

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **JUNE 11, 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, Bill Barker, Paul Winkler & Debbie Kilgore

Employees Present: Alisha Flanary & Ryan Dieterich

Visitors Present: Michael Baldwin, Linda Hogg, Glen Schraeder, Phyllis Koester, Tom Flanary, Kevin Wunderlich & Robin Winkler

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

Consent Items: Paul Winkler made a motion to approve all consent items: minutes from the 5/14/2024 & 6/4/2024 council meetings, payment of bills and payroll and acceptance of monthly financial reports. Debbie Kilgore seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Visitor's Comments: none

Power Outages: Michael Baldwin of Oncor was present to discuss power quality & reliability. He stated that this was an eventful year for storms, with record rainfall of 29.34 inches; with 15.2" in May and with 4" in January and April. He said that with the unusual number of severe storms and with high winds gusting up to 80 mph, there were some extended outages. Riesel had an outage of 9 hours & 20 minutes, but Waco saw an outage of more than 54 hours. He brought a list of all the outages for the last 2 years and there were many that were storm related and there were also several due to equipment or SCADA failures. He went on to answer questions about the Riesel "Switch" Station. He stated that the substation between Marlin & Otto had a switch malfunction, and the lead technician was on vacation, which also contributed to the recent outage problem. He spoke about a "storm mode" and about lights blinking quickly 3 times, which is a safety feature for their technicians to test lines. He said that there was a recent inspection of the lines and infrastructure serving the Riesel/Marlin area and they have identified problems, but repairs won't begin until 2025. He then spoke about Oncor's TEXT Alert System and said that the system had failures during that last big storm, and they were not able to relay complete information to customers about the ETOR (Estimated Time of Restoration). Mr. Baldwin left the meeting following his segment and a few minutes later, the power blinked off, for no apparent reason. There were no storms or bad weather anywhere in the area.

Drainage Rehab Project & Water/Wastewater Study: Discussion was to be held pertaining to authorizing city engineers to draft a proposal for a drainage rehab project and a possible Water/Wastewater Comprehensive Study, but engineers were not present at the meeting for discussion. Bobby Dieterich moved to table discussion on these matters. With a second from Paul Winkler, the motion passed unanimously.

Vehicle Policy: Debbie Kilgore made a motion to approve a Vehicle Usage Policy as presented. Ralph may seconded her motion and it passed unanimously.

Fireworks Ordinance: Council Members discussed pros and cons of regulating fireworks in the city limits. With differing opinions on the topic, a motion was made by Bobby Dieterich to table this item. Debbie Kilgore seconded that motion and it passed with four (4) AYES and one (1) NAY, by Ralph May.

Budget Calendar: Secretary Flanary and Council Members discussed a budget calendar for work sessions and special meetings

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 8:23 PM

Mayor, Jennifer Hogg

Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary