

ORDINANCE NO. 1141

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER PLACE TWO TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM; ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING COUNCILMEMBERS FOR PLACE THREE AND PLACE FOUR; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION ACCORDING TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF LAW; PROVIDING THAT THE ELECTION BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2023; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF AN APPROPRIATE ELECTION NOTICE HEREAFTER; AND OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT TO AND RELATED TO THE PURPOSE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Texas Local Government Code Sec. 22.010(b), a person appointed to fill a vacancy serves until the next regular municipal election;

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the City Council call a special election to fill the unexpired term as Mayor and councilmember Place 2;

WHEREAS, the terms of office of councilmembers for Place 3 and Place 4 expire on May 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the City Council call a general election to fill the positions of the two councilmembers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. THAT in accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, a Special and General Election is hereby called and ordered for the first Saturday in May 2023, the same being the 6th day of said month, at which general election all qualified voters of the City may vote for the purpose of electing the following officials of the City:

Mayor – unexpired term to end in May 2024
Councilmember, Place No. Two– unexpired term to end in May 2024
Councilmember, Place No. Three - two-year term to ending in May 2025
Councilmember, Place No. Four - two-year term to ending in May 2025

SECTION 2. THAT the election shall be conducted at the North Central Texas College located at 928 Cherry St., in Graham, Texas and all persons qualified to vote in the City of Graham under the election laws of the State of Texas shall be allowed to vote therein. Said election shall be held and the polling places shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

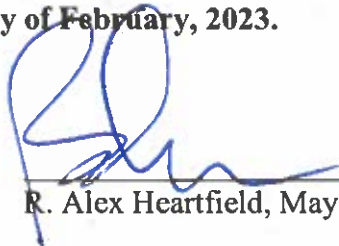
SECTION 3. THAT notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Graham by publication of a Notice of Election as required by Chapter 4 of the Texas Election Code at least once not earlier than the 30th day or later than the 10th day before the election day. In addition, notice of the election shall be posted as required by the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 4. THAT early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at North Central Texas College Auditorium at 928 Cherry Street, Graham, Texas 76450 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from April 24, 2023 to April 28, 2023 and between the hours and 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on May 1, 2023 and May 2, 2023.

SECTION 5. THAT applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed (or by fax to 940-221-2104) to Kaitlyn Mosley, 516 Fourth Street, Room B1, Graham, Texas 76450. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than close of business on April 25, 2023.

SECTION 6. The City Secretary is authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with the Young County Elections Administrator for election services, e.g., for equipment, services, personnel and/or other duties, related to the May 6, 2023 election, consistent with this Ordinance and as allowed by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of February, 2023.



R. Alex Heartfield, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:



Marci Bueno, City Secretary