## **RESOLUTION NO. 004-2025**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 3, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE PERSON TO SERVE AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING AND ONE PERSON TO SERVE AS CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT FIVE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; DESIGNATING SEVERAL POLLING PLACES; 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2025 for the purpose of electing of electing one person to serve as Mayor of the City of Big Spring and one person to serve as City Council Member for District Five 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 (62<sup>nd</sup>) before election day but no earlier than the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) 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 Mayor may reside anywhere within the city limits shall have been a resident citizen of the City of Big Spring 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 Five (5) must reside within District Five (5) and shall have been a resident citizen of the City of Big Spring District Five (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 of Big Spring city limits shall be qualified to vote for the office of Mayor; and only qualified electors under the general laws of the state who reside in the City District Five (5) shall be qualified to vote for the office of District Five (5).

**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 the Election Center for Howard County located at 2006 FM 700. Early voting will be held on weekdays beginning April 21, 2025 (12<sup>th</sup> day before election day but due to San Jacinto Day being a legal holiday, early voting will not be conducted

on this date early voting will **begin on April 22, 2025**) and ending April 29, 2025 (4<sup>th</sup> day before election day). The early voting polling place shall be open to the public from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025 and Tuesday, April 29, 2025 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

Sand Springs Baptist Church

Coahoma Community Center 306 North Ave

201 East 24<sup>th</sup> Street

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 **28**th day of **January**, **2025**, with all members 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>11<sup>th</sup></u> day of <u>February</u>, <u>2025</u>, with all members present voting "aye" for passage of same.

Robert H. Moore III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tami L. Davis, City Secretary