

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2021**, 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, Kevin Hogg, was not in attendance, so Mayor Pro Tem, Marshall Shaw, called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

**Council Members Present:** Todd Ehlers, Jeff Tanner, Bobby Dieterich & Jeanne Lehrmann

**Employees Present:** Alisha Flanary, Patrick Bellringer, Randy Ehlers & Ryan Dieterich

**Visitors Present:** Gabriel Cecil, Laruen Marshall, Kooper Sjolander, Gary Bennett, Tammy Bailey, Robert Bailey, Courtney Cormier, Paul Winkler, Earlene Neumann, Pat Bumelis, Katherine Bode, Cris Moore & Jerry Bennett

**Consent Items:** Jeff Tanner made a motion to approve minutes from 10/12/21 and Todd Ehlers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Todd Ehlers moved to approve the payment of bills and payroll and to accept the monthly financial reports. Jeanne Lehrmann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Visitor's Comments:** Chris Moore briefed Council on plans for a Community Thanksgiving Dinner and the need to temporarily close part of Edwards Street for the event. Council agreed to let officers know.

**Indian Trails Deed Restrictions:** David Marek and Gary Bennett made comments regarding the sidewalks at the new subdivision. David stated that sidewalks were not indicated on the plat and that the City never agreed to accept sidewalks for maintenance. Gary stated that they were in the deed restriction. He said that in the next phase the sidewalks would be added to the plat but that the deed restrictions do indicate that the homeowners are responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks. David said that the City would still be liable for ADA compliance and liability. He stated that the city would be amending its Subdivision Ordinance to include these topics and specs for the sidewalks. Todd Ehlers motioned to table this discussion for a future meeting. Jeanne Lehrmann seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Easements:** Gary Bennett said he had nothing further to present at this time regarding easements or future developments.

**Sewer Odor:** There were many citizens present to discuss an ongoing sewer odor issue on S. Charles Street. Randy stated that he had just recently treated the area with an enzyme block and that we had not received any calls or complaints about the smell until just recently. Todd Ehlers made a motion to have our engineers do a smoke test on that area and to camera the lines. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Alluvium Well:** David Marek gave an update on the alluvium project and stated that they had made contact with some land owners further south and are still reaching out to people to locate a well site.

**Grant Request:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to authorize submission of a grant request to McLennan County to assist with rising costs of the alluvium well project. Jeff Tanner seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Variance:** Gabriel Cecil came in to request a little more time to live in his travel trailer while his house is being remodeled. Jeanne Lehrmann moved to give Mr. Cecil a variance allowing him to stay in the camper until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Bobby Dieterich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Recruitment:** Council discussed hiring a new employee to fill the vacant Utility Maintenance Assistant position and authorized an ad to be placed

**Audit:** Jeanne Lehrmann moved to accept and engagement letter with William Grimsley, CPA to conduct an annual financial audit for the City of Riesel's General, Water and Sewer Funds. Todd Ehlers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Holidays:** Discussion was held regarding City Holiday Events and Employee/Council Appreciation Dinner. There was lack of support for a parade or light contest this year, so those will not be held, but a date was established for the Employee/Council Appreciation Dinner for December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Executive Session:** Council was scheduled to perform annual evaluations for Alisha Flanary and Ryan Dieterich, but due to one of the written evaluations not being prepared for the Council's annual review, Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to table this item until the special Meeting on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Bobby Dieterich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Reports:** Monthly Reports were submitted to Council by the Police Department, Utility Department and the City Secretary.

**Adjourn:** With no further business and with no objections, Marshall adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

  
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Mayor, Kevin Hogg  
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Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary