

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
JANUARY 18, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, January 18, 2016, at the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas, at 7:00 P.M. The elected officials present included Mayor Roger Moellenberndt, Aldermen Rodney Gresser, Douglas Behlen, Roland Kalina, Brenda Rehak and Larry Veselka. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Kathy Quinlan, Nancy Hay, Chad Zimmermann, Noah Zimmermann, Marcia Hrcir, Lean Gann and Ivan Velasquez.

Under Presentations By Citizens, there was no one signed up to speak but Mayor Moellenberndt wanted to welcome Pilot/Flying J Travel Center to Schulenburg. They opened on Saturday morning at 6 a.m.

Alana Wyatt, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, presented an approved application for a side setback variance from 10' to 3' for a building expansion by Prime Products.

City Administrator, Tami Blaschke – Walker reminded Council that we are still working on the land swap with Prime Products near our Sports Complex but needs to be advertised in the newspaper for 14 days prior to the completion of the contract approval.

Items (a) through (b) are Consent Agenda items with no separate discussion unless a Councilmember requests further information.

- (a) The minutes from the January 4, 2016 regular meeting were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.

Alderman Gresser made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to accept the Consent Agenda items (a) through (b). The motion passed unanimously with Alderman Behlen abstaining.

Marcia Hrcir, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, updated Council on last years Sausagefest and thanked Council for their consideration for the use of Hotel/Motel Occupancy Funds to help with the advertising, etc for this year's event. Last years event raised almost \$14,000 for local organizations who had booths at the event. The Texas Independence Run will be held that same weekend again as well, which will bring even more people to the area.

Alderman Kalina made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to give the Chamber of Commerce/Sausagefest the \$15,000 that was budgeted for this event. The motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on the Utility Service Policy due to there needing to be more research on one of the items.

Alderman Behlen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to pay salaried employees for their vacation time over 80 hours that was not used last year and amend Section 9-2 of the Personnel Policy Manual to put the cap at 80 hours for all salaried employees as is for all other employees. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kalina to set a workshop with the Navidad Valley Community Connections for Monday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Multi-Purpose Meeting Room. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Court Judge, Alana Wyatt's report was presented to Council.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, reported on the following:

- Susie Shank of the Turtle Wing Foundation contacted me in regards to their event scheduled for Thursday, January 28th from 6 to 8 p.m. at Sengelmann Hall. They want to close North Main Street at Upton Avenue for some of their activities.
- The property located at 915 Bohlmann will finally go up for Sheriff Sale on March 1st. We will then work with the new owners to get it cleaned up.
- A-1 Motel is in bankruptcy talks and will possibly have a buyer to clean it up.
- The Rig Master property had been given until January 15th to clean up or show progress and this has not happened. They will soon be issued a citation. Mrs. Walker has been in contact with Darren Guentert, Kenneth Banks representative, that the City does not have funds to move the cotton press off of that property.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Read meters.
- Attended City Council Meeting to report on Well #13.
- Completed end of the month and yearly reports for TCEQ.
- Installed new chlorine manifold and flex lines in chlorine room at Main Pump House.
- Weisinger completed installing new pump and motor at Well #13 and we began flushing well. They also took a bacteriological sample.
- Replaced hose bibs on wash rack at Expo Center in preparation for upcoming Stock Show.
- Texas Water Development Board came down to get a static water level reading on Well #8 at Henderson Hill Well.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 6 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Finished cleaning up old pump station at Kallus Plant.
- Repaired water leak at Kallus Plant.
- Rebuilt spare lift station hydromatic pump.
- Replaced pump #2 at County Barn Lift Station.
- Dug up service line at 508 Summit. Utility Pole had been installed on top of the sewer line about 20 years ago and now property owner had experienced problems. Will move pole and repair line next week.

Street Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Worked on Eilers Street Project.
- Patched holes and swept streets.
- Hauled several containers to Altair.
- Working with Megan in the office to authorize the garbage compactor as well as a cardboard compactor needed by Pilot Travel Center for their opening.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects.
- Continue installing new meters for new system. Working on the north side of town.
- Last week we worked at DFA all week. We had to relocate some overhead primary behind the plant that feeds two transformers and put in underground to allow for installation of equipment to be placed in through the roof by a crane.
- We installed two poles and transformer off of Humplik Lane and replaced two leaning poles in the vicinity.
- Installed more lighting on the exterior of the Expo Center.
- Taking down Christmas decorations.
- Finished up at Pilot Travel Center.
- Set service pole and ran new service to house at 401 Upton.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Replaced chains on the swing sets at the Sports Complex.
- Beginning to line the fields.

City Administrator Tami Blaschke-Walker reported on several items. They are as follows:

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| January 4 | Met with Tim of Befco and Darryl prior to the pour of sidewalk at the tree at Baumgarten Matula noting the exposed roots. Janda Welding is still working on the handrails as well. |
| January 13 | Met with AEP, Chief Brenek and Brian Zbranek to discuss hurricane season preparedness. |
| January 14 | Met with Department Heads to discuss the new year projects.

LiteCo will be installing the new fixtures on the Little League field prior to their season.

Pension Board Meeting with Fire Department.

Well #13 is up and running. |
| January 18 | Met with Andy Bosl and Elgin Kristinik in reference to their expansion |
| January 20-22 | Attending Election Law Seminar in Frisco with Alana Wyatt |

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m. as authorized under Texas Government Code 551.074, (Personnel Matters) to discuss current personnel issues including the employment, duties, discipline, reassignment, evaluation or dismissal of Megan Bartos, Candace Berger, Melissa Shepard, Julie Cernosek, Pete Garcia Jr., Gary Valchar, Glenn Muhlstein, Daniel Winkler, Brian Zbranek, Derek Schwenke, Jason Strickland, Clarence Ahlschlager, Clarence Hartensteiner, Sammy Kutac, Damian Janacek, Clarence Patterson, Dallas Robinson, Michael Kubala, Gary Eudy, Thomas Tackett, David Osina, Scott Stoner, Darryl Moeller, Thadious Polasek, Cindy Lytle, Donna Holub, Troy Brenek, Betty Shimek, Kyle Hengst, Toby McFadden, Jonathan Aston, Duane Meagher, Terry Roggenkamp, Devan Taylor and Cody Weiser.

City Council came back into regular session at 9:34 p.m. No action taken but instructed the City Administrator to follow directive given in Executive Session.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.