

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
DECEMBER 4, 2017**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 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, James Brossmann and Lance Zeadonati of CenterPoint Energy.

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 November 20, 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 Bubela to accept an amendment to the pension agreement, which was approved in our budget, with the Emergency Services Retirement System. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Blaschke-Walker met with Mayor Kocian at Monogram Foods to inform them that their trucks have been hitting the fencing surrounding the City Cemetery. They have agreed to place barriers along their parking lot to help prevent any further damage before we continue with the replacement of that fence.

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to move forward with the replacement of the fence on the northwest corner between the City Cemetery and Monogram Foods. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to contract with the Fayette County Elections Administrator for the May 5, 2018 City General Election. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Hercik made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stoever on the advice of our City Attorney, Monte Akers, to pass a Resolution joining the Alliance of CenterPoint Texas Municipalities, South Texas Division "ACM" and to suspend CenterPoint's proposed increase in rates which hereby are **SUSPENDED** for ninety days beyond December 21, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to cancel the December 18, 2017 regular scheduled Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to employ the law firm Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP with our representative being John Banks which is the Fayette County Appraisal District's attorney for properties with health and safety liens and delinquent taxes. They will only collect their 15% when a lien is paid. 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:

- Drug arrest during traffic stop with personal amount of heroin
- Richard Schneider, Code Enforcement, has been working with Mr. Simons of the Flea Market which has agreed to put up lattice work to help cover up merchandise
- Also he has been working with the Von Minden Hotel getting them to board up the windows

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Changed chlorine cylinders
- Made 2" tap and tied into existing 2" line on Black Street at Lyons Avenue. Also removed old valves and hydrants. Completed Waterline Project on Black Street.
- Repaired 2" water leak at Sports Complex.
- Patched water leak holes in street at 400 block of Wolters, 200 block of Schulz and the 100 block of Anderson.
- Rebuilt backflow preventer at City Warehouse for bulk water.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 6 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Installed 7 service lines in 1000 block of Black.
- Worked on pump at Boneyard Lift Station and Kallus Plant. Also cleaned Boneyard Lift Station.
- Helped Garbage Department during the holidays.

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

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Working on street lights.
- Finished putting up Christmas lights and downtown tree.
- Installed an anchor and guy wire to help support a pole at SISD.
- Cleaned up a tree that fell over in the 500 block of Paulus Street.

- Changed bad transformer at 402 Anderson.
- Installed a pole and an anchor off of 957 in Moravia.
- Moved a service to a new pole that Frontier installed in the 700 block of Wolf.
- Tightened up some guy wires at Shimmering Waters on Highway 77.
- Disconnected service at SISD so that they could pour the concrete beams for the new building.
- Worked an outage in 500 block of Baumgarten Street.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, clean restrooms)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Mowed the north side of town including Main Street area.
- Repaired water leak at the Sports Complex.
- Removed the fencing and cleaned up around the area at the City and Community Cemeteries.

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

- Working on CenterPoint Energy suspension
- The Ordinance for Modular Homes, Mobile Homes, HUD Homes, Travel Trailers will be delayed in the update 30+ sections that require quite a bit of drafting.
- Small Cell Node Ordinance and Manual will be after the first of the year.
- Solar to be added to the Electric rate structure and intergrading with our current system will be after the first of the year.
- The planter in Meadow Creek Subdivision has been demoed and stump grinded. Will start construction to replace on Monday.
- The Ground Storage tank has been drained and the contractors should be here tomorrow to start with repairs.
- Black Street project has been put on hold while the motor grader is repaired by John Deere for about \$10,000. Mendoza is still working to complete the curbing in that area.

Alderman Veselka made a motion, seconded by Alderman Hercik to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.