

BE IT REMEMBERED that on Tuesday, **JANUARY 6TH, 2015**, 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 Roger Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Council Members Present: Jeanne Lehrmann, Deena Tobias, Jeremy Rosas, Bobby Dieterich & Phyllis Koester

Employees Present: Alisha Flanary, Bill Shipp, Danny Krumnow

Visitors Present: Henry Witt III

Visitor's Comments: None

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Mayor's Report: nothing to report at this time

Utility Department Report: presented written monthly activity report, including the following: worked with painting contractor to repaint inside of pressure tank at Rattlesnake Well; Worked with Smith Pump to repair sub-monitor at Rattlesnake Well; Patched some potholes; Worked on shop area of Church Street plant; Worked with Kubitz's to make two water taps and repair one leak; Mowed; Read Meters; Constructed steel cage at to house Kawasaki Mule; Collected soil sample from irrigation field; Collected monthly bact. Samples; Repaired 3 meter leaks; Worked on locating and inspecting all water meters in the city; Installed speed limit signs on Charles Street; Routine operations & maintenance

City Secretary's Report: presented written monthly activity report including the following: Rcvd \$5,000 check from the Goodwill finance assistance deal; Meeting with Henry Witt III; PO sent to H&B Contractors for patchwork; Met with Judge Britton to discuss warrant collections and the Excess Hwy Fine report; Confirmed Mr. Russell's enrollment in animal control class in February; Worked with contractor in getting striping/hashmarks on highway; Reported street light outages; Rcvd documents from Susan Roth pertaining to the FHLM Feasibility Study; Completed HOTCOG Economic Development Study; Rcvd free bike racks from HOTCOG; Worked with realtor, attorney & property owners in filing of plat for the Bennett property on Highway 6; Updated monthly sales tax allocation chart; Researching grant opportunities; Document storage space is limited, may need to acquire more storage space; Rcvd replies from Attorney General opinion requests, confirming the right to withhold certain information from records requests.

Police Department Report: presented written report including the following: End of Year, 2014 totals- Case Reports filed = 305; Citation Count = 4308 (Krumnow-991, Zuniga 1,803, Dieterich 1,514); Warnings Written – 1,069 (Krumnow- 115, Zuniga 421, Dieterich 533); Outstanding Warrants at end of year – 3,218 totaling \$2,529,252.51

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Electricity Contract: Henry Witt III addressed the council as a representative from Texas Energy Aggregators and supplied a proposal for lowering the city's electric rate. He presented quotes from several different bidders, with TXU being the lowest.

Collaboration: Witt also informed the council that he is the Mayor Pro Tem at the City of Mart and wanted to discuss possible opportunities for collaboration between the two cities. He stated that Mart is in the process of trying to upgrade their lake and hope to be able to sell water in the future. He also mentioned possible collaboration with animal control services.

Rate Increase: Council discussed passing on garbage collection cost increases to customers. In December Progressive Waste raised the city's garbage collection rates by 2.18 percent.

Settlement: Discussion regarding a settlement offer from Oncor for \$132.00 for an over billed street light

Operator: Deena Tobias expressed her concerns in having an additional water/sewer operator as a backup.

Comp Time: Jeanne Lerhmann stated that comp time is something she will continue to research and will discuss at a later date

Street Repairs: Discussion was held pertaining to city wide street patchwork to be made by H&B, including damaged area of Sanders Lane where culvert was installed

Code Violations: Discussion was held regarding property violations at 504 E. Adams

Adjourn: With no further business and with no objections, Mayor Roger Fitzpatrick adjourned the meeting at 8:15PM.

Mayor, Roger Fitzpatrick

Attest: Alisha Flanary, City Secretary