RESOLUTION NO. 20230214

A RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SINTON, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR BY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CALL A GENERAL ELECTION AS PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.01 OF THE CITY CHARTER; ORDERING A GENERAL CITY OFFICER'S ELECTION, TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF SINTON ON SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES AND APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR SUCH ELECTION; DIRECTING THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTION; DESIGNATING THE DATE FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION IF NEEDED; AND PROVIDING DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SINTON, TEXAS:

Section 1: It is hereby ordered that a Regular Election be held in and throughout the City of Sinton, Texas on the first Saturday in May, the 6th day of May, 2023, at which election the following officers shall be elected by the resident qualified voters in and for the said City of Sinton, to-wit:

POSITIONS

CITY COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 3
CITY COUNCILMEMBER PLACE 5

Section 2: The present boundaries of the City constituting one election precinct, the polls shall be open for voting from seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. until seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. at the following polling place, and the following are hereby appointed officers to conduct the election at said polling place:

POLLING PLACE

Sinton Community Center
1301 East Sinton Street
Sinton, Texas 78387

ELECTION OFFICERS

Pam Hill, Elections Administrator

The Election Judge shall be compensated at an hourly rate of $12.00; early voting clerks and election clerks shall be compensated at an hourly rate of $11.00 as provided by Title 3, Section 32.091(a) of the State Election Code. The Election Judge will receive an additional sum of $25 for picking up the election supplies prior to election day and for returning the supplies and equipment to the central counting station after the polls close. The City will pay for any required training of the City’s election judges and clerks and will be paid at the set hourly rates for training time.
**Section 3:** The City of Sinton and Sinton Independent School District will hold a Joint Election and both entities have contracted with San Patricio County for the May 6, 2023 Elections. The San Patricio County Election Administrator, Pam Hill, is hereby appointed the Early Voting Clerk.

The place for early voting for such election is hereby designated as:

**San Patricio County Elections Office**
410 West Market Street
Sinton, Texas 78387

The above-described place for early voting is also the clerk’s mailing address to which ballot applications and ballots voted by mail may be sent. The early voting clerk, in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, shall maintain a roster listing each person who votes early by personal appearance and each person to whom a ballot to be voted by mail is sent. The roster shall be maintained in a form approved by the Secretary of State.

**Section 4:** All ballots shall be prepared in accordance with Texas Election Code. Paper ballots shall be used for early voting by mail and the Hart Verity Voting System (Version 2.5) shall be used for early voting by personal appearance and voting on Election Day. The City Council hereby adopts for use in early and election day voting the Hart Verity Voting System (Version 2.5) as approved by the Secretary of State. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election, the purchase of materials therefore, and the employment of all election officials is hereby authorized.

**Section 5:** The Elections Administrator, Pam Hill, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct such election.

**Section 6:** Notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code. The Mayor shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such election, and returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary after the closing of the polls.

**Section 7:** Said election shall be held in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Section 11 of the Constitution of Texas, which provides that a municipality having terms exceeding two (2) years must fill any vacancy within 120 days after such vacancy occurs, the Texas Election Code and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended. Only duly qualified resident electors of the City of Sinton shall be qualified to vote.

**Section 8:** The first day to file an application for place on ballot is January 18, 2023. All candidates for election for the Office of City Councilmember Place 3 and City Councilmember Place 5 must file their names with the City Secretary of the City of Sinton, Texas, by 5:00 P.M. on February 17, 2023 in order for their names to be included on the Official Ballot.

**Section 9:** Should a Runoff Election be required; the terms of this Contract shall automatically extend unless the City of Sinton notifies the Elections Administrator in writing within 10 days of the original election.
**Section 10:** The City Secretary is hereby authorized and instructed to give Notice of said election as required by law.

**PASSED, APPROVED and RESOLVED** this 14th day of February 2023.

**ATTEST:**

Cathy Duhart, City Secretary
City of Sinton