

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**, 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, Kevin Hogg, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

**Council Members Present:** Todd Ehlers, Marshall Shaw, Jeff Tanner, Kooper Sjolander & Jeanne Lehrmann

**Employees Present:** Alisha Flanary, Patrick Bellringer, Danny Krumnow & Randy Ehlers

**Visitors Present:** Jennifer Hogg, Gary Bennett, Jerry Bennett, Aleishia Miller, Jeff Hansen, Mike Wilson, Casey & Kim Shaw, Gary Deyer, Kevin Kelly, Brad Paul, Matt Bjorklund, Todd Meyhoff, Dave Bjorklund, Steve Wilson, Tammy Bailey & Dustin Keller

**Oaths:** Alisha Flanary swore in new council members Todd Ehlers, Jeanne Lehrmann, Marshall Shaw & Kooper Sjolander

**Appointments:** Jeanne Lehrmann moved to appoint Marshall Shaw as Mayor Pro Tem with Todd Ehlers as Secretary/Treasurer. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Consent Items:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to approve consent items, minutes & financials, from 11/9/21 & 11/21/21. With a second by Todd Ehlers, the motion carried unanimously.

**Easements:** Marshall Shaw made a motion to accept the easements for water and sewer lines for Brazos Valley Machinery & Properties LLC as presented. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Economic Development:** Mike Wilson addressed the Council regarding New A.G.E. plans to develop a hydrogen plant in Riesel. He also introduced some partners he is collaborating with. Corey Brunton introduced himself and passed out flyers about Master Planning services. Matt Bjorklund introduced himself and said that he was with The Maker's Group and that they are looking at building a large sports complex, bible camp and a K-12 Christian school that would bring five hundred jobs to Riesel. The projects that they are considering locating to Riesel would create significant economic impact.

**Visitor's Comments:** Tammy Bailey passed out copies of a complaint form that she was filing against the Utility Superintendent and then left. She said she had no further comments at this time but wanted to make sure that all council members got a copy of the form.

**Subdivision Ordinance:** Jeanne Lehrmann moved to adopt Ordinance #2021-05, amending the City's Subdivision Ordinance #2021-01, adding a subsection prohibiting encumbrances in the right-of-way, and adding provisions regarding sidewalks, providing that the City shall not be responsible for maintenance and that sidewalks must be ADA compliant. Marshall Shaw seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**COLA:** Council discussed a Cost-of-Living Adjustment for city employees. With the Consumer Price Index being unusually high this year, and in line with Social Security increases and with no other cost of living adjustments given over the last several years, Todd Ehlers moved to issue a 5.5% COLA (effective Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022), as budgeted in the 2021-2022 Operating Budget. Jeanne Lehrmann seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Judge & Prosecutor Salaries:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to increase the Judge and Prosecutor's salaries to \$1500 a month each. The motion died for a lack of a second. Jeff Tanner moved to give the Judge and the Prosecutor each a \$500 per month raise. Marshall Shaw seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Scott Wetzel of CP&Y presented a proposal for professional services to prepare a newly mandated Emergency Preparedness Plan in response to Senate Bill 3. The proposal came in at a cost of \$28,558. Jeanne Lehrmann moved to approve the proposal from CP&Y for professional services to prepare the Emergency Response Plan for the City of Riesel. Marshall Shaw seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Police Responsiveness:** Lengthy discussion was held regarding concerns over police response to emergency calls. Specifically, there were serious concerns regarding a recent incident involving a home being accidentally shot by a former council member who was hog hunting. The family was extremely upset over the situation and upset that there were no Riesel officers on the scene (there were only county deputies there). Marshall Shaw brought up many questions and serious concerns and was frustrated that Riesel officers were not on scene. Chief Krumnow responded saying that one officer was out of state and the other was on an EDO and he also played recordings of the phone calls to 911 and to Officer Bellringer. The mayor read a timeline of events and explained everything that happened. The mayor then gave a fiery, impassioned impromptu speech, voicing his support of Riesel law enforcement and abruptly adjourned the meeting at **9:16 PM**.