

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-2024-01**

**AN RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) CITY COUNCILMEMBERS (PLACES 3, 4, AND 5) AT-LARGE; DESIGNATING LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES; ORDERING NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS PRESCRIBED BY LAW IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH ELECTION; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, JOHNSON AND ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT:**

**Section 1.** A General Election is hereby ordered for May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing Three (3) City Councilmembers (Places 3, 4, and 5) at-large, each such term being for a period of two (2) years. The filing period for the General Election shall begin on January 17, 2024, and ends on February 16, 2024, at 5 p.m. in accordance with State Law.

**Section 2.** Pursuant to the Joint Election Agreement, the Elections Administrator of Ellis County shall serve as Elections Administrator for the election. Presiding Election Judges and Alternate Presiding Election Judges appointed to serve the authorized polling places and the early voting clerk and deputy early voting clerks shall be those election officials furnished by the Elections Administrator from the list of proposed election judges as required in the Elections Services Contract. For the City of Venus, Johnson County residents the City Secretary is the early voting clerk. The City Administrator and City Secretary are hereby authorized to execute an Elections Services Contract with the Ellis County Elections Department for the General Election on May 4, 2024. The City Secretary shall have further authority to approve any minor modifications as may be necessary in the best interest of the City. A voting system or systems meeting the standards and requirements of the Texas Election Code, as amended, is hereby adopted, and approved for early voting by personal appearance and by mail and for election day voting.

**Section 3.** Notice of the General Election shall be posted on the bulletin board used to post notice of the City Council meetings and be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. That said Notice must be published at least once, not earlier than the 30th day nor later than the 10th day, before Election Day as provided in Section 4.003(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code. A copy of the published Notice that contains the name of the newspaper and the date of publication shall be retained as a record of such notice, and the person posting the Notice shall make a record of the time of posting, starting date, and the place of posting.

**Section 4.** The election officers and maximum number of clerks for said polling place shall be determined and appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Early voting by personal appearance for Johnson County voters shall also be conducted at the Venus Civic Center located at 210 S. Walnut Street, Venus, Texas 76084. Early voting hours shall be as follows:

**Early Voting Hours (Johnson County):**

Monday-Friday	April 22 – April 26, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 27, 2024	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday	April 29, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 30, 2024	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For Ellis County voters, the main voting location will be the Ellis County Woman’s Building (Davis Hall) 407 W. Jefferson Street, Waxahachie, Texas 75165, as well as other locations listed in Exhibit A. Early voting hours shall be as follows:

**Early Voting Hours (Ellis County):**

Monday – Friday	April 22 – April 26, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	April 27, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday – Tuesday	April 29 – April 30, 2024	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Early voting location and times may be changed, or additional early voting locations may be added by the City Secretary or Ellis County Elections Administrator without further action of the City Council or amendment to this Resolution, as is necessary for the proper conduct of the Election.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be received and processed by:

For Johnson County voters send to, Early Voting Clerk. P.O. Box 380, Venus, Texas 76084.

For Ellis County voters sent to, Jana Onyon, Early Voting Clerk, 204 E. Jefferson St. Waxahachie, TX 75165.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 23, 2024.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the election officers for the early voting ballot board for this election shall be appointed and designated in accordance with the provisions of the Contract.

**Section 5.** The City Secretary shall present the General Election returns to the City Council at a Council meeting for the canvassing of said election in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The candidate for three (3) City Councilmembers (Place 3, 4, and 5) at-large that receives a majority of valid votes by qualified voters at the election shall be declared elected.

**Section 6.** Eligible persons wishing to become candidates must file application with the City Secretary of the City of Venus, 700 W. U.S. Highway 67, Venus, Texas 76084, and may do so beginning on January 17, 2024, and continuing through February 16, 2024, until 5:00 p.m. Each application shall be on a form meeting the requirements of Section 141.031 of the Election Code.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENUS, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024.**

APPROVED:



Alejandro Galaviz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Callie Green, City Secretary