

**CITY OF HEMPHILL, TEXAS**

**RESOLUTION #2020-002**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPHILL, TEXAS, ORDERING THAT THE GENERAL ELECTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020, BE POSTPONED TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020; MAKING FINDINGS RELATED THERETO; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 13, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas certified that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster and, under the authority vested in the Governor by Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code, declared a state of disaster in every county in the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 18, 2020, the Governor issued a Proclamation, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, suspending certain sections of the Texas Election Code, among others, to allow political subdivisions of the State that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to postpone general and special elections to the next uniform election date, November 3, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about February 11, 2020, the City adopted Resolution #2020-001 which ordered a general election for Saturday, May 2, 2020, to elect a Mayor, Alderman Place #4, and Alderman Place #5.

**WHEREAS**, it is pursuant to the authority of the Governor's March 13, 2020, disaster declaration and the March 18, 2020, proclamation that this Resolution is adopted; *i.e.*, to postpone the City Council general election in the City from Saturday, May 2, 2020, to Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPHILL, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1**

All of the above findings are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2**

The general election scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2020, to elect a **Mayor, Alderman Place #4, and Alderman Place #5** to the Hemphill City Council is hereby postponed until Tuesday, November 3, 2020, pursuant to the authority referenced in the Preamble to this Resolution, and it is hereby so ordered.

### SECTION 3

Pursuant to Election Advisory No. 2020-12, issued by the Texas Secretary of State's Office on or about March 18, 2020, this Order also makes the following findings, and incorporates them by reference into this Resolution: (1) all candidate filings for the May 2, 2020, general election shall remain valid for the November 3, 2020, general election; (2) the filing period will not be re-opened for the November 3, 2020, general election; (3) all applications for a ballot by mail for voters who are voting by mail due to being over the age of 65 or due to disability will remain valid for the postponed election, whereas all applications for a ballot by mail based upon a voter's expected absence from the county will not be valid for the postponed election; and (4) the major relevant dates for the November 3, 2020, general election are as follows: deadline for registration to vote in the November 3, 2020, election—October 5, 2020; the deadline to submit an application for a ballot by mail—October 23, 2020; and early voting—October 19, 2020, through October 30, 2020.

### SECTION 4

This Resolution shall become effective from and after its passage.

**DULY PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HEMPHILL, TEXAS, ON THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020.**

  
Robert Hamilton, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Kelli Beall, City Secretary/Accountant

