

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that on **Tuesday, August 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**, the Riesel City Council met in a SPECIAL 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 Roger Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Council Members Present:** Brandon Blasingame, Kevin Hogg, Bobby Dieterich & Phyllis Koester

**Absent:** Jeanne Lehrmann

**Employees Present:** Alisha Flanary, Jonathan Hefelfinger, Ryan Dieterich, Pete Zuniga **Visitors Present:** Jimmy Bennett, Tom Flanary & Lori Blasingame

**Visitor's Comments:** Jimmy Bennett spoke to Council about holding a Chili Cookoff fundraiser and also had some input about National Night Out activities

**BUDGET:** Phyllis Koester made a motion to adopt the budget presented tonight in Ordinance #2106-06, which will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$11,126 or 5.99%, and of that amount, \$1,699 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll. Brandon Blasingame seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**TAX LEVY:** Kevin Hogg made a motion to increase the property tax rate by adopting a tax rate of .335416 which is effectively a 5.18 percent increase in the tax rate. Bobby Dieterich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Jena Place Plat:** Brandon Blasingame moved to approve a Subdivision Plat for a private community development addition called Jena Place Addition, submitted Ross Miller Homes and described in Official Public Records of McLennan County, Texas in deed filed at Clerk's File #2015023987. Phyllis Koester seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Splash Pad Rules:** Kevin Hogg moved to approve the proposed splash pad rules as presented. Phyllis Koester seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Signage will be ordered and posted asap.

**Fall Cleanup:** Phyllis Koester moved to set a date for a City Wide FALL Cleanup Day on September 24<sup>th</sup>, to be held on the City Square from 7am-2pm, with no tires allowed. Brandon Blasingame seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**National Night Out:** Brandon Blasingame stated that he would like the Police Chief to spearhead the project and several ideas were tossed around and the time of the event was discussed and settled on 3p-6pm.

**Park Vandals:** issues with improper behavior and actions in the park have arisen and Council wanted to speak to Police Officers in how the situations are handled. Park Rules are posted in the park, and Splashpad Rules will be posted in the near future. Police stated that they can't fine people for violating the rules, but they can write a report and depending on the case and the seriousness of their actions, may ban the offender from the park for one year. If there are crimes or damage to property, etc., those cases will be handled just like any other criminal case.

**Utility Maintenance Assistant:** Discussion regarding completion of his first 90 days. Have his evaluation on next agenda.

**Council/Employee Annual Appreciation Dinner:** Council all agreed that Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> would be the best date for everyone and LaFiesta in Waco would be suitable

**Adjourn:** With no further business and with no objections, Mayor Fitzpatrick adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.

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Mayor, Roger Fitzpatrick

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Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary