

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, November 6, 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 and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Pastor Frank Baik, Helen Ohnheiser, Kristi McBride, Virginia Meyer, Gregory Janda, Howard Wagner, Ivan Velasquez, Joanna Gonzales and Marilyn Williams.

Under Presentations By Citizens, Joanna Gonzales of the Fifth Power Development reminded Council that their 3rd annual Turkey Drive will be on Saturday, November 18, 2017 starting at 9:30 am at Wolters Park. Citizens will be asked to bring a valid ID and a copy of their utility bill. She also asked for any volunteers for their help distributing that day.

Mayor Kocian reported that the Black Street Project is going well. Now waiting for all of the curbs to be laid, slowing things down a bit. Also the Cemetery Fencing Project is starting back up; removing old fencing and replacing. He spoke with Darryl Moeller about contacting our street striping company to have North Main Street done from Loop 222 to Wolters. Mayor also asked Council Members to thank all City Employees when they see them complementing the work they have been doing.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam to approve the Planning and Zoning Commissions recommendation for a Conditional Use Permit for Lili Larson at 515 Wolf Street to be used as her residence and a bed and breakfast. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to approve the Planning and Zoning Commissions recommendation for a rezoning request of Donald Kocurek for 3.63 acres located on IH-10 East Frontage Road on the east side of Chuck Brown Ford and contingent to the annexation request that was adopted on October 16, 2017 zoning the property open agriculture. Dr. Kocurek requested the property be zoning from open agriculture to general commercial for development. 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 October 16, 2017.
- (b) City Council will consider and take action on the payment of current bills.

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

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bubela to appoint Judge Dan Mueller as the Associate Municipal Court Judge. The motion passed unanimously.

Gregory Janda, representing the Schulenburg Little League, is asking for Council permission for them to hire a contractor to erect two new batting cages in similar style to the ones that are present with one being to the north of the one that sits due east of the city warehouse and one directly north of Field #5. The dimensions will be 16' x 65' x 12' tall. A 16' x 65' concrete slab will be poured with plate so a 12' pipe frame can be welded on to support the netting. All of the monies to fund this project will be paid in full by the Schulenburg Little League.

Alderman Stoever made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to allow the Schulenburg Little League to erect two new batting cages at the Sports Complex. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bubela to set a workshop date for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to discuss the Mobile Home Ordinance and the combining of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Zoning Board of Adjustments. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam to accept the 2018 Holiday Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

January 1	New Years Day
January 15	Martin Luther King Jr Day
March 30	Good Friday
May 28	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day
November 12	Veterans Day (observed)
November 22 & 23	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 24 & 25	Christmas

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever to move the January 1st regular meeting to January 8th and the January 15th regular meeting to January 22nd because of the holidays. The motion passed unanimously.

Alana Wyatt's Municipal Court Judge's report was presented for approval. Council approved.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, presented his report for approval and reported on the following:

- Our annual Meet and Greet will be Wednesday, November 15th starting at 6:30 pm on the south side of the Police Department with hot dogs and a raffle.
- October 26th a call came in of a man breaking windows on Wolf Street. Officer Aston was assaulted by this individual who was on PCP and he was taken into custody.
- Today a local person almost ran into the Leon's building on North Main Street by local smoking marijuana with PCP.
- Code Enforcement reported 34 calls from August 22nd to October 12th. 28 have been dealt with owner compliance and the other 6 are being worked on. The Flea Market at Highway 77 and Paulus Street and Von Minden Hotel are also being addressed.
- Driscoll House: One of the owners came by City Hall on Friday wanting to put utilities on in their name and they were told that the house is structurally unsafe. Ed Driscoll was told to make repairs or sell but never followed through. It is moving on to Sheriff Sale for back taxes owed. Will see what happens with that.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Worked City Wide Cleanup
- Put Ground Storage Tank at Main Pump House on line along with Booster Pumps after the bacteriological samples passed.
- Put new 6" water main in 500 block of Black Street into service after bacteriological samples passed.
- Ran new copper water services to 504, 505, 507, 508, 509, 511 and 512 Black Street.
- Assisted Wastewater Department with roding line and pressure washing main in Rodeo Arena.
- Helped Street Department oil road in 700 block of Black Street.
- Mowed and weed eated Water Plants and Well Sites.
- Attended meeting with O'Malley Strand and DN Tanks in reference to Ground Storage Tank at Main Pump House still leaking.
- Collected monthly bacteriological samples and delivered to the State Health Department.
- Dug up and repaired 2" water main leak in alley between South Street and Kallus Street in 200 block.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 6 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Mowed both Plants and Lift Stations.
- Helped the Street Department with reconstruction project on Black Street.
- Jetted line in 300 block of Black Street.
- Cleaned the Bone Yard Lift Station.

