

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>, 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:** Jeanne Lehrmann, Dustin Keller, Roger Fitzpatrick & Kooper Sjolander

**Absent:** Jennifer Hogg

**Employees Present:** Alisha Flanary, Walter Lloyd & Matthew Cospier

**Visitors Present:** Stephanie Mims, Paul Winkler, Phyllis Koester & Kevin Wunderlich

**Consent Items:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes from 7/11/23, 7/18/23 & 7/27/23 ; monthly financial reports and the payment of bills. With a second by Dustin Keller, the motion carried unanimously.

**Visitor's Comments:** Paul Winkler made comments regarding door-to-door solicitors and permits. He also expressed concerns regarding police security checks at night. Phyllis Koester also made a comment regarding the police security checks at night.

**Base Map:** The base map of the city was not ready for presentation at the time of this meeting. It will be moved to the September regular meeting.

**Mims Variance:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to grant a variance from fully platting the property on Post Oak Lane, exempting the parent tract but still requiring the smaller tract that was purchased to be platted. Roger Fitzpatrick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Election Order:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to adopt an Order of a General Election to elect one (1) person for each position to serve the full term of two (2) years for three (3) City Council Member positions. Roger Fitzpatrick seconded her motion and it carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

At **6:46 PM** the floor was opened to hear public opinion on the proposed 2023-2024 operating budget. There were no public comments made and the hearing was closed at 6:48 PM.

At **6:49 PM** the floor was open to hear public opinion on a tax rate to fund the 2023-2024 operating budget. Secretary Flanary stated that the rate included in the budget was the No New Revenue Rate of .242906, which would not increase tax revenue. With no further comment, the hearing closed at 6:50 PM

**Budget Discussion:** There was no further discussion regarding the budget after the hearings

**Tax Rate:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to propose setting the tax rate at the NNR of .242906 to fund the operating budget for 2023-2024. Dustin Keller seconded her motion and it carried unanimously.

**Hearing Date:** Roger Fitzpatrick moved to hold public hearings on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Riesel City Hall to hear public opinion regarding the budget and the proposed tax rate of .242906 to fund the operating budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

**Alluvium:** Marshall Shaw commented on the recent status of recent drilling and water quality analysis

**Plat:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to approve the Bautista-Holle plat on Rolinata Street. Dustin Keller gave a second and it passed unanimously.

**RMS Easements:** Roger Fitzpatrick made a motion to table discussion regarding abandoning certain RMS easements. Dustin Keller seconded that motion and it carried unanimously.

**Audit:** Jeanne Lehrmann moved to accept an engagement letter from Paul Christensen & Associates to conduct the 2023 financial audit. Roger Fitzpatrick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Community Cookout:** Dustin Keller made a motion to authorize New Zion Baptist Church to hold a Community Cookout for the City of Riesel on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 2pm on the town square. Roger Fitzpatrick seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, Mayor Shaw adjourned the meeting at 7:13PM

*Marshall Shaw*

Mayor, Marshall Shaw

*Alisha Flanary*

Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary

