

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
JUNE 20, 2016**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, June 20, 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, Arnold Stoeber, Harvey Hercik and Larry Veselka. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Chief of Police Troy Brenek, David Osina, Darryl Moeller and Megan Bartos.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, James Brossmann, Elgin Kristinik, Andy Bosl, Ivan Velasquez, Otto Kocian, Barbara Hamontree and Tim Sanders of BEFCO.

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

- (a) The minutes from the June 6, 2016 regular meeting were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.

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

Tim Sanders of BEFCO did a presentation on the status of West Avenue Drainage Improvement Project. He stated that in April, he got together with the Street and Water Departments for a preliminary design. He is currently soliciting bids from 3 contractors and based on the estimate, the bids should come in below \$50,000 for the contract phase services. The water line relocation and the excavation of the street and drainage will be done in house as a cost savings.

Alderman Veselka questioned as to how far the curb and gutter would go as well as if it was necessary. Mr. Sanders stated that it would stop at the north property corner of Mr. Kocian's property and transition back to the existing curb and gutter. He also stated that it was designed that way because it would be beneficial to the drainage as well as the road. Mrs. Blaschke-Walker noted that on the August Street project, curb and gutter did not go all the way down and now the road is washing out and huge chunks of asphalt are chipping away.

Another concern expressed was the timeline of the water line replacement and how long residences would be out of water. Mr. Sanders said he could not be definitive, but it would be a minimal period of time. While the Water Department is working, there will be a tapping sleeve on Eilers. They would work towards Russek and then tie in there.

Alderman Behlen was concerned that hiring a contractor for this drainage project would be very expensive especially since it is just one block. He said just the mobilization of the contractor's equipment would eat the City alive. He is fine with getting bids but ultimately would rather the City do the work in house.

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker noted that a few months back Council decided to hire a contractor because the Street Department staff is minimal and the quickest way to get it done would be to hire a contractor. Darryl Moeller said that this project was going to be a learning curve since a

few existing projects have not held up well and he was going to take note of how the contractors would lay the base. If the Council directs him to do it in house, he has no problem with that.

Otto Kocian expressed a few concerns with the drainage project. The first concern was the free curbing that would be placed in front of the empty lot. He noted that everyone who wants curbing has to pay for it and even Ryan Wotipka would have to pay for it in his subdivision. His second concern was the project being a waste of tax payer's money. Ever since the City installed the dirt berm, the flooding has been minimal. He thinks that maintaining the ditch will work just fine.

No action was taken on the item.

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker presented that a third party for the railroad approached the City to store their materials on City property located on FM 2672. The contract is for \$3,000 for 3 months. A walk through clause was added into the contract to ensure at the end of the project the land is free of all material and debris.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to ratify the lease agreement between the City of Schulenburg and Commercial Metals. The motion passed unanimously.

The City has conducted a few abatements and have been trimming trees around town. David Osina presented a bid for grinding all the brush in the limb and leaf site.

Alderman Stoever made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gresser to accept the bid from Sheridan Environmental to grind the City's brush piles for \$15,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Behlen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to accept Mayor Moellenberndt's 2016 Appointments with Alderman Veselka being added to the Public Library Board and Alderman Stoever being added to Navidad Valley Community Connections Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Read meters.
- Collected monthly bacteriological samples for TCEQ.
- Met with O'Malley Strand on water tower rehab.
- Collected lead and copper samples and sent them off to lab, as per TCEQ requirements.
- Got air packs tested for all Water and Wastewater Plants.
- Dug up and replaced 2" valve feeding bbq and chili cookers at Wolters Park.
- Pot holed water main at West Avenue and North Street so BEFCO could measure depth.
- Assisted Wastewater Department with one inch water leak in yard at Babylon Plant.
- Mowed and weed eaten all Water Plants and Well sites.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 6 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant and 2 loads from Kallus Plant.
- Mowed both Plants and Lift Stations.
- Cleaned Lift Station on Boneyard Road.
- Jetted 600' line in 300 block of Paulus and 600 block of Black.

- Helped with tree trimming.

Street Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal. Also picked up many loads of limbs from storm damage at no charge.
- Patched potholes.
- Delivered and picked up roll off containers.
- Trimming limbs all over town.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects. Read meters.
- Continuing to install new meters.
- Repaired street lights.
- Set pad mount transformer at Monogram. Also pulled underground wiring and terminated the wires on the pole and in the transformer.
- Set poles at Contech Concrete Plant for Leon's to install lights.
- Hooked up service to a new meter loop at Tex Propane.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Finished with KC's Tournament last weekend.
- Helped with the tree trimming around town.

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

June 8th Met with City Employees
June 9th Attended a Budget Seminar in Bastrop
June 17th Met with Schneider Engineering.

- The City is currently accepting applications for employment.
- The Sanitation Department has been going out earlier to beat the heat.
- City employees have started spraying for mosquitoes.
- Noted that City employees are taking vacations at this time and job orders need a little time to complete.

Police Chief Troy Brenek reported on the following items:

- Most of the department will be out on June 21st for training in La Grange.
- They will hold a night firing and qualification class at the shooting range.
- There was an attempted aggravated robbery on the 900 block of Upton.
- Fayette County Sheriff's Department arrested Leo Kopecky and seized his property in relation to illegal gambling. Money from the property seized will be divided amongst various entities in which the City of Schulenburg's Police Department will receive some of the task force funding.

The City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. as authorized under Texas Government Codes 551.071 and 551.072 for consultation with City Attorney regarding legal and real property issues related with land exchange with KFS Marketing and request for primary metering from Prime Products.

City Council came back in regular session at 8:18 p.m.

Alderman Behlen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to deny the request for primary metering from Prime Products. The motion passed with Aldermen Gresser, Behlen and Veselka voting for and Aldermen Stoever and Hercik abstaining.

Alderman Behlen made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to accept the letter of contingency presented by Prime Products as part of the land swap with a cap of \$60,000 on item number one listed. The motion passed with Aldermen Gresser, Behlen and Veselka voting for and Aldermen Stoever and Hercik abstaining.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.