

**CITY OF SCHULENBURG
SCHULENBURG, TX
MAY 14, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Schulenburg met in regular session on Monday, May 14, 2018, at the Council Chambers located at 607 Upton Avenue, Schulenburg, Texas, at 7:00 pm. The elected officials present included Mayor Pro-Tem Harvey Hercik, Aldermen Chip Bubela, Wendy Fietsam, Arnold Stoever and Larry Veselka. Also newly elected Council members, Ben Herzik and Geoffrey Schiffl. City Staff present were City Administrator, Tami Blaschke-Walker, Chief of Police, Troy Brenek, Derek Schwenke, David Osina and Melissa Shepard.

Visitors included Lisa Mederos of the Schulenburg Sticker, Andy Behlen of the Fayette County Record, Pastor John Cardenas, Helen Ohnheiser, Dan Mueller, Christine Baik, Douglas Behlen, James Brossmann, Superintendent Lisa Meysembourg, Robert Moore, AJ Wright, Rodney Gresser and Ivan Velasquez.

Pastor John Cardenas of the Schulenburg Church of Christ opened with a prayer over the meeting and its members. Mayor Pro-Tem Hercik then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Robert Moore, representing the Juneteenth Celebration Committee, invited all Council members to their annual event at Wolters Park on Tuesday, June 19th and to ride in the parade. He also informed Council that he met with Chief Brenek about controlling several intersections during their morning parade.

James Brossmann invited Council and all others to their annual Memorial Day Services at Wolters Park on Monday, May 28th starting at 10 am.

Mayor Pro-Tem Hercik thanked Balzer Feed Mill for their 75 or 80 years in business. They began in the late 1930's or early 1940's and moved to their last location in 1954 to 2017 when their building was sold and torn down.

Ona Marak, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustments presented an approved application for a side set back variance from 25' to 22' to erect a portable carport and driveway by Erwin Cernoch.

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 April 16, 2018.
- (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 Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Veselka to approve the canvassed election returns from the May 5, 2018 City Election. The motion passed unanimously.

Place 3 Arnold Stoever 187 votes

	Benjamin Herzik	225 votes
Place 4	Geoffrey Schiffli	299 votes
Place 5	Harvey Hercik	172 votes
	Larry Veselka	249 votes

Judge Dan Mueller conducted the installation of the newly elected officials and administered the Oath of Office. At this time Alderman Ben Herzik and Alderman Geoffrey Schiffli took their places at the Council Table.

Alderman Fietsam made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bubela to nominate Larry Veselka as Presiding Officer over this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce presented a report of the 5th Annual Sausagefest held on Saturday, April 14th.

Expenditures of HOT Funds:

Advertising	\$6,318.15
Bands & Sound	\$4,050.00
Tents	\$2,181.75
Port A Potties	\$2,288.70

Nonprofits:

17 groups participated
Profit for them: \$37,969.00

New Events:

Wristbands were sold, allowing visitors to vote for their 3 favorite amateur teams and one professional sausage company.

Five professional sausage companies competed against each other. The winner was Maeker's of Shiner.

A new category, dry sausage, was added to the contest.

A sausage – tossing contest was put on by the Catholic Daughters. A total of 26 two person teams competed.

Other:

Signs were painted and erected in downtown for a month to showcase the sponsors.

Number of Entries:

Wine 20
Sauerkraut 13
Pickles 27
Klobasniky 9
Everything But the Oink 13
Dry Sausage 15
Sausage Based Concoctions 12
Fresh Sausage 12

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Schiffli to allow the renaming of portions of North Street and Lyons Avenue located on the north west corner of the SISD property to Shorthorn Drive. The motion passed unanimously.

Associate Municipal Court Judge, Dan Mueller's report was presented to Council. Council approved.

Chief of Police, Troy Brenek's report was presented to Council. Council approved.

- Congratulations to new the Councilmen.
- Have received some complaints on skateboarders but are trying to not be too hard on them because it is one of the only things to do in Schulenburg for the kids.
- We will be hosting a class on Tuesday, May 22nd with part being taught by our own Detective Weiser.

