

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **JUNE 4, 2024**, the Riesel City Council met in a SPECIAL called **WORK SESSION** 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, Jennifer Hogg called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Council Members Present: Debbie Kilgore, Ralph May, Bobby Dieterich & Paul Winkler

Employees Present: Alisha Flanary, Randy Ehlers & Ryan Dieterich **Visitors Present:** Linda Hogg, Kevin Wunderlich, Tom Flanary Jr.

Mayor Hogg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ralph May led the Invocation.

COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AND TOOK NO ACTION

ENGINEERING

Sewer Odor Monitoring: several citizens in the affected area have completed plumbing repairs and the city has not received any further complaints of sewer odor in the affected area. The combination of home repairs and the repairs made by the city seem to have mitigated the issue.

Arsenic Reduction – Alluvium Well: recent emails from Terry Winn were presented to Council to keep them apprised on current discussions and activities pertaining to the new well project

Hwy 6 Utility: an agreement was prepared by Oncor for city adoption, however there may still be a need to relocate part of the utility lines out of the Oncor easement as they increased it from 80 feet to 125 feet

Shell Truckstop & Sonic: engineered plans are nearing completion for the construction of Old Time Road, which will provide large truck access to the truck stop

ONCOR

Power Reliability: several citizens are complaining about the frequency of power outages and power surges. This information was relayed to Oncor representative, Michael Baldwin, and he immediately responded and said he would need a few days to research the issue and would be at the next council meeting on June 11, 2024

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Rattlesnake Rd Culvert: Randy Ehlers relayed information pertaining to the cost of removing the existing culverts and replacing them and resurfacing the road with asphalt. The total cost was estimated to be less than \$23,000. Emergency funds were released at the previous meeting to fund this project. Weather permitting, the repairs will be made very soon.

Splash Pad Hours: discussion regarding the splash pad hours resulted in a recommendation to allow the splashpad to run every day, instead of 4 days a week, however, if drought conditions arise or the inability to refill water storage tanks becomes an issue, the hours could be limited again.

Park Security: the lights around the walking track at the park are not working properly and need to be replaced. The street lights near the park have already been reported for repairs and Oncor recently replaced the fixtures. Bowen Electric came out to inspect the current lighting around the park and they will provide a cost estimate for upgrading the lights with a better product that would significantly improve the lighting, which in turn would provide increased security at the park. This could help deter some of the vandalism and illegal activities that occur after dark. Camera installation was also briefly discussed.

Park Signs: signage at park all needs to be replaced. Quotes have been requested and new artwork is underway for new signs.

Animal Control: complaints are received about dogs and cats on a regular basis. The city does have an ordinance requiring spaying/neutering/ and microchipping. Dogs are not permitted to roam free. **An unrestrained dog is illegal and could result in a costly ticket. Pet owners must keep their animals detained in their own yards and homes or they will be issued citations and the animal may be taken to the Humane Society of Waco.** Randy & Justin have both had basic animal control training and Justin still needs to have his rabies vaccinations.

Street Light: discussion was held pertaining to adding more streetlights in some of the really dark areas of town. These would be standard street lights installed by Oncor, at no charge. They would be added to the city's monthly street light electric bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Vehicle Policy: A vehicle policy was presented and reviewed. Adjustments were recommended and will be prepared and brought back for Council to consider at a subsequent meeting

Zoning/Development: Discussion regarding zoning was tabled until the ordinance could be thoroughly reviewed

Fireworks: Discussion was held regarding fireworks in the city limits. Pros and Cons were discussed, but nothing was agreed upon in the end

Budget: discussion was held pertaining to the next budget cycle and budget requests for each department. A budget calendar was submitted to Council by Secretary Flanary, along with a list of budget requests for each department. Further discussion will be held regarding the budget in the upcoming months. Tentative budget adoption is set for August 29th, 2024.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Vehicles: two of the police vehicles are 10+ years old and maintenance has been costly on the older vehicles. Chief Dieterich has received a quote from CapFleet for a 2025 Tahoe which he would like to purchase in the next budget cycle. He plans to trade in the 2 oldest vehicles. He also said that 2024 models are available right now, but he would prefer to wait until the 2025 is available to order and he wants refine the quote for the upfit and present it to council for approval in the near future.

Recruitment: discussion was held regarding salaries and recruitment of new officers and pay incentives and relocation reimbursements

Adjournment: With no further business, Mayor Hogg adjourned the meeting at 9:39 PM

Mayor, Jennifer Hogg

Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary