

ORDINANCE NO. 853

'CALLING THE MAY 4, 2024, GENERAL OFFICERS ELECTION'

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, TO ELECT FOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS; ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION PROCEDURE; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2024, there shall be elected the following officials for the City of Granite Shoals (the "City"): four City Council Members; and

WHEREAS the Texas Election Code is applicable to said election and this ordinance establishes procedures consistent with the Code, and designates the voting place for the election; and

WHEREAS, the City of Granite Shoals, Texas (hereinafter the "City") has made provision to contract with Burnet County to conduct the City's general election, pursuant to *Chapter 31, Tex. Elec. Code, and Chapter 791, Tex. Gov't Code* (the "Election Agreement" or "contract"), jointly with Marble Falls Independent School District and any other political subdivisions that hold elections on the same day in Precinct 3 and/or Precinct 18, as authorized in *Chapter 271, Tex. Elec. Code*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS

SECTION 1. The General Election of the City shall be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, to elect four (4) City Council Members; Place 2, Place 4, and Place 6, to serve a term of two (2) years each, and Place 1, to serve a one-year unexpired term. 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, 2221 N. Phillips Ranch Road, Granite Shoals, Texas 78654, between 8:30 a.m. on January 17, 2024, and 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2024. 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

Notice of the election shall be given and the election shall be held in compliance with the provisions of the *Tex. Elec. Code* in all respects. The ballots for the election shall comply with the *Tex. Elec. Code* and be in the form provided by the City to the Burnet County Elections Administrator for use on the voting devices and ballots used by Burnet County.

SECTION 3. The Burnet County Elections Administrator and his/her employees and appointees, and the election judges, alternate judges and clerks properly appointed for the election, shall hold and conduct the election in the manner provided by contract with the City and the law governing the holding of general elections by home rule cities of the State of Texas; and the official ballots, together with such other election materials as are required by the *Tex. Elec. Code*, shall be prepared in both the English and Spanish languages and shall contain such provisions, markings and language as is required by law.

SECTION 4. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, will be conducted by the Burnet County Elections Administrator who is designated and appointed as the Early Voting Clerk, in accordance with the *Texas Election Code*. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the times, places, and locations authorized by state law and the Burnet County Elections Administrator. Early voting shall commence on Monday, April 22, 2024, and continue through Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Early voting extended hours shall be held as established by Burnet County Elections Administrator.

SECTION 5. The election precincts for the election shall be the election precincts established by Burnet County, provided that each shall contain and include geographic area that is within the City. The polling place for each such election precinct shall be the polling place established by Burnet County for such election precincts in Burnet County and voting by residents of the City. The polls shall remain open on the day of the election from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The returns for precincts in Burnet County will be provided by precinct and the Burnet County Elections Administrator shall tabulate and provide the election returns for the election.

SECTION 6. The City Secretary, or designee, is instructed to aid the Burnet County Elections Administrator in the acquisition and furnishing of all election supplies and materials necessary to conduct the election as provided by the Election Agreement. The City Secretary is further authorized to give or cause to be given notices required for the election, and to take such other and further action as is required to conduct the election in compliance with the *Tex. Elec. Code* and *City Charter*; provided that, pursuant to the Election Agreement between Burnet County and the City, the Burnet County Elections Administrator shall have the duty and be responsible for organizing and conducting the election in compliance with the *Tex. Elec. Code*; and for providing all services specified to be provided in the Election Agreement. The Burnet County Elections Administrator shall give the notices required by the *Tex. Elec. Code* to be given for the election not required to be given by the City under the Election Agreement.

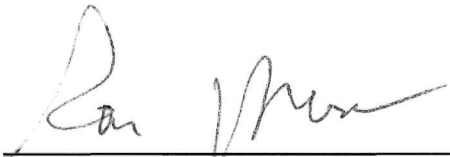
SECTION 7. The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks for the election shall be selected and appointed by Burnet County and its appointees in compliance with the requirements of state law, and such judges and clerks so selected by Burnet County and its appointees are hereby designated and appointed by the city council as the election officers, judges and clerks, respectively, for the holding of said general election. The presiding judges, alternate presiding judges and clerks shall perform the functions and duties of their respective positions that are provided by state law. The city council will further confirm the election judges and alternate election judges that are appointed by Burnet County for the election.

SECTION 8. Notice of the election shall be given by posting a notice containing a substantial copy of this ordinance on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the governing body at the City Hall and at the aforesaid election day polling places not later than the twenty-first (21st) day before the election, and by publishing said Notice of Election twice, not earlier than thirty (30) days nor later than ten (10) days prior to said election, in the official newspaper of the City. The notice that is posted, and the notice that is published in a newspaper of general circulation within the city, will be written in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 9. The election shall be held and conducted by the Burnet County Elections Administrator in compliance with state law and the Election Agreement and this Ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after its passage on the date shown below.

SECTION 10. It is hereby officially found and determined that this meeting was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, *Chapter 551, Texas Government Code*.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13th day of February 2024.



Ron Munos, Mayor

ATTEST:


Dawn Wright, City Secretary

