

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **MARCH 14<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 6:31 PM

**Council Members Present:** Jennifer Hogg, Dustin Keller, Kooper Sjolander & Jeanne Lehrmann **Absent:** none

**Employees Present:** Alisha Flanary, Randy Ehlers, Justin Carpenter, Ryan Dieterich, Cristen Conner, Chelsea Kemp, Matt Cospers & Patrick Bellringer

**Visitors Present:** Roger Fitzpatrick, Dean Fitzpatrick, Bobby Dieterich, Scott Wetzel, Paul Winkler & Tom Flanary

**Executive Session:** At 6:31 PM Council convened into a closed, executive session pursuant to Section 551.074, to deliberate the duties, evaluation, employment, and/or appointment of a public officer or employee:

1. Applicants for vacant council position (Roger Fitzpatrick & Morgan Browder)
2. 90 day evaluation of Utility Maintenance Assistant, Justin Carpenter

**RECONVENE:** At 7:05 PM Council reconvened, stating no action was taken during closed session

**Appointment:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to appoint Roger Fitzpatrick to fill the vacant, unexpired term of council member until the November election in 2023. Kooper Sjolander seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

**Carpenter Evaluation:** Dustin Keller moved to increase Justin Carpenter's salary by 3% and Jeanne Lehrmann seconded that motion, which carried unanimously.

**Sworn Oaths:** Secretary Flanary swore in newly appointed councilman, Roger Fitzpatrick, and he took his place on council and participated in the remainder of the meeting.

**Sewer Rehab Project:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to accept and approve the bids for the Sanitary Sewer/Manhole Pipe Rehabilitation Project and award the project to JNB Construction, LLC, with a bid that was 24% lower than the estimated project cost. Dustin Keller seconded he motion and it carried unanimously.

**Consent Items:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes from 2/14/23 & 2/28/23 and the payment of bills. With a second by Dustin Keller, the motion carried unanimously.

**Visitor's Comments:** none

**Well Project:** Secretary Flanary gave a brief update on the project. CP&Y and city attorney, Mike Dixon, prepared a contract for the clearing of the BASF well site, which will require a special meeting for approval. Special meeting to be called on 3/21/23.

**COLA:** Council discussed cost of living adjustments to employee wages. They had researched the inflation rates and consumer price index for the past year and presented those numbers along with historical numbers, also taking into consideration that performance evaluation raises had already been given to most employees. Following that discussion, Jennifer Hogg made a motion to give a 3% cost of living adjustment (also known as a market adjustment). Jeanne Lehrmann seconded the motion. With three (3) Ayes from Jennifer Hogg, Jeanne Lehrmann, and Roger Fitzpatrick, and with two (2) Nays from Dustin Keller and Kooper Sjolander, the motion carried.

**HOTCOG Agreement:** Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to approve an Interlocal Agreement with HOTCOG in response to a solid waste grant received to help fund Spring Clean Up Day in April. Jennifer Hogg seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Monthly Reports** were submitted to council by the Police Chief, Utility Superintendent & the City Secretary. Council requested information on implementing Zoning.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, Mayor Shaw adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM