

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **JAN. 10TH, 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 6:30PM

Oaths: City Secretary, Alisha Flanary, issued oaths and swore in new Chief of Police, Matt Cosper

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

Employees Present: Alisha Flanary, Ryan Dieterich, Chelsea Kemp, Danny Krumnow & Patrick Bellringer

Visitors Present: Paul Winkler, Linda Hogg, Tom Flanary, Amy Martinez, Martin Martinez & Walter Lloyd

Consent Items: Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to approve the consent items: Minutes from 12/13/2022, the monthly financial reports & the payment of bills. With a second by Kooper Sjolander, the motion carried unanimously.

Visitor's Comments: Danny Krumnow addressed Council and stated that when he submitted his retirement letter with a date of January 11th, he said that everybody knew that he didn't intend for that to be his last working day. He said he wanted to remain employed past that retirement date, long enough to run out his accrued vacation time and he preferred not to receive a lump sum payment of his time. He also said he didn't have a recent employee policy manual and that he was not aware of the policy that only allows payment of 80 hours upon leaving employment.

Executive Session: At 6:45 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: **Police Officer applicant, Walter Lloyd**

RECONVENE: At 7:52 PM Council reconvened, stating no action was taken during closed session and a special called meeting would be held to further discuss this subject

Well Project: Secretary Flanary gave a brief update. According to CP&Y, clearing of the BASF well site is supposed to take place this month, and drilling test holes with immediately follow. Negotiations are underway with the attorney for the Dupree property trust.

COLA: Cost of Living Adjustments were budgeted due to the rising rate of inflation. This discussion was tabled until the next regular meeting.

GRANT: Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to approve a Subrecipient Agreement with McLennan County for an ARPA grant awarded to the City of Riesel in the amount of \$1,050,847.46, to be used for the arsenic reduction project (alluvium well). Jennifer Hogg seconded that motion and it carried, unanimously.

New Account: Jeanne Lehrmann made a motion to authorize the opening of a new, interest-bearing bank account for the ARPA Grant Funds at Cadence Bank in Riesel, Texas. Kooper Sjolander seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

Rate Increase: Jeanne Lehrmann moved to approve a proposal for a 10% rate increase from Frontier Waste Solutions, in response to the increase in the Consumer Price Index and in accordance with the city's contract. Kooper Sjolander seconded the motion and it carried, unanimously.

MLK Day: Jennifer Hogg made a motion to recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a City Holiday and a paid holiday for city staff members. Dustin Keller seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Monthly Reports were submitted to council by the Police Chief, Utility Superintendent & the City Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Mayor Hogg adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM



Mayor, Marshall Shaw



Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary