

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
AUGUST 7, 2017**

The City of Schulenburg City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 7, 2017, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas. The elected officials present included Mayor Otto Kocian and Aldermen Chip Bubela, Wendy Fietsam, Arnold Stoever, Harvey Hercik and Larry Veselka. City Staff attending were Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, City Administrator, Tami Walker and Candace Berger. Visitors included Donald Berger, Philip Leaman, James Brossmann, Tanya Schindler, Robert Hercik, Kristen Janecka, Jeremy Stoever, Sarah Lara, Lisa Mederos, Dennis Venghaus and Ivan Velasquez.

Mayor Kocian called the meeting to order while Candace Berger led the group in prayer. Mayor Kocian then led the pledge.

There were no Presentations by Citizens.

Under **Public Comments from Mayor Kocian**, he listed his wish list for infrastructure projects to be discussed at the Budget Workshop scheduled for Wednesday evening. These projects included new sewer lines on Eilers Street, Downtown restrooms, Civic Center, Sports Complex, new lift station - some to be done in house and some to be contracted out; a need for a new well and ground storage tank. He stated that he hoped to Council would support these projects. He also reported on fire plugs that need to be fixed, water meters to be changed out, pothole patching, herbicide spraying streets to be seal coated, pole to be replaced, ADA sidewalk compliance and that the Black Street Project was 60% complete for water and sewer.

Under **Reports from Standing Committees**, Dennis Venghaus, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, presented their approved application for the subdivision replat of 7.797 acres also known as lots 1, 2, 10 and E of the T.W. Pierce Addition for the purpose of subdividing the property into residential lots by the Sarah Lara family. Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

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

(a) City Council will consider and take action on the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 17, 2017.

(b) City Council will consider and take action on the payment of current bills.

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

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to accept the Permit to Encroach for 612 South Main Street also known as Lots 10, 11, 12 and Fraction 13 of Block 27 as requested by purchasers Lorenzo C. Manriquez and Lucia Ramirez Lopez. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to accept the Permit to Encroach for 705 South Main Street also known as Lots 7, 8, and 9 in Block 26 as requested by purchaser Robert A. Herzik. The motion passed four to one with Alderman Stoever abstaining from the vote since the seller of the property is his son, Jeremy Stoever.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to change the first meeting in September to Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 P.M. due to the Labor Day Holiday. The motion passed unanimously.

Under **Reports from Officers**, City Council reviewed the Municipal Court report with no questions.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, stated that any talk of a Task Force to assist with the Schulenburg Festival was false and will not happen in the future. The department hires adequate local officers to fill the responsibilities needed for security for the weekend. He also stated only one arrest was made for a public intoxication charge. Officer Weiser is certified to teach taser training and conducted a class for Flatonia officers and Fayette County officers. Officer Schneider will be back next week. Chief will be out Aug. 15-16 and from time to time with taking his daughter to visual therapy in Austin. Chief also stated that he will be bringing a plaque to the next meeting to present to City Council from the Schulenburg Sharks in appreciation for all that is for their success.

Water Department activities included line locates, connects and disconnects, meter change outs; read meters; installed 560 LF of new 6" C-900 water main in 500 and 600 blocks of Black Street; made 13 new 3/4" service taps; installed two new fire hydrants in 500 and 600 block of Black Street; took monthly bacteriological samples for TCEQ and one for 700 block of Black Street; put new main in service in 700 block of Black Street; repaired the following 6" water main breaks - two at Regency, one in 100 block of Russek, one in 700 block of Demel and one in the 500 block of Black; repaired 3/4" service in alley between South Street and Black Street for 307 South Street; and mowed for Schulenburg Festival.

The Wastewater Department hauled 11 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant; laid 455' of sewer main on Black Street; cleaned Sports Complex Lift Station; and changed rotor bearing at Kallus Plant.

Street and Garbage Department employees picked up brush when citizens pay \$25 for removal; hauled containers to Creedmoor and Altair; drove and road on garbage truck; patched potholes; moved building; working on drainage ditches; trimming limbs off of and replacing stop signs; hauled sand and helped the Water and Wastewater Departments with Black Street Project.

The Electric Department did connects, disconnects; meter change outs; read meters; replaced leaking transformer at Farmer's Insurance; moved all the services over from the open secondary copper to transformers and cut down the copper wire on 100 and 200 block

of St. John Road; set the pad mount transformer and terminated wires at High Hill Church for the restrooms and church; took down old transformer and old CT metering sets that haven't been in operation for 8+ years at 115 FM 2672; met with Prime Products about installing primary metering set at the Highway 90 location; installed a 30' inline pole to raise a service across the street to two houses - 1826 and 1830 Krischke Road; worked on outage at 203 E. Anderson; helped fix the back stop on Field #2 at the Sports Complex for the Festival; fixed lights at Wolters Park for the Festival; wired up plugs, ran cables to hook up power for all the ticket booths and checked all the plugs for the RV hookups.

Park Department activities included regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms); picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed; and preparing for Schulenburg Festival.

The Administration Report included 7/18/2017 - met with department heads in relation to budget and projects; 7/19/2017 - met with DFA-Darryl Moeller, David Osina and Mayor Kocian;

7/21/2017 - warehouse meeting to outline Wolters Park in preparations for the Festival and communications with bands, and answered questions on Depository Bank Bid; 7/24/2017 - met with Techline and Derek Schwenke; 7/26/2017 - Bank bids due at 2 P.M.; 7/28/2017 - worked on Permits to Encroach; 8/1-3/2017 - working with Festival President Mike Zweschper and city crews for final week of preparations at Wolters Park and City Staff working on preparations for upcoming budget workshops; 8/7/2017 - meeting with TxDOT, Local Law Enforcement, surrounding Fire Departments, Fayette County Precinct 4, Wrecker Service and City Officials; reception for Cindy Lytle at Public Library; Budget Workshop - Wednesday, August 9th at 6:00 P.M.; and thank you to Chuck Brown Ford for the courtesy vehicles for the parade.

James Brossmann publicly advised the City that for next year's festival the City would please trim the trees close to the front entrance of Wolters Park - many of the large floats were hanging up on them. It was also suggested that the gate on west side be widened for the floats to go through. Chief said they were planning to barricade that exit next year and all agreed that it could not happen - the parade must travel through the park.

Mr. Brossmann also mentioned that the ball moss needed to be sprayed on the tree on the corner by Baumgarten Matula. He said the tree will die soon if it is not sprayed. Mrs. Walker told them that Julie was taking care of it.

With no further business, Alderman Veselka made motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 P.M. The motion passed unanimously.