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.

- Reconstructing Black Street after the Water and Wastewater Departments completed their line replacement project.
- Set up, hauled roll offs, worked and removed everything for City Wide Cleanup.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects. Meter change outs. Read meters that did not come through with electronic reads.
- Trimmed tree limbs off of services. Fixed street lights.
- Installed a new pole at 305 Black Street, hung transformer and cut down open secondary wire that takes care of 6 houses.
- Installed a pole and two anchors, ran wires, hung transformer and energized at 1601 Babylon Lane.
- Worked on nonpayment disconnects.
- Inspected meter loop and energized a transformer at 206 High Hill Road.
- Worked on outage at DFA.
- Worked City Wide Cleanup.
- Installed a transformer to energize a router for meter system that was moved in St. John area.
- Blew water out of underground pipes, blew strings in the pipes, got help from Gary and Pete to pull wires, set one transformer and a junction box, installed a elbow on the primary wires, terminated the secondary wires going under the road for the first house built at Foster's Branch Subdivision.
- Derek Schwenke attended the AMI Symposium with LCRA, TEC and Landis & Gyr in Bastrop on October 26th.
- Worked with Frontier setting two new poles at 1008 Summit and replacing our services wires.
- Met with contractor about getting temporary power for the upstairs above Anytime Fitness.

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 and Police Department.
- Helped the Electric Department pull underground wire for the Foster's Branch Subdivision.
- Helped Street Department on their Black Street reconstruction project.
- Taking down fencing at City and Community Cemeteries that will be replaced.
- Weed eaten East Avenue.
- Seeded the boys and girls High School fields with rye grass.

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

- Oct. 10th Phone conference with Councilman Bubela, Nora Ellis, Consultant – health benefits for the City of Schulenburg.
- Oct. 18th Met with O'Malley Strand and Water Dept. concerning leaks on Ground Storage Tank.
- Oct. 23rd Field visit with staff and on-going projects.
- Oct. 24th Met with Warehouse Staff / accountability from all departments.
- Oct. 25th Manufacturer's Rep, DN Tanks, O'Malley Strand Engineers to visit the Ground Storage Tank at Wolters Ave.
- Oct. 26th Derek Schwenke and Megan Bartos attended Landis & Gyr Symposium.
- Oct. 30th Techline meeting with Gary and Vance - Conference call with Schneider Engineering – distributed generation (solar) and small cell nodes and pole attachments
- Staff meeting with Office Staff.
- Oct. 31st Health Benefits meeting with TML, Councilman Bubela, Nora Ellis, Consultant – looking at ways to reduce costs for health insurance.

- Nov. 1st CDPP (Community Development Partnership Program) presenting awards to La Grange \$25,000, Ellinger \$16,002 and Fayetteville \$5,500.
- Nov. 2nd Field visit Street Reconstruction Project on Black Street. Waiting on curbing to be laid for property owners paying for their own.
- Also met with City and Community Cemeteries with city crews and Councilman Hercik.

Spoke with Ray Munoz about bids on the planter replacement in Meadow Creek Subdivision.

McCoy's Tree Trimming has moved into town to trim limbs out of electric lines.

Derek Schwenke is attending TEEEX training in College Station this week.

Office will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day.

December 7th is the annual Appreciation Dinner for City Employees and Committee Members.

Wastewater Department is working on some problems at the Babylon Plant. This is an unforeseen expense but is due to it being a little antiquated. The project will be \$20,000 plus.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Passed and approved this 20 day of November, 2017.

Mayor Otto Kocian

Attest:

City Secretary