

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, September 18, 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, Sgt Kyle Hengst, Julie Cernosek, Derek Schwenke and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Pastor Lemae Higgs, Ivan Havassy, Rebecca Dixon, Andy Behlen of the Fayette County Record, Alan Weiss, Jeannie Mican, Allison Mican, James Brossmann, Donald Kocurek and Ivan Veslasquez.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Jeannie Mican of the Meadow Creek Subdivision, asked Council to reconsider replacing the round planter that has been in the center of the street entering their subdivision for 35 years. It has recently been damaged twice by vehicles.

Mayor Kocian updated Council stating that limbs and trees have been removed in places around town that have obstructed view and a hazard. Other maintenance work has been down around town including the parks. Three budget workshops were held to help organize things for the upcoming year. We are way behind on infrastructure.

Alana Wyatt, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments, presented an approved application for a south side setback variance for Rebecca Dixon from 6' to 2' for the purpose of adding a portable carport at 708 Bohlmann Avenue.

Items (a) through (c) 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 September 5, 2017.
- (b) City Council will consider and take action on the payment of current bills.
- (c) Closing the 500 and 600 Blocks of North Main Street along with the Downtown Parking Lot on October 14, 2017 for an Annual Car Show.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam to accept the Consent Agenda items (a) through (c). The motion passed unanimously with Alderman Hercik abstaining from item (c).

Alderman Stoever made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to approve the 2016 – 2017 Budget Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion to accept the Ordinance adopting the Budget for fiscal year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoeber to set the proposed 2017 Tax Rate, a Roll Back Rate, at .1747 which is a 7.97% increase adding \$41,864.86 to the City's Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam to accept the Ordinance adopting the 2017 Tax Rate and ratify the tax increase reflected in the budget for fiscal year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, updated Council on their happenings.

- All officers will be going to Columbus on Friday for legal updates class.
- Thanked Hermann Sons for their donation for Make A Difference Day.
- Sgt Hengst made an arrest of a Schulenburg man while serving a warrant.
- Will be gone Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to use some vacation days.
- Assisted the Drug Enforcement Unit at 506 Paulus with a warrant where crack rock was found and 1 arrested.
- Attended retirement of Darren Florus from TXDOT after 32 years.
- Condolences to the Allen Matus family for the loss of his mother.
- Sgt Hengst will attend Intoxilizer Class next week.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Installed new meter and hooked up existing piping at 1009 Upton.
- Ran new ¾" copper water service and hooked it up to new water main at 612 Black Street.
- Rode the garbage truck to help after Labor Day Holiday.
- Dug up and killed out old service tap at 604 and 606 Black Street.
- Collected monthly bacteriological water samples for TCEQ.
- Mowed and weed eaten at all Water Plants and Well Sites.
- DN Tanks began rehab work on Ground Storage Tank at the Main Pump House September 11, 2017.
- Worked with Mercer Controls on adjusting the three PRV Valves.
- Met with Mercer Construction reference boring Loop 222 for Black Street Water Project.
- Filled in potholes in 500 and 600 blocks of Black Street where water and sewer trenches sank.
- Repaired 2" water main leak in alley behind 402 Baumgarten.
- Made new ¾" water tap at 1320 Pierce Street for new mobile home.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 1 load of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Mowed both Plants and Lift Stations.
- Layed 500' of sewer main in 700 block of Black Street.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush and limbs when citizens pay the \$25 for removal. Also cut trees that were interfering with roadways and removed tree at 806 Baumgarten.
- Hauled containers to Creedmoor and Altair.

- Drove and rode on garbage truck.
- Patched potholes.
- Put cable in roll off trailer.
- Changed 6 tires, fixed brakes and replaced cylinders on garbage truck.
- Hauled sand from Weimar and helped backfill for the Sewer Line Replacement Project.
- Shredded High Hill Yard.
- Delivered dumpsters to 3 different locations because of overflow of trash for these businesses.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Trimmed tree limbs off of services. Fixed street lights.
- Hung transformer, ran guy wire, ran primary wires and secondary wires at the dead end of Pierce Street for new mobile home at 1320 Pierce Street.
- Worked on outage at 201 and 203 Keuper where a tree limb rubbed through a wire causing the customers to have half power.
- Cleaned up the riser pole that an eighteen wheeler took out in front of the old McDonald's building.
- Cut trees on I-10 Frontage Road to get the services wires that went to the interstate lights and highway lights back in the air and connected.
- Set meter loop pole for a new house being built on the dead end of Babylon Lane and installed a 40' pole under the primary wires.
- Installed an anchor for a pole at Summit and Avenue A. The old anchor was starting to give and the pole was starting to lean.
- We cut the trees at 1307 A Summit because they were in the transformer, service wires and the rent light. Also replaced the rent light because the trees damaged it.
- Got materials together to redo all of the electrical disconnects in the Main Pump House on Wolters Avenue.
- Straightened a leaning pole in the alley behind South Street and Kallus Street.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Mowed the Community Cemetery, Police Department and intersection of I-10 and Highway 77.
- Sprayed weeds and cleaned 3 blocks of the downtown area.

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

September 7th Attended 20 years of Blinn College

September 8th Kate Holman and Don Chovanec of LCRA here for meeting

September 11 Mayor Kocian and I checked projects around town

September 13 Met with BEFCO about projects

September 14 Met with Marcia of the Chamber about Sausagefest

September 26 TML will hold Health Fair for all City Employees from 8-11

Condolences to the Dan Taber family for his passing.

Resignation of Alvin Langhamer from the Zoning Board of Adjustments will be placed on the next Agenda.

Working on getting a Facebook page for the City.

Alderman Fietsam asked about the Water Line Replacement Project, Mayor Kocian stated that we are waiting on Tim Sanders of BEFCO to complete the plans for the grades of the street which is about 2 weeks out. Mrs. Walker also stated that the Water Department is dividing their time between this project and the rehab of the Ground Storage Tank so it is taking a little longer.

Alderman Hercik also asked about the large equipment that has moved in on the south side of the railroad tracks in the 500 block of South Main Street. Mrs. Walker said that this is the boring project for the sewer line replacement of the Downtown Restrooms which will begin tomorrow.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bubela to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.