

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **MAY 9TH, 2023**, 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, Marshall Shaw, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Council Members Present: Jennifer Hogg, Dustin Keller, Kooper Sjolander & Roger Fitzpatrick

Absent: Jeanne Lehrmann

Employees Present: Alisha Flanary, Matt Cospers & Ryan Dieterich

Visitors Present: Jerry Bennett, Paul Winkler, Linda Hogg, Dean Fitzpatrick, Kevin Hogg, Paul Fischer & Mike Dixon

Executive Session: A closed executive session was set to be held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.) so that the Council could deliberate the employment, evaluation, duties, assignments and/or discipline of the position of Police Sergeant. However, Sergeant Ryan Dieterich requested that the discussion be held in open session. Police Chief, Matt Cospers, read aloud a written reprimand and a Personal Improvement Plan (PIP) that he recommended for Ryan. He also recommended demoting him from his position as Sergeant to Police Officer. Ryan Dieterich disputed most of the claims in the reprimand and presented copies of text messages to corroborate his rebuttal. City Attorney, Mike Dixon reiterated Chief Cospers's concerns in a brief verbal summary. Jennifer Hogg made a motion to approve the reprimand and implementation of the PIP and to reject the demotion. Her motion died for a lack of a second. Jennifer Hogg then moved to table discussion until the next regular meeting. Roger Fitzpatrick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consent Items: Jennifer Hogg made a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes from 4/11/23 and the payment of bills. With a second by Roger Fitzpatrick, the motion carried unanimously.

Visitor's Comments: Linda Hogg asked about emergency alerts (fire & emergency weather alarms or sirens)

Well Project: Terry Winn of STV Inc. sent an email update to Alisha Flanary stating that clearing and culvert installation was complete and that drillers were scheduled to mobilize later this week to drill test sites on up to 4 sites.

Post Oak Development: Paul Fischer came to Council to inform them of his commercial plans for property on the corner of Post Oak & Rice Road. He wants to subdivide the property into two lots. He plans to build a photography/art studio facing Rice Road. He also plans to offer classes in art, photography and karate. His home will be built on the second lot, facing Post Oak. He was concerned about zoning for his business.

ARPA Grant: Roger Fitzpatrick moved to approve a Subrecipient Agreement pertaining to a grant in the amount of \$47,000 to be used towards the cost of an emergency generator for the alluvium well project. Kooper Sjolander seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Development Fees: Discussion was held regarding possibly amending the building ordinance due to the cost of professional fees pertaining to developer inquiries and plat reviews. Costs are far exceeding the fees that the city is currently charging. This item was tabled until a later date to allow more time for an ordinance to be drafted.

AT&T: Discussion was held regarding AT&T First Net, which gives first responders top priority in emergencies. This item will be further discussed at a later meeting.

Rural Transit Board: McLennan County Rural Transit Board requested nominees to serve on their board. At this time, Riesel will not be nominating anyone.

Monthly Reports were submitted to council by the Police Chief, Utility Superintendent & the City Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Mayor Shaw adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM

Mayor, Marshall Shaw

Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary