

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **JAN. 9, 2024**, the Riesel City Council met in a SPECIAL 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: Dustin Keller, Jennifer Hogg, Ralph May, Bobby Dieterich, Paul Winkler

Employees Present: Alisha Flanary, Walter Lloyd, Matt Cosper & Cristen Conner

Visitors Present: Linda Hogg, Phyllis Koester, Glenna Sandhoff, Rosalee Schraeder, Glyn Schraeder, Tom Flanary Jr., Keleigh Carr, Teresa Ellis, Ryley Williams, Becky Kinder, Jo Ferguson, Courtney Cormier, Jeanne Lehrmann, Rob Bailey, Mike Cox, Bryan Fleming, Keith Pace, Scott Wetzel, Amanda Lueck, Tony Lueck, James Fullner, Dori Dieterich, Leigh Ann Holloway, Sherri Thompson, Randall Moore, Mike Dixon & Earlene Neumann

Consent Items: Dustin Keller made a motion to approve consent items (minutes from 12/12/23 council meeting, payment of bills and payroll and acceptance of monthly financial reports). Paul Winkler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Visitor's Comments:

- a. Jeanne Lehrmann spoke of her support for Chief Matthew Cosper and stated that she was glad to see patrolling at all hours and happy that the department was fully staffed.
- b. Keith Pace spoke regarding the importance of code enforcement and asked that those reporting violations be kept anonymous. He also requested that code enforcement be shifted from the city secretary to the police department.
- c. Dori Dieterich stated that she emailed information that she wished for the council to review in executive sessions pertaining to Chief Cosper and Sergeant Walter Lloyd.

Sewer Odor: Scott Wetzel with STV Engineering presented a proposal for monitoring sewer gases in manholes in the area around Charles Street. Ralph may motioned to approve the monitoring project for \$7,690 and to begin as soon as weather permits. Jennifer Hogg seconded that motion and it carried unanimously.

Diesel Utility Vehicle: Jennifer Hogg made a motion to authorize the purchase of the budgeted diesel utility vehicle from WC-Waco Tractor via the Buy Board with government pricing and discount. Bobby Dieterich seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Trailer: Jennifer Hogg made a motion to authorize the purchase of the budgeted flatbed trailer for the utility department. Paul Winkler seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dodge Charger Upfit: Dustin Keller made a motion to approve a proposal for \$20,556.00 from Panther Investigations for the upfit of the new Dodge Charger police car after the original purchase order for the upfit was cancelled with Capfleet by Chief Cosper because of the extended lead time for the installation. Paul Winkler seconded the motion and it carried with three (3) Ayes and two (2) Nays (by Jennifer Hogg and Bobby Dieterich).

Executive Session: at 7:13 PM city council members convened into a closed executive session, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.) regarding personnel matters including but not limited to: assignments, duties, evaluation, employment actions, and hearing grievances regarding **Police Chief, Matthew Cospers**

Reconvene: At 8:06 PM, council reconvened into open session, stating that no action had been taken during the closed executive session.

Resignation of Police Chief: Ralph May made a motion to approve a Mutual Separation Agreement with Police Chief, Matthew Cospers and to accept his immediate resignation. Bobby Dieterich seconded the motion and it carried with four (4) Ayes and one (1) Nay, by Dustin Keller.

Executive Session: an executive session was set to be held in pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code (V.C.T.A.) regarding personnel matters including but not limited to: assignments, duties, evaluation, employment actions, and hearing grievances regarding **Police Sergeant, Walter Lloyd**, however, Sergeant Lloyd asked for the discussion to be held in open session. Walter's legal counsel, Randall Moore, with present and stated that council could not discuss complaints against Walter Lloyd until they had been fully investigated. Ralph May made a motion to table this discussion until a later date. Paul Winkler seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment: With no further business, Mayor Shaw adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM

Mayor, Marshall Shaw

Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary