

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
MAY 15, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, May 15, 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, Arnold Stoeber, Harvey Hercik and Larry Veselka. Alderman Brenda Rehak was absent. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Derek Schwenke, Richard Schneider, Jason Strickland, David Osina and Megan Bartos.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Andy Behlen of the Fayette County Record, Otto & Elaine Kocian, James Brossmann, Chip Bubela, James & Wendy Fietsam, Donald Berger, Judge Dan Mueller, Rita Hercik, Corky Bubela, Aaron Kocian, Rev. Johnny Moore, Phil Leaman, CW Leonard, Howard Wagner, Douglas Behlen, Kristi Kocian, Theresa Kalina, William Huebner & Hollie Schrader of O'Malley Strand Associates, Annie Fietsam and Ivan Velasquez.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Alderman Hercik presented an article out of the Houston Chronicle that referred to the rate increase by Centerpoint Energy and how it is not used for infrastructure as it is proposed to do. He thinks that as a city, we should join the South Texas Coalition Division.

City Administrator Tami Walker, noted that she presented the information to the City's Attorney, Monte Akers, to see what the city can do.

Mayor Moellenberndt thanked the citizens of Schulenburg for their support through the years. He also thanked Judge Dan Mueller, Mrs. Walker and the city staff.

James Brossmann extended an invitation to everyone for the Veteran's Memorial Service at Wolters Park on Memorial Day. Services start at 10 a.m.

Douglas Behlen congratulated all the newly elected officials and thanked the citizens for coming out to vote. He also personally thanked Roger Moellenberndt and Rodney Gresser for their time spent together on council. Lastly, he mentioned that the oak tree in the middle of Meadow Drive needs to be taken down. It is an accident waiting to happen with all of its falling branches.

Under Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions, a retirement plaque was presented to Rodney Gresser for his 8 years of service.

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 May 1, 2017 were presented for approval.
- (b) Current bills were presented for approval.

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

Mayor Moellenberndt read aloud the return sheet from the May 6, 2017 General Election. The results are as follows:

Mayor	
Roger Moellenberndt	131
Otto Kocian	340
Alderman Place 1	
Terry Houlihan	21
Jeannie Mican	88
Andrew Stafford	88
Chip Bubela	273
Alderman Place 2	
Wendy Fietsam	230
Frank A Wick III	172
Brenda Rehak	61

The total number of voters who voted in the election was 474.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to accept the returns of the May 6, 2017 City of Schulenburg General Elections. The motion passed unanimously.

Judge Dan Mueller individually administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials of the May 6, 2017 City of Schulenburg General Election.

Newly elected Mayor Otto Kocian thanked the citizens for the turnout and the votes. He will try to do the best of his ability.

William Huebner from O'Malley Strand gave a presentation on where they are at with the ground storage tank rehabilitation project and the problems they have encountered. There is significant cracking in the roof and supporting beams that was not accounted for in the original project. He suggested that 4" galvanized steel posts be installed to support the cracked beams. This will cost an additional \$21,900 and hopefully add another 2 to 5 years to the tank. However, the floor is in great shape so no coating needs to be applied creating a \$8300 deduction.

Mrs. Walker noted that the original bids came in lower than expected so there is a little room for an extra expenditure.

Alderman Hercik questioned Mr. Huebner on why stainless steel was not suggested as a material in lieu of the galvanized steel. Mr. Huebner assured council that it would be more expensive to use stainless steel especially when this is a temporary fix.

Alderman Stoever made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to approve the additional costs to the Ground Storage Tank Rehabilitation Project. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Otto Kocian stated that Harvey Hercik would be the new Mayor Pro-Tem.

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to appoint Harvey Hercik as the new Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion passed with Alderman Bubela, Alderman Stoever and Mayor Kocian voting for, Aldermen Hercik abstaining and Alderman Fietsam and Alderman Veselka voting against.

Aldermen Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam to update the signature card by removing Mayor Roger Moellenberndt, Alderman Place 1 Rodney Gresser and Alderman Place 2 Brenda Rehak and adding Mayor Otto Kocian, Alderman Place 1 Chip Bubela and Alderman Place 2 Wendy Fietsam to all accounts listed with the city's depository Fayetteville Bank. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Walker noted that since the bills were passed before the oath of office was administered, Roger Moellenberndt would sign the set of checks to be signed.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Installed new belts on vacuum trailer.
- Finished installing new sump pump in PRV pit at Herder and North Main.
- Drove Garbage truck.
- Attended Council Meeting for Cross Connection Control Ordinance.
- Repaired toilet in men's restroom at City Hall.
- Collected monthly bacteriological samples for TCEQ.
- Changed cylinders at Main Pump House and Well #9.
- Drained Ground Storage Tank at Henderson Hill so DN Tanks could begin their rehab work on the tank.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 5 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Mowed both Plants and Lift Stations.
- Layed 690' of 6" pipe in the Matula Addition.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Hauled containers to Creedmoor and Altair.
- Drove and rode on garbage truck.
- Patched potholes.
- Continue to work on Pierce Street.
- Met with Tim Sanders of BEFCO to discuss future projects.

Electric Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Fixed street lights.
- Installed a meter loop pole at a house on Highway 90 and at the old of High Hill Store.
- Got materials together for Techline to change out old rotten poles.
- Changed a leaking transformer at Arlan's and Oakridge Restaurant when it was convenient for them to not disrupt their business.
- Hung a new transformer for a new manufactured home at 1203 Pierce.

- Trimmed tree limbs out of lines.
- Removed a service at 111 E Paulus #24 so a meter loop could be changed out and tied wires into the new one.
- Replaced rotten fence posts for right of way gates on the St. John line.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Prepared for and cleaned up after Turtle Wing event on Saturday, May 6th.
- Preparing for High School boys playoff game Thursday, May 11th.

City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, reported the following:

May 3 rd	Concluded Early Voting from 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
May 5 th	Final Preparations setting up for Election Day
May 6 th	General Election for the City of Schulenburg
May 8 th	Received a retirement letter from Damian Janacek
May 9 th	Attended the Fayette County Regional Airport Meeting
May 10 th	LCRA representatives – Kate Holman & Don Chavonec Participated in a conference call with O'Malley Strand Associates regarding Well #8. We decided then to add the item to the agenda. Delivered Election Information to the Voter's Registrar's office Contact with Jerry Soniar, AES for an estimate for asbestos removal at 119 E Summit
May 15 th	Met with SISD to discuss the demolition and construction of new building included in the school bond, along with review and discussion of utilities.

Additional items :

- Opportunity to meet with Mayor Elect Otto Kocian in relation to his taking office and discussion of the agenda.
- At the April 17th meeting, it was mentioned that new flooring would be installed (a budgeted item) this week, starting May 16th.
- A possible workshop date for training
- Attorney General requirement – Public Information Act (referred to as Open Records) and Open Meetings Act training within 60 days of taking office.

Alderman Hercik questioned the garbage schedule. He feels it is very sporadic. Mrs. Walker noted that we do not have a full time garbage driver at this time. Megan Bartos also mentioned

that every day's schedule varies. Not all businesses have the same garbage schedule which would prove variation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.