RESOLUTION NO. 002-2023

AN RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2023 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE PERSON TO SERVE AS CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT ONE AND ONE PERSON TO SERVE AS CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT THREE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; DESIGNATING SEVERAL POLLING PLACES WITHIN THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE NOTICE AND HAVE THE NOTICE POSTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OF SAID ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. A General Election shall be held on the 6th day of May, 2023 for the purpose of electing of electing one person to serve as City Council Member for District One and one person to serve as City Council Member for District Three in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas and the Charter of the City of Big Spring, Texas, and the manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State regulating general elections, the City Charter, and this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Each candidate shall make application in writing to the City Secretary for the candidate's name to appear on the official ballot no later than 5:00 p.m. of the sixty-second (62nd) before election day but no earlier than the thirtieth (30th) day before the date of the filing deadline, as required by sections 1.007 and 143.007 of the Texas Election Code. The application shall clearly designate the residence address of the candidate. Each candidate must reside in the city limits of the City of Big Spring. A candidate for City Council District One (1) must reside within District One (1) and shall have been a resident citizen of the City of Big Spring District One (1) for a period of one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election at required by Art. IV, Sec. 5 of the City Charter. A candidate for City Council District Three (3) must reside within District Three (3) and shall have been a resident citizen of the City of Big Spring (District 5) for a period of one (1) year immediately preceding the date of the election as required by Art. IV, Sec. 5 of the City Charter.

SECTION 3. Only qualified electors under the general laws of the state who reside in the City District One (1) shall be qualified to vote for the office of City District One (1); and only qualified electors under the general laws of the state who reside in the City District Three (3) shall be qualified to vote for the office of District Three (3).

SECTION 4. Voting by personal appearance during early voting and on election day shall be by a ballot scanning system, DRE (Direct Recording Electronic) System for curbside voting and by official paper ballot for early voting by mail and for provisional ballots. Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at Howard County Courthouse located at 300 S. Main. Early voting will be held on weekdays beginning April 24, 2023 and ending May 2, 2023. The

early voting polling place shall be open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2023 and Tuesday, May 2, 2023 and from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all other days.

SECTION 5. The polling places on election day will be at the following vote center locations:

Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

1001 Birdwell Lane

Ryan Hall

605 North Main

First Baptist Church

705 W. FM 700

Coahoma Community Center

306 North Ave.

Coahoma, TX

The polling places shall be open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 6. Mayor Robert H. Moore III is hereby authorized to execute and have posted notice of said election in accordance with the law.

SECTION 7. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section be declared unconstitutional or invalid by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, said unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED on first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on the **10**th day of **January**, **2023**, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" for passage of same.

PASSSED AND APPROVED on second and final reading at a regular meeting of the City Council on the <u>24th</u> day of **January**, <u>2023</u>, with all members of the Council present voting "aye" for passage of same.

Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tami L. Davis, City Secretary