

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
January 20, 2014**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, January 20, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. at the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas, 78956. The elected officials present included Mayor Roger Moellenberndt, and Aldermen Rodney Gresser, Douglas Behlen, Johnny Fowlkes, Brenda Rehak and Larry Veselka. City Staff present included City Administrator Don Doering, Chief of Police Troy Brenek, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Candace Berger and Arnold Stoever. Visitors included Andy Behlen of the Schulenburg Sticker, Brian Lux and Arlen Berger.

Mayor Moellenberndt called the meeting to order while Candace Berger led the group and prayer. Mayor Moellenberndt then led the pledge.

Alderman Gresser made a motion, seconded by Alderman Behlen to accept the minutes as sent. The motion passed unanimously.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Alderman Fowlkes announced the retirement of his Place 3 seat with the coming election. He read the following statement:

"I have held this seat for many years but the time has come for me to step aside. My mind and my body are both talking to me and I am listening to both of them. I will not be filing for a place on the ballot in the upcoming May election. I thank the voters for allowing me the opportunity to serve them for so many years. It has been a very rewarding experience but most of all, it has been an honor to have served so long in such a fine community. Thank you."

Alderman Fowlkes received a round of applause and then Alderman Gresser asked him how many years of service he had and Alderman Fowlkes stated that he was not sure. Well wishes were sent his way.

Mayor Moellenberndt stated that he attended the St. Rose Catholic Schools week celebration and signed a Proclamation for such.

Alderman Veselka addressed the playground area in Wolters Park and its need for groundcover around the equipment. Previously, mulch was used but it seemed to disappear. Alderman Veselka said he looked at the playground at St. Rose School and their use of pea gravel around the equipment. Alderman Fowlkes elaborated on its use stating that one must compare the products before purchasing because some of the rocks have sharp edges. He recommended the use of bunker rock that can be purchased and hauled from the Colorado River area located near the Fayette Power Plant. This rock is rounded and comes in three different sizes. He suggested looking at the rock before using it since the City has the manpower and means of hauling it. Alderman Behlen stated that he did not think it needed to be an agenda item for future discussion since this appears to be simple maintenance of the park project. We should check it out and fix it. Mr. Doering was instructed to gather some information and report back at the next meeting.

Under **Reports from Officers**, the following were received:

WATER DEPARTMENT: Did connects, disconnects and line locates; changed out meters that were not working properly; changed out chlorine cylinders; took water samples and submitted to state as required monthly; replaced 2" ball valve and 2" RPZ at warehouse fill station; changed out 5 - ¾" brass tees at pavilion that were broken during freeze; replaced a piece of ¾" PVC pipe and 90 that got broken at warehouse parking lot by garbage truck.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT: Hauled four loads of sludge to Altair Landfill; made sewer tap for Bob's Towing on Highway 77; set a manhole and laid sewer pipe at Foster's Branch Subdivision; fixed cleanout at Ruben Adams house on College Street;

and sent out letters on SSO Plan on Friday, January 10th for residences to get their sewer problems fixed.

STREET DEPARTMENT: Removed trees and shrubs from creek at 713 and 715 Baumgarten and shaped the creek; installed new stop signs and 30 mph speed limit signs on East Avenue and hauled off four loads of trees from the limb and leaf site to make room.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT: Took down Christmas lights and boxed them up for next year; working on acquiring utility easements from Ryan Wotipka to construct a new line to supply him at his new residence; staking and started construction of new line in St. John to supply two new houses with power and continued working at Prime Industries.

PARK DEPARTMENT: Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms); picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed; working on roof of new girls dugouts and getting ready for Stock Show next weekend at Wolters Park.

ADMINISTRATION: A written summary for the Public Works Department is attached; Tami Walker attended the annual Texas Election Law Seminar in Irving on January 15, 16 and 17; a financial summary for the year to date is attached; applications for renewal of discharge permits for both waste water treatment plants have been completed and signed by the Mayor; they will be delivered to the TCEQ before the February 1, 2014 application deadline; they expire on August 1, 2014; a written project update from Tim Robertson with O'Malley Engineers is attached; Holiday Inn Express grand opening will take place on Thursday, January 23 at 1:00 P.M., all council members are invited to attend; Apothecary Pharmacy work continues on the building construction; January 8 – met with representatives from Langford Community Management Services to discuss grant opportunities; January 9 – attended Rates and Resources meeting in Austin; January 10 – attended I-10 Corridor Association Board meeting in Schulenburg; January 14 – Had a conference call with Arnold Stoeber and representatives from Monogram Foods to discuss plans to upgrade their waste water pre-treatment lagoon; January 14 – met with Tim Robertson as part of his inspection of the improvements being completed at the Babylon WWTP; January 15 – toured the City with Chief Brenek and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Andy Smith to discuss and plan of action on various violations; will be attending - January 21 – LCRA's Electricity 101 class for Customers in Hallettsville and January 30 – Olson & Olson LLP's Annual Local Government Seminar with Attorney Brian Begle and others in Stafford.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief of Police Troy Brenek reported that his officers were working on continuing education hours and classes which included an update on the alcohol laws.

Alderman Fowlkes addressed the consideration of a mineral lease offer from Cypress E & P for .75 acres of land the City owns at Water Well #9. He recommended accepting the \$1,200.00 per acre with 22.5% royalty and a three year term lease with a 2 year option @ \$1,200.00 per acre extension. His recommendation was also his motion and was seconded by Alderman Behlen. The motion passed with Aldermen Gresser, Behlen, Fowlkes and Veselka voting for the motion and Alderman Rehak voting against the motion.

Alderman Gresser made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to add Megan Bartos to the city's bank depository at Fayetteville Bank. Tami Blaschke-Walker explained to the Council that Fayetteville Bank was increasing their security practices at the bank that currently she was the primary person to receive the information regarding insufficient checks and closed accounts. If she was out of the office, she then had to communicate the information to Megan to send notices to the affected accounts. By adding Megan to the account it would increase communication and collection efficiency. Megan would not be a signatory on the account, this would be for communication purposes only. The motion passed with Aldermen Gresser, Fowlkes, Rehak and Veselka voting for the motion and Alderman Behlen abstaining from the vote.

Alderman Behlen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to pay the current bills. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Council of City of Schulenburg entered into Executive Session at 7:22 P.M. pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, to discuss current personnel issues including the employment, duties, discipline, reassignment, evaluation, or dismissal of Megan Bartos, Candace Berger, Melissa Shepard, Julie Cernosek, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Andrew Smith, Pete Garcia, Jr., Gary Valchar, Glenn Muhlstein, Ronnie Hranicky, James Sommer, Daniel Winkler, Brian Zbranek, Jason Strickland, Clarence Ahlschlager, Eugene Schrader, Clarence Hartensteiner, Ronald Bohac, Allen Matus, Damian Janacek, Clarence Patterson, Sammy Kutac, Michael Kubala, Gary Eudy, Johnnie Valchar, Arnold Stoeber, Thomas Tackett, David Osina, Thadious Polasek, Cindy Lytle, Donna Holub, Troy Brenek, William Dunsworth, Christopher Mayfield, Denver Weiser, Jose Lara, Joshua Lumsford, Kyle Hengst, Betty Shimek and Donald Doering.

At 9:46 P.M., the City Council entered into regular session stating that they discussed the items as stated.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.

Passed and approved this 3 day of February, 2014.

Mayor Roger Moellenberndt

Attest:

City Secretary