

CITY OF RIESEL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES ~ APRIL 10, 2012

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday **APRIL 10TH, 2012**, the Riesel City Council met in a REGULAR called session, 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: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Ross, presiding officer, at 6:31 p.m.

Council Members Present: Gerry Suttle, Deena Tobias, Tom Flanary, Jordan Doughty and Al Bumelis

Employees Present: Daryl Uptmore, Danny Krumnow, Pete Zuniga, Ryan Dieterich, Teresa Ellis and Alisha Flanary,

Visitors Present: Bryon Kohls, Judge Raymond Britton, Debra Haynes, Gary Shaw, Gary Bennett

Consent Items: A motion was made by Tom Flanary to approve consent items A, B, C & D (March 13th Minutes, Payment of Bills & Payroll & Income/Expense Report). Gerry Suttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Visitor's Comments: Judge Raymond Britton introduced himself as the Riesel Municipal Court Judge for over 20 years and went on to say that he had been told that Council was considering turning over the supervision of the court to the Chief of Police, Danny Krumnow. He stated that he had deep concerns about the city doing that and urged the Council to consult with their city attorney Mike Dixon or TMCEC attorneys before doing so. Britton stated that state statute requires a Separation of Powers between the Judicial Branch and Law Enforcement.

Debra Haynes presented a summation of the sewer rate proposals and stated that business and apartment rates should not be lower than residential rates and wanted to know why the power plant wasn't included in the rate study.

Gary Shaw requested that stop signs be put at all corners of Rattler & Little Rattler and spoke about issues with his property flooding.

Plant Update from Sandy Creek Fuel Manager Bryan Kohls - No accidents/OSHA violations to report. Approximately 300 people currently employed at plant and will be staffing up to 350. Demolition is continuing and new materials are being delivered. Projected completion date is April-May 2013. Kohls also stated that in effort to control the truck routes for deliveries, the SCCP is installing 3 signs to help prevent further problems.

Staff Briefing by Alisha Flanary – The city's server has had problems and the city's IT consultants recommend replacing it with a real dedicated server instead of using a pc workstation as a server. Teresa Ellis is in the process of building a procedures manual. High grass violation letters are being sent out to citizens in violation of city ordinance.

Gary Shaw addressed council with problems with his driveway being washed away every time it rains. He stated that ever since city installed a water line in the ditch, his property floods when it rains and he wants the city to come clean out the ditch. Daryl Uptmore stated that this is a county road and city has no authority to make changes, and that the problem lies with the topography of the land, but stated that he would contact Lester Gibson. Council took no action but agreed to call county officials and the management at the power plant.

Gary Bennett updated council on previously proposed housing subdivision plans and sewer line proposal. The subdivision is to be located behind the new baseball fields behind the elementary school and the housing subdivision will be called INDIAN TRAILS. Bennett informed the council that he plans to start the engineering and surveying and will come back to council with a more formal plan.

Reduced Speed Zone on Adams in front of Park – Tom Flanary made a motion to approve Ordinance #2012-01 establishing a reduced speed of 15 mph on Adams Street from Hwy 6 to Church Street. Deena Tobias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RMS WSC amendment – Tom Flanary made a motion to approve the addendum amending the water sale and purchase contract between RMS & the City of Riesel. Jordan Doughty seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

McLennan County Public Health District funding – Gerry Suttle made a motion to continue as a funding member for the McLennan County Public Health District at the rate of \$1.50 per person, based on Riesel's population of 1,007 citizens. Al Bumelis seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Utility Commission rates – Gerry Suttle made a motion to accept the 1.72% rate increase by the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Deena Tobias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sewer fund & Sewer Rates – Discussion was held to review several proposals. Tom Flanary made a motion to table the item until next month. Deena Tobias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Comp Time for Utility Superintendent – Al Bumelis made a motion to pay Daryl Uptmore 47.6 hours straight time for overtime accruals and to leave the remaining 40 hours on record to be used by the end of the year. Gerry Suttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Comp Time for Exempt Employees - Tom Flanary made a motion to eliminate comp time for exempt employees (department heads) and to instead pay them for 43 hours per week, regardless of how many hours of overtime worked. Al Bumelis seconded the motion. Motion failed to pass, with Two {2 }Nays (Gerry Suttle & Deena Tobias)and Two {2} Ayes (Al Bumelis & Tom Flanary) and One {1} Abstention (Jordan Doughty) which resulted in a tiebreaking vote with Mayor Ross voting Nay.

Policy Manual Revisions & Updates – Mayor Ross ordered a work session be scheduled for Wednesday April 25th, 2012 at 6:30 pm at Riesel City Hall to discuss the employee policy manual in detail.

On Call Officers – Mayor Ross and Council agreed this also should be discussed in greater detail as part of the work session pertaining to policy on April 25th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Began at 8:45 pm -

An Executive Session was held pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Government Code so that the City Council could deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, promotion, compensation/raises, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of, or to hear a complaint/grievance regarding Department Heads Danny Krumnow, Alisha Flanary & Daryl Uptmore. No action was taken during executive session.

Executive Session ended at 10:31pm.

Discussion/Action on subject of Executive Session: No Action Taken

With no further business and with no objection, the meeting adjourned at 10:34pm.

Dave Ross, Mayor

Attest: Alisha Flanary City Secretary