

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on Tuesday, **FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, 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 Pro Tem, Jeanne Lehrmann, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** Phyllis Koester, Kevin Hogg, Jeff Tanner, Bobby Dieterich & Jeanne Lehrmann

**Employees Present:** Alisha Flanary

**Visitors:** Debi Haynes, Earlene Neumann, Mike Dixon & Bob Wallace

**Consent Items:** Phyllis Koester made a motion to approve the minutes from 1/10/17. Bobby Dieterich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Phyllis Koester moved to approve the payment of bills/payroll & monthly financial reports and Kevin Hogg seconded that motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Visitor's Comments:** Debi Haynes asked Council why they were hiring the Wallace Group to do work (Wastewater Permit Application) that she believed the Utility Superintendent should be doing. Later in the meeting, she also asked for Council to clearly re-state their motion exactly as they wanted it recorded in the minutes, as opposed to just stating "I make a motion to do what Mike said".

**Water/Sewer Amendment:** Phyllis Koester made a motion to approve Ordinance #2017-02, an ordinance rescinding Ordinance #2017-01, which was an amendment to Ordinance 2013-04 and addresses clarifying charges and tap fees for Rental Community Developments; clarifying the number of water and sewer taps allowable and exceptions; setting base and usage rates and tap fees for Rental Community Developments; amending line extension provision; providing a severability clause and an effective date. Kevin Hogg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (The reason for this change in the amendment was because Mike said that we couldn't charge for meters we weren't actually putting in)

**Bids:** Kevin Hogg moved to accept the highest bids submitted for the Go Pro Camera and the Leatherman Tool (with \$209.63 bid by Jeff Tanner being on the Go Pro Camera and \$85.00 bid by Wayne Federwisch on the Leatherman Tool.) Bobby Dieterich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Landscaping:** Kevin Hogg made a motion to approve a quote from Cody Stein for the installation of twelve trees and an irrigation system at the city park. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Jeff Tanner added that he would like to see that the verbal competitive quotes were received in writing to be kept on file)

**Highway 6 Water Line Project:** Discussion was held regarding collaboration with the City of Waco to have Riesel take the lead in the purchase of water from the City of Waco. Bob Wallace of the Wallace Group led the discussion. He stated that McLennan County Water Resource Group, Chaired by County Judge Felton, received a grant to do a feasibility study for this water project and that the study is wrapping up and has been ongoing for 6 months. Wallace stated that there was a meeting of the 4 water systems (Riesel, MS, RMS & H&H) on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The preliminary assumed project costs are projected to be 4.7 million dollars. Riesel would have to build a pump station at Highway 6 & Loop 340 and a water line that runs down Highway 6 to Riesel. The project allows the entities to address arsenic compliance concerns and reduce the demand on the ground water supply and helps supply future water demands up to the year 2070. With the funding deadline for applications coming up in March, the City of Waco, the Water Resource Group, and Bob Wallace recommend that Riesel take the lead in the project and start the funding application. Mike Dixon stated that the cost per meter was so high that the City would need to lobby for loan forgiveness and recommended hiring a lobbyist. Bob Wallace also stated that he would need to visit with State

Representatives at the time of the application and that he would soon need to meet with the Water Board and would need a representative from the City to attend.

Phyllis Koester made a motion to approve Riesel taking the lead in the Highway 6 Water Project, and in conjunction with the Wallace Group, authorizing the pre-application process for state financial assistance for the Highway 6 Water Project. Kevin Hogg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**WW Discharge Permit:** Phyllis Koester made a motion to authorize the Wallace Group Engineers to prepare the renewal application for the City of Riesel's Wastewater Discharge Permit, which expires later this year. Kevin Hogg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ATMOS:** Kevin Hogg moved to approve a resolution authorizing participation in a coalition of similarly situated cities in connection with the statement of intent to increase Atmos gas rates; authorizing participation in related rate proceedings; authorizing retention of special counsel and requiring the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses. Phyllis Koester seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Water Rates:** Discussion to increase water rates was tabled until further notice.

**Engineering Update:** David Marek was unavailable to attend meeting for an update, but will try to bring information to next month's meeting.

**Chili Fest:** Discussion was held pertaining to Chili Fest to be held on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

#### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

**MAYOR:** not present, no report available

**Utility Superintendent:** submitted written report to Council

**City Secretary:** submitted written report to Council

**Police Chief:** written report submitted

**Adjourn:** With no further business and with no objections, Mayor Pro Tem Jeanne Lehrmann adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.

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Mayor, Brandon Blasingame

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Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary