

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
OCTOBER 16, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, October 16, 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, Melissa Shepard and Code Enforcement Officer Richard Schneider.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Dennis Lebeda, James Brossmann, Ivan Velasquez, Joanna Gonzales and Marilyn Williams.

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 October 2, 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 Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to accept the Ordinance annexing 3.63 acres of land in the Ignacio Almansur League, A-120, Fayette County, into the City of Schulenburg, Texas Pursuant to Section 43.028, Texas Local Government Code, zoning the same agricultural – open and extending the boundary limits of said City so as to include said hereinafter described property within said city limits and granting to all the inhabitants of said property all the rights and privileges of other citizens and binding said inhabitants by all of the acts, ordinances, resolutions and regulations of said city; and adopting a service plan; providing for an effective date; repealer; severability; and proper notice and meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to accept the LCRA's Customer Supply Obligation Designation form and decrease the energy purchased from LCRA Energy in 5% increments to a fixed percentage of 75% starting July 1, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam to accept the proposed Ordinance increasing the residential garbage charge from \$14.85 to \$15.85 and small commercial from \$46.55 to \$47.55. The motion passed with Alderman Hercik voting against.

Alderman Hercik updated the newly elected Council Members and Mayor on the workshops that have held to discuss the Mobile Homes, HUD Manufactured Homes, Modular Homes and Travel Trailers Ordinance. We have updated and changed the Manufactured Home District and discussed combining the Zoning Board of Adjustments and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mrs. Walker presented each Council Member with a copy of the proposed Ordinance and will proceed with our City Attorney, Monte Akers on proper protocol. Council agreed.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Flushed dead end mains.
- Completed quarterly reports and sent off to TCEQ.
- Installed 35' of new 8" C-900 pipe and approximately 15' of ductile iron piping for booster pumps at Main Pump House.
- Put new section of 8" water main in front of Main Pump House.
- Replaced in line left handed gate valve at Simpson and Bohlmann.
- Hooked up water supply line Well #13 chlorination equipment.
- Cleaned out 2" transmitter line to Ground Storage Tank at Main Pump House.
- Installed 60' of 6" C-900 and made 6" tie in at Loop 222 and Black. Set anchor tee and gate valve for new fire hydrant.

- Installed 60' of 6" C-900 water main across Wolters Avenue at Simpson Street and made tie in. Also set anchor tee, gate valve and new fire hydrant.
- Mowed and weed eaten all water plants and well sites.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 1 load of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Mowed both Plants and Lift Stations.
- Upton Avenue Boring Project is complete. Now will continue to lay the new sewer lines to the Downtown Restrooms.
- Overhauled pump at Babylon Plant.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush and limbs when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Hauled containers to Creedmoor and Altair.
- Drove and rode on garbage truck.
- Patched potholes.
- Reconstructed Black Street.
- Helping the Wastewater Department with the Upton Avenue Boring / Sewer Line Replacement Project.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Trimmed tree limbs off of services. Fixed street lights.
- Got materials together so Techline could set two new poles at 409 and 507 West Ave. The pole was broken and was being held by the guy wires.
- Changed out leaking transformer at 120, 122 E. Paulus and 1307 A Summit.
- Helped Water Department on Simpson Street.
- Went through old used transformers to know what needed to be scrapped and repaired. We shipped 50 plus transformers on October 10th.
- Cut wires loose from transformer that went to the old storage building at SISD so it can be torn down.
- Derek Schwenke went to MESA (Municipal Electric Service Association) meeting on Wednesday, October 11th.
- Installed a new pole for Frontier at 811 Paulus that someone ran into.
- Fixed light in Railroad Park for upcoming event.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Mowed the Community & City Cemeteries , Police Department, East Avenue North Main and intersection of I-10 and Highway 77.
- Sprayed weeds and cleaned the downtown area for Car Show.

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

- October 5 Met with Mr. Bubela on the status of Wolters Subdivision
- October 6 Clayton Holub left city employment
- October 9 Glenn Harden started his employment
- October 10 Contacted by a company related to Solar Power and Net Metering Conference call for Healthcare options
- October 12 Legislative Update and review of our current Ordinances
City Staff working on ordinance updates with Franklin Publishing
Pension Board Meeting at Fire Department
- October 12-13 Prep work on downtown area for Car Show
- October 13 Met with employees at warehouse to complete insurance papers
- October 14 1st day for City Wide Cleanup
Attended Memorial Service for Damian Janacek with 20+ years service
- October 18-21 City Wide Cleanup continues

There were 110 loads on Saturday for City Wide Cleanup

Working with Elgin Kristinik and Prime Products preparing for their expansion

I will be out October 19 and 20, 2017 – two days of vacation

Ray Munoz, All Star Lawn Care, will be giving us 3 price range bids for the planter replacement in Meadow Creek Subdivision.

Joanna Gonzales and Marilyn Williams informed Council about their upcoming Turkey Drive. Last year we gave away 500 turkeys and hope to do the same this year. Chief Brenek, Detective Cody Weiser and Arnold & Bea Stoever helped with the distribution last year hoping they can help again. Asking for any volunteers on Saturday, November 18th.

Alderman Hercik thanked Mrs. Walker and staff for all of their help preparing downtown area for the Car Show.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bubela to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Passed and approved this 6 day of November, 2017.

Mayor Otto Kocian

Attest:

City Secretary