
- Attended the EDC meeting on September 9th
- A staff meeting with department heads was held.
- Next meeting Mason Florus will be calling for a Special Election for the City Hall renovations.
- Two council members reached out previously about hiring a marketing firm but did not pursue it any further because it was a nonbudgeted item.

Mayor adjourned into Executive Session pursuant Section 551.071 Consultation with the Attorney at 8:09 p.m.

Mayor and Council reconvened into Regular Session at 9:09 p.m.

Alderman Moellenberndt, made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, moved to reconsider the vote to adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027. Mayor Koopmann then did a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously with a 5 to 0 vote.

Alderman Moellenberndt moved to approve the ordinance adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027 making appropriations for the support of city operations, providing for an interest and sinking fund, and related matters, with the following amendments:

- Reduce the office and management line item to \$3,927 on page 7,
- Reduce the office buildings and improvements line item to \$287,839 on page 7,
- Remove the \$76,000 line item for the digger truck on page 5 of the utility fund, and
- Make adjustments to anticipated revenue from ad valorem taxes.

Alderman Mican seconded the motion.

Mayor Koopmann then did a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously with a 5 to 0 vote.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, that the Ordinance be approved as amended that sets the property tax rate at \$0.2396 per \$100 assessed value on all taxable property, which is effectively a zero percent increase in the tax rate within the corporate city limits of the City of Schulenburg; said tax rate having a maintenance and operations component and a debt service component. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Walker read the Ordinance on Adopting the 2026 Tax Rate.

Alderman Moellenberndt made a motion, seconded by Alderman Wick, to approve by Ordinance the Property Tax Rate to be by the Adoption of a Total Tax rate of .2396 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value, which is effectively a zero percent increase to provide for an Interest and Sinking Fund for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027, upon all property, real personal and mixed,

within the corporate limits of said City subject to taxation and said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purposes here set forth:

1. For the maintenance and operation of general government (General Fund) to be adjusted in accordance to the newly adopted tax rate in the approved budget.

Mayor Koopmann then did a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously with a 5 to 0 vote.

Alderman Mican made a motion, seconded by Alderman Moellenberndt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.