

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas, at 7:00 P.M. The elected officials present included Mayor Otto Kocian, Aldermen Chip Bubela, Wendy Fietsam, Arnold Stoever, Harvey Hercik and Larry Veselka. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, David Osina, Derek Schwenke and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, John Cardenas, Steve Moffitt of Schneider Engineering, Donald Kocurek and Ivan Veslasquez.

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 August 21, 2017 and the Budget Workshop held on August 23, 2017.
- (b) City Council will consider and take action on the payment of current bills.

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

Alderman Stoever made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam to award a Bank Depository Bid and Banking Services Contract to our current facility, Fayetteville Bank for the next 5 years. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to set a 2017 – 2018 Budget Public Hearing for Monday, September 18, 2017 at 5:45 pm prior to the regular Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to set a 2017 Proposed Tax Rate Public Hearing for Monday, September 18, 2017 at 6:00 pm prior to the regular Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Moffitt of Schneider Engineering updated Council on their 2015 Cost of Service/Rate Study. In this study it was determined that the residential rate class shows lower revenues compared to cost of service. It was recommended to increase the residential by 2%, restructure large commercial rate to provide incentive for customer growth, adjust monthly customer charges to recover fixed cost infrastructure investments and rate reductions system wide due to wholesale power cost reductions.

More in-depth matters will be discussed in Executive Session concerning the Electrical Distribution System costs including wholesale power costs.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bubela to accept the service plan for the annexation of 3.63 acres of land belonging to Donald Kocurek and being located in the

Ignacio Almansur League, A-120, on the east IH-10 Frontage Road and bordering the east side of Chuck Brown Ford. The motion passed unanimously.

Municipal Court Judge, Alana Wyatt's monthly Docket Report was presented and approved.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek's monthly Police Report was presented and approved.

- He wanted to commend his officers and City Staff for braving the storm and working tirelessly to keep the citizens of Schulenburg safe during the recent Hurricane Harvey. His department also assisted La Grange during their devastation with security of neighborhoods that were flooded.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Installed 20' of 6" C-900 water main in 500 block of Black Street.
- Installed new ¾" copper water services to the following addresses in 600 block of Black Street; 609, 611, 613, 617 and 618 X 2. Killed out old water services to the above mentioned addresses.
- Prepared for the arrival of Hurricane Harvey.
- Standby crew repaired 3" water leak on service line feeding Schulenburg Villas Apartments at 205 East Avenue.
- Repaired roadway on west side entrance to the Expo Center for AEP.
- Removed old window a/c units on second floor at the Community Center, closed and secured windows. Repaired door locks on upper floor and cleaned a/c filters on bottom floor units.
- Dug up and repaired ¾" water leak on service line feeding 203 Schulz.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 6 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Mowed both Plants and Lift Stations.
- Completed sewer line in 600 block of Black Street.
- Got Wastewater Plants and Lift Stations ready for Hurricane Harvey. On Monday, got everything back on line 100%.
- Changed motor #2 rotor at Babylon Plant.
- Changed pump in Meadow Creek.
- Changed pump discharge pipe at County Barn.
- Cleaned CL2 chambers at Kallus Plant.
- Patched sink holes on Black Street, Wolters Avenue and Keuper Street.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush and limbs from Hurricane Harvey storm damage. Cleaned up from the high winds and rain.
- Hauled containers to Creedmoor and Altair.
- Drove and rode on garbage truck.
- Patched potholes.
- Worked on vehicles that needed repair.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Trimmed tree limbs.
- High Hill Church: Switched services over from overhead to underground, cut down old services, removed transformer and removed old pole.
- Set transformer pole and meter loop pole at the dead end of Pierce Street for a new mobile home.
- Trees fell on service at 1154 JA Green Street, 800 block of South Street and 500 block of Summit Street taking the service to the ground. Put the service back in the air and tied it back in to get them power.
- Big tree fell on the primary wires busting the wires in three locations and ripping the wires off of five poles in the St. John area leaving over 100 houses without power for 24 hours. We got the materials together and helped Techline get the wires back up in the air to get their services restored.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Helped with the picking up of limbs all around town after Hurricane Harvey.
- Replaced boards and painted one of the two bridges at the Sports Complex Walking Trail.

Fire Marshal, Steve Strickland reported on the following:

- April 6th Re-inspected 806 James Ave – passed
- April 17th Inspected Henry Dittrich Enterprises – failed
- April 20th College Place called for Fire Inspection
- April 21st Schwartz Women’s Home Inspection – passed
Schwartz Men’s Home Inspection – passed
Went by Frankie Kocian for follow up
Best Western follow up with re-inspection
- April 22nd Call from Shannon at Regency about a Fire Code question
- May 2nd Fire Inspection for College Place
- May 2nd Met with Code Enforcement Officer reference Frankie Kocian
- May 12th Received phone call from A-1 Shiner Fire and Safety for additional alarms
- May 22nd Fire Inspection Country Tykes – passed
- June 7th Visited on phone with Ryan Wotipka reference Von Minden Hotel
- July Out of town with Fire School / Round Rock & family vacation
- August 24th Met with A-1 Shiner Fire and Safety with a visual inspection of the new fire alarm system at the High School, gym, library, band hall, HE Cottage and Jr High

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

- August 23rd Last of scheduled budget workshops
- August 24th Attended Emergency Management Meeting in La Grange
AEP arriving in Schulenburg – staging agreement at Expo Center

- August 25th Preparations being made for Hurricane Harvey
Met with employees at the warehouse – placing all on Emergency Standby, due to possible damage from storm
- August 26-27 Spent time in town, due to rising water and rain as well as in City Hall
Also 24 hour outage in St John/Moravia area
- August 28th After Hurricane Harvey answering phone calls related to power outage in St John/Moravia area and other city services
- August 29th Attended Emergency Management Meeting with Chief Brenek & Mayor Kocian in La Grange.
- August 29-31 New Wave Internet was down and prevented City Hall from taking credit card payments and other operations at 100%
- AEP staging moved out and headed south dividing into 3 pods. There were some 3500 to 4000 trucks/crews came through here for DOT inspections.

DN Tanks will be moving in next week to rehabilitate the Ground Storage Tank at Wolters Avenue Main Pump House.

The roads will be repaired in the Wolters Park area where AEP was performing their inspections of the vehicles and a bill will be sent to them. Chief Brenek also stated that his officers made notes of any damages they saw.

In accordance under Chapter 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and Chapter 551.086, Competitive Electric Matters concerning the City's Electrical Distribution System costs including wholesale power cost and deliberations, the City Council adjourned into Executive Session at 7:48 pm.

Council came back into regular session at 8:26 pm with no further action taken.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bubela to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.