
PUBLIC NOTICE: RIESEL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Riesel, McLennan County, Texas, will hold a **SPECIAL called** meeting to conduct a **WORK SESSION** on Tuesday **FEB. 27th, 2024, at 6:30pm** at Riesel City Hall, 104 N Hwy 6, to discuss the following matters:

1. Call meeting to Order, confirm quorum
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Visitor's Comments

COUNCIL WILL HOLD DISCUSSION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- a) Characteristics & expectations of desired candidate for Police Chief
- b) Starting Pay, Benefits, Probation Period
- c) Hiring process and requirement for possibility of hiring a candidate from within the department
- d) Job duties, priorities, expectations
- e) Shift coverage priorities for all officers & chief (example, Friday & Saturday Nights, Weekdays, Weekends, etc)
- f) Double shift coverage and overlapping coverage (i.e. 2 officers working same shifts)
- g) Hard-wired GPS tracking & monitoring; fuel monitoring; logging mileage and reporting to Council monthly
- h) Research and implement a police employee pay scale
- i) Policy setting limits and valuations on city issued uniforms, computers, equipment, gear, etc.
- j) Keeping proper INVENTORY of all equipment, uniforms, computers, electronics, tools, etc.
- k) Policy pertaining to connecting outside devices, electronics, computers to city equipment & computers, servers
- l) Uniformity across the board for all officers (all using same software, logs, timeclocks, etc.)
- m) Accountability measures; documenting & logging activities; failure to meet standards & expectations
- n) Usage of police vehicles:
 - i. taking vehicles outside Riesel's jurisdiction or response area
 - ii. taking vehicles home
 - iii. using vehicles for personal use (appointments, errands outside of Riesel)
 - iv. safe & legal usage of city vehicles
 - v. maintenance, care, and cleanliness of city vehicles

5. UTILITY DEPARTMENT:

- a) Street repairs; plans for specific areas to be repaired, goals/priorities for this budget cycle
- b) Routine/ongoing preventative maintenance schedule pertaining to streets, cracks, potholes, etc.
- c) Signs, street signs, traffic signs, intersections without signage, ordinances needed
- d) Splashpad: possible fence or barrier around splashpad or to the entrance of the park
- e) Playground surface: pea gravel and engineered wood bark vs. safety surface under playground equipment
- f) Landscaping at park: ornamental trees (Crape Myrtle trees, or similar trees that are hearty in this area)
- g) Additional Lighting or upgrading current lighting at park
- h) Addition of security cameras at park
- i) Animal Control
- j) Drainage issues throughout town and in park and on city property
- k) City Hall: gutter fell off back of building; plumbing; drainage problems in front; parking lot holes

6. **ADMINISTRATIVE:**

- a) Purchasing Policy
 - i. Discuss implementing an official purchasing policy
 - ii. Setting spending thresholds that require council approval
 - iii. Discuss triggers for quotes, proposals, HUBs, formal bids, etc.
- b) Building Permits, Inspections, Zoning, Comprehensive Plan
- c) Budget: brief discussion on current budget and the timeline for beginning the next budget preparation cycle
- d) Considering an Agreement with Grant Consultant, Judy Langford

7. **CURRENT ENGINEERING PROJECTS**

- a) Sewer Odor Monitoring
- b) New Water Well Site
- c) Sewer Line on South Hwy 6
- d) Shell Truckstop & Sonic
- e) Hwy 6 Maintenance

8. **NEW CITY HALL**

- a) Current City Hall has a lack of space for storage; lack of space for efficient filing systems; lack of space for records; lack of space for large audiences for council meetings; lack of space for court when jurors are summoned; lack of jury chambers; lack of parking for days when we have court or council meetings; the building is in need of numerous repairs including plumbing, electrical, paint, foyer area has asbestos flooring, water leaks into the police department ruining carpet; carpet in main office is torn and getting worse; police dept has no space in the evidence room and insufficient office space or privacy for interviews with complainants, juveniles with parents, etc. and there are numerous other shortcomings, including the entire facility being non-compliant with ADA requirements. A larger facility is long overdue.
- b) Look at funds to consider what is available to begin the process of planning for a future new city hall, courthouse, police department. (including the Land Fund, Tech Fund, Security Fund, City Hall Fund and possible low interest financing and even possible grants)
- c) Look at drainage issues on city land adjacent to the park
- d) Look into purchasing Hwy 6 frontage land adjacent to city owned land by the park
- e) Start looking at the needs of each department and planning for future growth

9. **COUNCIL**

- a) Planning a visit to Sandy Creek Power Plant
- b) Hosting a city booth at the Lion's Club Fair to show community support and provide outreach and education regarding local government, courts, police, 911, safety, reporting concerns, code-violations, crimes, etc. to encourage community safety and pride.
- c) Clean Up Day volunteers for City-wide Spring Clean Up Day on April 20th, Earth Day
- d) Ordering Council Shirts, possible caps

10. **TX-DOT**

- a) Contact TxDot regarding the need for a bridge over the Brazos River, connecting Riesel & Robinson
- b) This would greatly cut down on emergency response time for ambulance and trips to hospital

11. **Adjourn Meeting**

I hereby certify that this notice was placed at its present location at least 72 hours prior to the above meeting time.
Posted on 2/23/2024 at 5:30 pm

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Alisha Flanary, City Secretary, City of Riesel