

## RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01-23-A

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS, ORDERING A MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND PROVIDING ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THE CITY'S GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 6, 2023, FOR THE ELECTION OF MAYOR AND TWO CITY COMMISSIONER PLACES 1 AND 3 TO A TERM OF TWO YEARS; PROVIDING FOR EASTLAND COUNTY TO PERFORM ELECTION DUTIES FOR THE MAY 6, 2023 GENERAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City Charter, on May 6, 2023, there shall be elected the following officials for the City of Ranger, Texas (the "City"): Mayor, City Commissioner No. 1 and City Commissioner No. 3 to a term of two years;

**WHEREAS**, the Tex. Elec. Code is applicable to the election and this Resolution establishes procedures consistent with the Code, and designates the voting place for the election; and

**WHEREAS**, the City intends to contract with Eastland County (references to Eastland County shall include the Eastland County Elections Administrator) to conduct the City General Election (the "Interlocal Agreement") in accordance with *Tex. Elec. Code, Chapter 31* and *Tex. Gov't Code Chapter 791*;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS:**

**Section 1. General Election.** The General Election of the City shall be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023, to elect Mayor, City Commissioner No. 1 and City Commissioner No. 3 to serve a term of two (2) years each. Candidates at the election for the above offices shall file their application to become candidates with the City Secretary of the City, at City Hall, 400 West Main Street, Ranger, Texas, between 8:00 a.m. on January 18, 2023 through 5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2023. All applications for candidacy shall be on a form as prescribed by the Tex. Elec. Code. The order in which the names of the candidates for each office are to be printed on the ballot shall be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary.

**Section 2. Ballots.** Paper ballots and direct recording electronic voting machines shall be used for the election.

**Section 3. Printed Materials.** The official ballots, together with such other election materials as are required by the *Tex. Elec. Code*, as amended, shall be printed in both the English and Spanish languages and shall contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law.

**Section 4. Notice of Election.** Notice of the election shall be given in the manner as provided in the *Tex. Elec. Code*. A notice containing a substantial copy of this Resolution shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing body at the City Hall and at the aforesaid polling place not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election, and by

publishing said Notice of Election at least one time, not earlier than thirty (30) days nor later than ten (10) days prior to said election, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. The Mayor, or designee, shall give notice of this election in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Section, and the proper authority therefore shall issue all necessary orders and writs.

**Section 6. Election Precinct and Polling Places.** There shall be one election precinct for the election, which shall contain and include all the geographic area within the City. The polling place for such election precinct shall be at the Community Center, 718 Pine Street, Ranger, Texas. The polls shall remain open on the day of the election from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Section 7. Early Voting.** Eastland County will appoint the Election Judge and Clerk for Early Voting, and is hereby authorized to appoint Deputy Early Voting Clerks. Early Voting for the above designated election shall be at Community Center, 718 Pine Street, Ranger, Texas and said place of Early Voting shall remain open during City Secretary's regular business hours, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day for Early Voting which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or an official Holiday, beginning on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023 and continuing through the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023. Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: Summer Olvera, Joint Elections Administrator, 100 W. Main Street, Suite 104, Eastland, Texas 76448.

Early Voting by personal appearance shall be by the balloting method determined by the Eastland County Elections Administrator. The ballots shall be canvassed by an Early Ballot Board. It is hereby ordered that the Judges and Clerks appointed by Eastland County shall additionally serve as the Early Ballot Board.

**Section 8. Election Judges and Clerks.** Eastland County will designate and appoint election officers for the holding of said election.

The Alternate Presiding Judge, in the absence of the Presiding Judge, shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge in said election. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not more than four (4) qualified voters who are residents of the City of Ranger, Texas, to serve as Clerks in said election; the appointment of such clerks is to include the Alternate Presiding Judge, who, if present, shall be appointed and counted as one of the election clerks.

The rate of pay for the election judges and the clerks shall be paid according to the Interlocal Agreement.

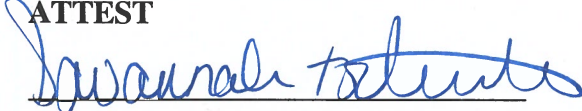
**Section 9. General.** The General Election shall be held in accordance with the *Tex. Elec. Code*, and only resident qualified voters of the City shall be eligible to vote at the election. Eastland County is hereby authorized and instructed to provide and furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct said election. Returns of the election shall be made known as soon as possible after the closing of the polls; and the election returns shall be canvassed by the City Council not earlier than May 9, 2023 nor later than May 17, 2023.

**Section 10. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

**AND, IT IS SO RESOLVED.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2023.

**ATTEST**

  
Savannah Fortenberry, City Secretary

**CITY OF RANGER, TEXAS**

  
John Casey, Mayor

