BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **DECEMBER 13th, 2016**, the Riesel City Council met in a REGULAR called meeting, at 6:30 p.m. in the Riesel City Hall Meeting Room, at 104 Hwy. 6 North in Riesel, Texas, with notice of said meeting having been posted at least 72 hours in advance in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code.

Call to Order: Mayor Brandon Blasingame called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Phyllis Koester, Kevin Hogg, Jeff Tanner, Bobby Dieterich & Brandon Blasingame (with Jeanne Lehrmann joining the meeting after being appointed)

Employees Present: Alisha Flanary, Pete Zuniga
Visitors: Mike Dixon, Debi Haynes, Bridgette Novosad, Earlene Neumann, Lu Ann Borth, Doug McVicker, Ryan Miller & Tom Flanary Jr.

Appointment: Phyllis Koester made a motion to appoint Jeanne Lehrmann to fill the vacant Council Member seat until the next municipal election in November 2017. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously and Jeanne took her seat at the table and joined the meeting.

Officers: Phyllis Koester moved to appoint Jeanne Lehrman as Mayor Pro Tem, with a second by Jeff Tanner. Motion carried unanimously. Bobby Dieterich moved to appoint Phyllis Koester as Treasurer, with a second by Kevin Hogg. The motion carried with four (4) Ayes and one (1) Abstention by Phyllis Koester.

Consent Items: Phyllis Koester made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/13/16, 9/19/16, 10/4/16 , 10/11/16, 10/25/16, 11/1/16, 11/8/16, 11/15/16 & 11/29/16 with the stipulation of a correction to be made on the September 19th minutes and a correction on the November 15th minutes. Jeanne Lehrmann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
Phyllis Koester moved to approve the payment of bills/payroll & the monthly financial reports. Jeanne Lehrmann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Visitor's Comments: Bridgette Novosad made comments regarding access of the new Residential Development Community and asked whether or not they could get highway access to avoid further traffic down Jena Street. She also complained about contractors parking on Jena Street. Debi Haynes addressed Council about the Water & Sewer Ordinance. She said the ordinance needs clarification as to the number of sewer taps one can have on their property. Haynes also addressed Council regarding the Texas Open Meetings Act and reminded them that they took an oath to follow the law. She reminded Council to refrain from illegal discussions outside of properly noticed meetings. She also provided Council a handout. Earlene Neumann addressed Council and stated that she was concerned about the number of taps at the Jena Place Development. Doug McVicker approached Council to request that they put NO TRUCK signs up on Sanders and Broadway and that Council adopt an Ordinance to be able to allow Police to enforce the NO TRUCK policy in that area.

Square Parking: Phyllis Koester made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-08, regulating parking on the East City Square. Jeanne Lehrmann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

No Trucks: Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-09, regulating trucks on the section of Wiebusch Street, between Alexander Street and East Frederick Street (FM 1860), with a minor correction. Kevin Hogg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Water/Sewer Amendment: Mike Dixon was present to discuss and answer questions pertaining to an amendment to the water and sewer ordinance. With some unresolved issues, Council decided to table the matter until Mike could make further changes to the amendment. Phyllis Koester moved to table discussion of the Water/Sewer Ordinance Amendment until the next meeting. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Engineering Projects Update: Wallace Group Engineer, David Marek, was unable to attend the meeting for a presentation and sent a written update and said he would be meeting with Mike Dixon to discuss updating the City's building permit process and the need for a Development Code. No action was taken.

Hay: Jeanne Lehrmann moved to approve an agreement with Danny Tate for mowing, hay removal and minor dirt work at the Irrigation Field. Bobby Dieterich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Park Project: Phyllis Koester moved to approve the final repair punchlist as being fully completed and to authorize the final payment to Heartland for the Splash Pad and Restroom project. Kevin Hogg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fuel: Kevin Hogg moved to authorize City staff to open an account with Curtis Evans Fuel Station in Riesel. Bobby Dieterich seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Charles Street: Nothing to discuss at this time

Christmas Parade Permit: Bobby Dieterich moved to approve a permit for the Christmas Parade on 12/17/16. Jeanne Lehrmann seconded the motion, and the motion carried, unanimously.

Appreciation Cards: Kevin Hogg moved to authorize annual Employee Appreciation Cards for $50. Jeanne Lehrmann seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bid: Jeanne Lehrmann moved to put surplus items out for bid. Phyllis Koester seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Shirts: Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to proceed with ordering embroidered shirts for Council Members and employees. Phyllis Koester seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

National Night Out: Discussion was held regarding a review of National Night Out. Over $900 in cash and food donations were received which ultimately covered almost all of the costs of the event.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Mayor: Called a Work Session for January 3, 2017
Utility: Randy was not in attendance and did not provide a written report, however, before the meeting, he gave Phyllis Koester a brief verbal report for his department, which she relayed to Council
Police: Written Report Submitted
City Secretary: Written Report Submitted

Adjourn: With no further business and with no objections, Mayor Blasingame adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

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Mayor, Brandon Blasingame   Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary