

BE IT REMEMBERED that on **Tuesday, AUG 13, 2024**, 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 Jennifer Hogg called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

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

**Employees Present:** Alisha Flanary, Chelsea Kemp & Ryan Dieterich

**Visitors Present:** Linda Hogg, Scott Lewis, Kelly Burke, Dori Dieterich, Tom Flanary Jr., Jerry Bennett & Jennifer Boen

*Mayor Hogg led the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Ralph May gave the invocation.*

**Consent Items:** Debbie Kilgore made a motion to approve all consent items: a.) minutes from the 7/9/24, 7/16/24 & 7/29/24 council meetings; b.) payment of bills, payroll and acceptance of monthly financial reports; c.) an invoice from STV for \$26,552.07. Bobby Dieterich seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Visitor's Comments:** Linda Hogg stated that there was another electricity outage and asked if Oncor was going to supply monthly outage reports. She also stated that she had experienced an issue with her water having a sulfur smell. Scott Lewis made comments regarding the Sex Offender Ordinance. He said he had concerns about property values along with safety concerns.

**Plat:** Bobby Dieterich moved to approve a plat for Phase 3 of the Indian Trails Subdivision. Paul Winkler gave a second and the motion carried, unanimously.

**Election Order:** Bobby Dieterich made a motion to approve an Order of Election to elect one (1) Mayor and two (2) Council Members to serve full 2-year terms and a Special Election for Reauthorization of a Street Maintenance Tax. Ralph May seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**Generator:** Paul Winkler made a motion to approve an agreement with STV Engineers for professional services relating to the RMS Standby Generator Project including preliminary and detail design, bidding, construction engineering and serving as construction project representative. Debbie Kilgore seconded his motion, which carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:** At 6:59 PM, Council convened into a closed, executive session, pursuant to Government Code 551.072, to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property because deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with the third party.

**Reconvene Meeting:** at 7:21PM, council reconvened the open meeting, stating that no action was taken during the closed meeting.

**Budget Hearing:** at 7:22 PM, Mayor Hogg opened the floor to public comment regarding the proposed 2024-2025 Operating Budget. After a brief review of the budget and a few public comments, the budget hearing was closed at 7:36 PM.

**Tax Rate Hearing:** at 7:36 PM, Mayor Hogg opened the floor to public comment regarding the tax rate suggested to fund 2024-2025 Budget. Secretary Flanary explained that the current tax rate is .242906/100 and the suggested rate in the budget is .230396/\$100, which is a rate that is 5.2867% lower than last year's rate. Mayor Hogg and the City Council agreed that in the current economy, even a small decrease in the tax rate could help Riesel's citizens that are struggling financially. The tax rate hearing was closed at 7:39 PM.

**Budget Discussion:** Council had no further recommendation of changes to the budget presented at this time.

**Proposal of Tax Rate:** After holding public hearings for the budget and tax rate, and with only positive comments from citizens, Debbie Kilgore made a motion to officially propose a tax rate of \$0.230396/\$100 of property value. With a second by Paul Winkler, the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Hearing Date:** Paul Winkler made a motion to hold a Public Hearing to hear public comments regarding the proposed tax rate of \$230396/\$100 to fund the 2024-2025 Proposed Operating Budget. Ralph May seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

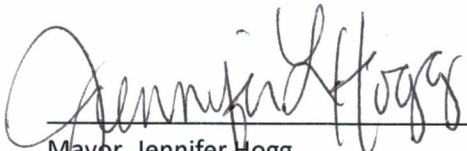
**Sex Offender Residency:** Debbie Kilgore made a motion to approve Ordinance #2024-03, an ordinance relating to the regulation of sex offender residency, creating child safety zones, prohibiting the establishment of residences and prohibiting certain activities by sex offenders, including leaving on an exterior light or otherwise soliciting trick or treaters to their place of residence on Halloween or the day before or after Halloween. Paul Winkler seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**Fall Clean Up:** Ralph May made a motion to set the date for a city-wide Fall Clean Up event to be held on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 8am to 1pm. Debbie Kilgore seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Police Cadet:** Ralph made a motion to table discussion regarding recruiting a cadet from the police academy and consideration of incentives and pay. Bobby Dieterich seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**Monthly Reports** were submitted by the Utility Department, Police Department, and the Office of City Secretary.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Mayor Hogg adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM

  
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Mayor, Jennifer Hogg

  
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Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary

