

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **AUGUST 29TH, 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, Jennifer Hogg, Roger Fitzpatrick & Kooper Sjolander

Employees Present: Alisha Flanary, Cristen Conner, Chelsea Kemp, Walter Lloyd & Matthew Cospier

Visitors Present: Paul Winkler, Teresa Ridings, Dori Dieterich, Rodney Dieterich, Courtney Cormier, Ralph May, Kevin Hogg, Bobby Dieterich, Becky Kinder, Linda Hogg, Rosalee Schraeder, Glynn Schraeder, Jo Ferguson, Tom Flanary Jr., Daryl Welch & Kevin Wunderlich

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6:30 PM BUDGET HEARING: a public hearing was opened to hear comments regarding the 2023-2024 Operating Budget. A brief overview was given and a few questions were answered by Secretary Flanary before Mayor Shaw closed the hearing at 6:39 PM

6:39 PM TAX RATE HEARING: a public hearing was opened to hear public comments regarding the proposed tax rate of \$0.242906 cents per \$100 valuation for fiscal year 2023-2024. Brief discussion was held to explain that this tax rate is lower than last year's rate but the M&O rate would bring in slightly more revenue for maintenance and operations than last year and that the overall taxable value of all property within city limits had significantly increased. Mayor Shaw closed the tax rate hearing at 6:42 PM.

Ordinance #2023-02: Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-02, adopting an Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Roger Fitzpatrick seconded the motion. An individual record vote was taken, resulting in a unanimous approval.

Ordinance #2023-03: Roger Fitzpatrick made a motion to approve Ordinance #2023-03, setting and levying a city tax rate to fund the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Dustin Keller seconded the motion. An individual record vote was taken, resulting in a unanimous approval.

Ratification: Jeanne Lehrmann made motion to ratify the tax increase reflected by the adoption of the budget which will raise more revenue from Maintenance and Operations property tax than the previous year. With a second by Roger Fitzpatrick the motion carried unanimously, with a record vote from each council member voting individually.

Visitor's Comments:

1. Becky Kinder mentioned concerns about giving one person control of hiring. She also commented regarding an alleged body cam video and asked if any action had been taken in response to it.
2. Linda Hogg asked about repairing a large hole on Jena Street that was the result of a recent sewer line repair.
3. Dori Dieterich asked about scheduling officers on opposite shifts and asked about payment of comp time. She then stated her concerns about removing hiring power away from City Council. And lastly, she expressed her concerns about appointing an officer as Sergeant.

Policy: Jennifer Hogg made a motion to adopt a proposed POLICE Policy Manual presented by Chief Cospier. Dustin Keller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Hiring Authority: Discussion was held regarding possibly changing city policy to allow the police chief to do the hiring and firing of police officers. No action was taken at this time.

Police Vehicle: Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to approve a purchase order for the purpose of placing an order for a new police car to be paid for after October 1, 2023, which is already included in the budget for FY23-24. Dustin Keller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Plat: Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to approve the Skinner-Truett plat on Rattlesnake Road. Jennifer Hogg gave a second and it passed unanimously.

Executive Session: At 7:23 PM, Council Members convened into a closed executive session, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.) so that they could deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties, assignments, and/or discipline of the position of: Officer Lloyd promotion to Sergeant

At 7:55 PM Council reconvened into open session stating that no action had been taken in executive session.

Table: Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to table this discussion until a more appropriate time. Jennifer Hogg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Executive Session: At 7:56 PM, Council Members convened into a closed executive session, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.) so that they could deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, duties, assignments, and/or discipline of the position of: Police Officer applicants

At 8:34PM Council reconvened into open session stating that no action had been taken in executive session.

Job Offer: Roger Fitzpatrick made a motion to offer Daryl Welch a position as Police Officer, pending a favorable background check. Jennifer Hogg seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Mayor Shaw adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM



Mayor, Marshall Shaw





Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary