

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG  
SCHULENBURG, TX  
JANUARY 3, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 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, Brenda Rehak, Arnold Stoever, Harvey Hercik and Larry Veselka. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, Derek Schwenke, Clarence Ahlschlager and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Bob Schmidt of O'Malley Strand, Andy Behlen of the Fayette County Record, Frank Wick III and Billy Beiersdorfer.

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

- (a) The minutes from the regular meeting held on December 5, 2016 were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.

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

Bob Schmidt of O'Malley Strand Associates reported on the results of the first cleaning of Water Well #10 located at 901 Upton Avenue. It had been 9 years since any repairs had been done to this well. On December 8<sup>th</sup> J & S Water Wells sonar jetted the well screen intervals, wire brushed and airlifted loose debris from 8" liner and screen, pumped 1,000 gallons of 15% HCL solution into the screen intervals and swabbed, airlifted HCL solution into steel tanks, neutralized and hauled off 1 load. Then they did a second camera survey for a total price of \$38,677. They are proposing a second cleaning for a total price of \$26,514 to remove more debris to get maximum pumping out of it.

O'Malley Strand recommends this second cleaning but suggests no more money be spent on this well. He feels that this would help to hold this well for about 5 more years before a new well will need to be up and pumping. He also suggests that we start looking for new well sites towards the south and east towards the coast. That would be the best water quality and the shallowest wells.

Alderman Stoever made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to allow the second cleaning of Water Well #10 at a cost of \$26,514. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Rehak to remove Mayor Pro Tem, Douglas Behlen on all accounts listed with the city's depository Fayetteville Bank. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to add newly appointed Mayor Pro Tem, Rodney Gresser to all accounts listed with the city's depository Fayetteville Bank. The motion passed unanimously.

City Administrator, Tami Blaschke – Walker stated that Mr. Steffek from AMCO Fence Company of Hallettsville is ordering 4' tall material to replace the fencing at the City Cemetery. 806' is the original length of this fencing but would like to add 145' on the east side. \$21,000 has been budgeted for this project with an additional \$15,000 which was budgeted for the gazebo repairs but can be held off this year to complete this fencing. City Crews will remove the old fencing to save about \$1,800 on this project.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to add the 145' of fencing on the east side and accept a bid from The Garden Company for seven 2' x 2' x 6' rock columns at the entrances. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hercik was concerned when he heard that the Commissioners Court enacted a 2% tax on all citizens to contribute to the Schulenburg Volunteer Fire Department. The citizens of Schulenburg have to pay more than their share.

Alderman Veselka stated that the trucks in that department have to be replaced as with any other department vehicles. This voluntary \$1.50 has helped over the years to buy most of their trucks saving the city from having to issue bonds, etc. The last payment on the most recently purchased truck will be complete with the February payment.

Jeff Proske, Schulenburg Volunteer Fire Department Chief, informed Council that the 1989 tank truck will need to be replaced this year at around \$250,000. The tax money that is received from the county at around \$70,000 per year will be used to purchase this truck. These funds will be closely monitored by the county and a financial report will have to be submitted annually.

Alderman Hercik made a motion to remove the voluntary donation of \$1.50 for Fire Protection from utility bills. The motion failed with no second.

Municipal Court Judge, Alana Wyatt, presented her monthly report. Council approved.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, presented his monthly report. He also reported on several items. They are as follows:

- There was an aggravated robbery Christmas Eve morning around 4 am. They started in Weimar, Schulenburg, Seguin, Waelder and back through Weimar where the vehicle description prompted them to stop it. Schulenburg Police Officer, Cody Weiser assisted Weimar Police Department and was able to get a confession out of them including the robbery in Weimar during the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Code Enforcement Officer, Richard Schneider, has been getting letters out and getting really good results from citizens cleaning up their property. Several citations have been issued but will be dismissed due to them taking care of the cleaning. There was a miscommunication on the cotton press and the new property owner thinking that it needed to be removed but all that was asked was the cleaning up around it, which has been done.
- The Apothecary burglary is at stand still waiting for the finger prints to come back from the lab which could take up to one year.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Read meters.
- Repaired toilet in ladies rest room at Expo Center.
- Replaced stove burner at Civic Center.
- Contacted Mercer Controls about communication problem at Well #9.
- Collected and submitted monthly bacteriological samples.
- J & S Well Services acid washed and sonar jetted Well #10, followed by a camera survey by Michaelson Pump Shop.
- Replaced approximately 80' of overhead piping in back of City Warehouse.
- Dug up water leak at College Place which turned out to be a leak on their side.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 2 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Jetted 300' of sewer line at Stanzel and Simpson.
- Dry in new building at Kallus Plant.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Hauled containers to Creedmoor and Altair.
- Finished up West Avenue with dirt and planted grass.
- Hauled in rock to Eilers Project to fix erosion and planted grass and barrier.
- Helped with building at Kallus Sewer Plant.
- Rebuilt the compactor from DFA.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Wired up contactors for the Sports Complex ball field and burned the lights.
- Added another 1000 watt spotlight at the Rodeo Arena for the soccer players.
- Worked on street lights.
- Changed plug that went bad at Babylon Sewer Plant.
- Added service at 604 Herder for Frank Tilicek.
- Fixed lights at the library.
- Hung cutouts, transformers and ran service wire for Anytime Fitness.
- Changed leaking transformer and wired it up at Exterran.
- Read meters.
- Set meter loop pole, hung transformer and ran services for new mobile home at 701 South Street.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Spread rye grass.
- Set base pads.

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

- Working on the fence and bid for the rock columns at City Cemetery.

- Prime Products - City has taken out the fence posts for their expansion. They have an approved permit to begin work.
- The first day to file for Mayor, Council Place 1 & Place 2 is Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The downtown Christmas tree star was not right so we have been negotiating on a new one to be put up next year.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.