Water Department activities included:

- Line locates, connects and disconnects. Meter change outs.
- Mowed and weed eaten at all Water Plants and Well Sites.
- Worked on toilet at Community Center.
- Collected monthly bacteriological water samples as per TCEQ.
- Weisinger Well Service began jetting Well #12 and completed the camera survey. They installed a new pump, motor assembly and new column pipe. We sanded and painted the motor control panel and installed temporary piping in the yard at Well #12.
- Repaired 2" water main damaged in alley between Black Street and Baumgarten Street in 100 block.
- Changed out city cut off and replaced 1" water meter at Sirilos Restaurant.
- Mercer Controls fixed communication problem at north elevated storage tower.
- Worked with Electric, Street and Wastewater Departments on several projects.
- Overhauled chlorine regulator at Well #9.
- Repaired two leaks on irrigation lines at Sports Complex.
- Worked on leak near old ground storage tank at Well #9.

Wastewater Department activities included:

- Hauled 4 loads of sludge from Babylon Plant.
- Mowed Babylon and Kallus Plants, Lift Stations and along I-10.
- Laid 420' of 6" main in the alley of the 100 block of Black Street.
- Laid 436' of 12" line in the water way between Simpson Street and Baumgarten Street.
- Worked on pump at I-10 Lift Station.
- Helped pave and complete Black Street.

Street / Garbage Department activities included:

- Picked up brush and limbs when citizens pay the \$25 for removal.
- Hauled roll off containers to Creedmoor and Altair.
- Paved and completed Black Street and two block of Upton Avenue.
- Helped the Wastewater Department lay a new line in the 100 block of Black Street in the alley.
- Helped lay sewer line in water way between Baumgarten Street and Simpson Street.

Electric Department activities included:

- Connects, disconnects and meter change outs.
- Working on street lights.
- Hung a rent light at 923 High Hill Road and replaced the service and light that was torn down by a high load in front of St. Rose Church.
- Cut two big limbs at 901 Anderson that hung over the street that the garbage truck kept hitting.
- Worked on power issues at Russek Street Water Well.
- Fixed plug on Field #2 at the Sports Complex.
- Disconnected the Fitness Center to change out the transformer and all hardware on a pole that caught fire over the weekend.
- Installed an anchor pole at 510 College and installed a new guy wire to support the pole on the corner of 301 Upton.
- Started digging at SISD to upgrade the underground power going to the High School.
- Picked up primary wires for John Kana who was moving a house from FM 957 and again at Highway 77.
- Met with American Test Center to do dielectric test on trucks and hot sticks.
- Met with Techline to do the primary metering set on Monday, May 14th at Prime Products on Highway 90.
- Did line locates at SISD and the Sports Complex.

Park Department activities included:

- Regular maintenance (mowing, weed eating, cleaning restrooms, etc)
- Picked up animals and placed in dog pound when needed.
- Prepared for Relay for Life event, Friday, April 27th.
- Prepared for High School Baseball playoff game last Thursday, May 3rd and one Friday, May 11th.
- Prepared for Turtle Wing Event Saturday, May 5th.
- Helped Street Department pave and complete Black Street.

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

- April 18th Met with City Crews to discuss new “on call” answering service.
- April 19th Set up for early voting
Attended the SEDC Meeting
- April 20th Training session for Early Voting workers and preparation for Early Voting
- April 21st Lifeguard Certifications held at Wolters Park Pool
Planter hit at Meadow Creek Subdivision entrance once again
- April 23rd Early Voting (April 23rd thru May 1st) 8-5
Monday & Tuesday (April 30th & May 1st) 12 hour days
- April 24th Attended the Library Board Meeting
- April 27th Agenda posted notifying public of the May 7th meeting cancelled
Attended meeting held at the Fayette County Appraisal District
Lunch Meeting with LCRA – Interlocal Agreement
Materials ordered for paving of Black Street
- April 30th Mistake identified on ballot – process to correct began
- May 4th Training for Election Day

- May 5th Election Day
- May 7th Ballot by Mail – EV & ED Ballot Board reconvened to tabulate
Monte conducted a training session with Board of Adjustments
- May 9th Paving of Black Street

City Council adjourned at 7:36 pm into an Executive Session, Section 551.074 Personnel Matters, to discuss an appointment to fill the office of Mayor.

Council came back into regular session at 8:20 pm.

Council directed City Administrator Walker to follow through on items discussed in Executive Session.

Alderman Bubela made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fietsam to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm. The motion passed unanimously.