

**CITY OF THORNDALE
RESOLUTION NO. 21-01**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GENERAL (REGULAR) MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON *MAY 1, 2021*, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ***ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO COUNCIL MEMBERS*** BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF THORNDALE, TEXAS; AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION WITH THE THORNDALE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TO BE HELD ON *MAY 1, 2021*; AUTHORIZING THE CITY SECRETARY TO ARRANGE AN EQUITABLE BASIS FOR SHARING THE COSTS OF THE JOINT ELECTION; APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS; ESTABLISHING PAY RATES FOR ELECTION WORKERS; PROVIDING NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF VERITY TOUCH ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; ESTABLISHING TWO DAYS OF EXTENDED VOTING HOURS FOR EARLY VOTING; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THORNDALE:

Section 1. That a general (regular) municipal election is hereby ordered to be held on the *1st day of May, 2021*, for the purpose of *electing a mayor and two council members* by the qualified voters of the City of Thorndale.

Section 2. That the election be held jointly with the Thorndale Independent School District, pursuant to Section 271, Texas Election Code to minimize expenses and encourage greater voter participation, and that the mayor be authorized to sign an Interlocal Agreement for said joint election. The costs of said election are to be shared by the two governmental entities and the City Secretary is authorized to arrange the City's share of said costs on a fair and equitable basis.

Section 3. That the City Secretary shall serve as Early Voting Clerk for the City of Thorndale, and that Amber Robinson shall serve as the Joint Early Voting Clerk for the General Elections.

Section 4. The City Secretary is expressly authorized to obtain election supplies and equipment required by law and necessary to conduct said election.

Section 5. The office of the City Secretary shall perform all duties normally performed by the County Clerk in general elections with respect to early voting, giving notice of the election and preparing the official ballots.

Section 6. The voting location for the joint election of said City and School shall be at The Thorndale Senior Citizen's Center, 200 S. Cornelius, Thorndale, Texas. The polls for said election shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 7. The Election Officers shall be as follows:

Presiding Judge -	Judy Jordan
Alternate Judge -	Nell Caffey

In addition to these appointments, the presiding judge may appoint two clerks to assist in said election, provided, however, that at least one of the clerks is fluent in the Spanish language. All judges and appointed clerks shall serve as the Early Voting Ballot Board.

Section 8. The judges and clerks shall be compensated at the rate of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per hour. No judge or clerk shall be paid for more than one hour of work before the polls open and no period of time subsequent to two hours after voting is concluded by all voters offering themselves for voting during regular voting hours.

Section 9. In accordance with Section 123.001 of the Texas Election Code, the Hart Verity Touch with Access DRE, and Verity Controller version 2.0.3. voting System, approved by the Secretary of State on September 13, 2017, and is hereby adopted for the general elections.

Section 10. Early voting shall be conducted by the election officer at Thorndale Independent School District Administration Building, 300 North Main Street, Thorndale, Texas. The election officer may appoint election clerks to assist with early voting duties. Optical scan ballots shall be used for early voting by mail and Verity Touch voting machines shall be used for early voting by personal appearance. Early voting by personal appearance for the election shall commence on April 19, 2021 and end on April 27, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each weekday, except that on the third day of early voting (April 21, 2021) and the last day of early voting (April 27, 2021), voting hours for personal appearance shall be from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Section 11. That the mayor is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Kevin Terry to perform technical assistance and support for the May 1, 2021 Election.

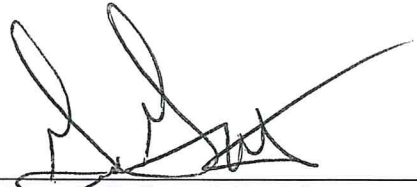
Section 12. That the mayor is hereby authorized to sign a contract with Milam County for use of Election Equipment to program ballots and tabulate results for the May 1, 2021 Election;

Section 13. The Milam County Clerks Office, 107 W. Main, Cameron, Texas is hereby established as the Central Counting Station where their equipment shall be used to receive and tabulate votes and ballots cast in said election.

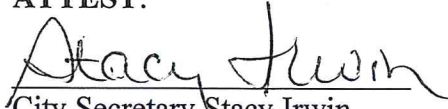
Section 14. Should any part, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase contained in this resolution be held to be unconstitutional or of no force and effect, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution, but in all respects said remaining portion shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 15. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED this, the 13th day of January, 2021, by a
vote of 5 (ayes) to 0 (nays) to 0 (abstentions) of the City Council of
Thorndale, Texas.


George Galbreath Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


City Secretary Stacy Irwin

