

ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAGNOLIA, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE HOLDING OF A GENERAL ELECTION ON MAY 2, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) COUNCILMEMBERS; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES AND APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR SUCH ELECTION; PROVIDING THE FORM OF THE BALLOTS AT SUCH ELECTION; DIRECTING THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTION; AND CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

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WHEREAS, the City of Magnolia, Texas (the “City”) pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas, as amended, is required or permitted to hold a general election by State Law on the uniform election date of the first Saturday of the month of May in 2020 to elect a Mayor and Councilpersons whose terms are expiring;

WHEREAS, by state law the uniform election date for the month of May 2020 falls on May 2, 2020, and there is therefore required to be elected, on May 2, 2020, the following officials and one proposition for the City

Mayor for a two-year term ending May 2022; and
Council Position 4, for a two-year term ending May 2022; and
Council Position 5, for a two-year term ending May 2022; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapters 31 and 271 of the Texas Election Code the City is authorized to enter into joint election agreement with the Magnolia Independent School District and contracts for election services and election agreement with Montgomery County and the City has entered into said agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Magnolia, Texas and Suzie Harvey, Election Administrator for Montgomery, County, Texas, hereinafter called “Administrator” have determined it would be in the best interest of Montgomery County and the inhabitants thereof, that provisions be made for Administrator to help conduct the City General Election on May 2, 2020 and the City enter into a Joint Election Agreement with the Magnolia Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to proceed with the ordering of such general election on Saturday, May 2, 2020, which is a uniform election date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAGNOLIA, TEXAS:

Section 1. The facts and opinions in the preamble to this Ordinance are true and correct.

Section 2. The attached Election Order (Exhibit “A”) is herein adopted, which declares and orders that a general election (the “General Election”) be held in and throughout the City of Magnolia on Saturday, May 2, 2020, to elect persons to the Office of Mayor and Council Positions 4 and 5, for a two-year term.

Section 3. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are herein repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

DULY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAGNOLIA, TEXAS ON THIS 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020.



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Todd Kana, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynne George", written over a horizontal line.

Lynne George, TRMC, CPM
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leonard Schneider
City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"

ELECTION ORDER

Section 1. In accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, a General Municipal Election is hereby called and ordered for the first Saturday in May 2020, the same being the 2nd day of said month. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the election ballots and provide and furnish all necessary election supplies, including bilingual forms, to conduct the General Election in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Constitution and Texas Election Code. On such election ballot, the qualified voters of the City may vote for the purpose of electing the following officials of the City:

Mayor (for a two year term to end in May 2022)
Councilmember, Position No. 4 (for a two year term to end in May 2022)
Councilmember, Position No. 5 (for a two year term to end in May 2022)

Section 2. No person's name shall be placed upon the official ballot as a candidate for any of the above-mentioned positions unless such person has filed his or her sworn application, as provided by Section 141.031 of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE, with the City Secretary of the City at the City Offices not later than five o'clock (5:00) p.m. on the sixty-second (62nd) day before the date of such election, said date being February 14, 2020. The City Secretary shall note on the face of each such application the date and time of its filing. Such application shall include the office the candidate is seeking and, if applicable, the position number of such position. The first day to file an application for a place on the ballot is January 15, 2020. The last day to file an application for a place on the ballot is February 14, 2020.

Section 3. It is further ordered that on the General Election be held in the City of Magnolia, Texas, on the 2nd day of May 2020.

Section 4. The present boundaries of the City constituting one election precinct, the polls shall be open for voting from seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. until seven o'clock (7:00) p.m. at the following polling places, and the following are hereby appointed officers to conduct the above-described election at said polling places:

POLLING PLACES:

Magnolia Community Center
422 Melton St.
Magnolia, TX 77354

West Mo. Co. Comm. Dev. Center
31355 Friendship Dr.-Green Room
Magnolia, TX 77355

Magnolia High School
14350 FM 1488
Magnolia, TX 77354

ELECTION OFFICERS

_____, Presiding Judge

_____, Alternate Presiding Judge

The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of this Ordinance to each judge as written notice of the appointment as required by Section 32.009 of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE.

The Presiding Judge shall have the authority to appoint no more than five (5) clerks to assist in the holding of said election, but in no event shall the Presiding Judge appoint less than two (2) clerks.

Section 6. The Montgomery County Elections Administrator is hereby appointed as early voting clerks for early voting; the appointment of a deputy clerk or clerks for early voting by the joint early voting clerks shall be in accordance with Section 83.031 *et seq.* of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE. The City adopts the designated May 2, 2020 Joint Election Early Voting Locations listed in the attached Exhibit "A" to this Order and further adopts any amendments or additions to Joint Election Early Voting Locations by the Montgomery County Elections Administrator and the early voting dates and times are designated and listed in the attached Exhibit "A" for each early voting location all pursuant to the contract for election services with Montgomery County.

The Montgomery County Elections Administrator is hereby appointed as the Regular Early Voting Clerk to receive ballot by mail applications. The appointment of a deputy clerk or clerks for early voting by the County Elections Administrator shall be in accordance with Section 83.031 *et seq.* of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE. The address of the Early Voting Clerk is:

Mailing Address: Suzie Harvey, Elections Administrator
P. O. Box 2646
Conroe, TX 77305-2646

Email: election.ballot@mctx.org *

Fax: (936)788-8340 *

*For an application for Ballot by mail submitted by fax or email to be effective, the application also must be submitted by mail and be received not later than the fourth business day after it is received by fax or email.

Physical Address for Carrier Delivery: Suzie Harvey, Elections Administrator
9159 Airport Road
Conroe, TX 77303

The Early Voting Clerk, in accordance with the provisions of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE, shall maintain a roster listing each person who votes early by personal appearance and each person to whom a ballot to be voted by mail is sent. The roster shall be maintained in a form approved by the Secretary of State.

Section 7. That the Montgomery County Elections Administrator shall receive applications by mail for a ballot to be voted by mail from January 1, 2020 until the close of business on April 21, 2020. Requests for applications should be mailed to: Suzie Harvey, Elections Administrator, P. O. Box 2646, Conroe, Texas 77305-2646. All ballot by mail applications received by the Early Voting Clerk must be hand delivered or faxed to the Montgomery County Elections Officer on the day of receipt and the original application mailed or delivered to the Montgomery County Elections Officer. The Montgomery County Elections Officer will process applications, mail ballots, and tabulate.

Section 8. Pursuant to the Election Services Agreement with Montgomery County, Texas the Presiding Judge, alternate judges and other election officials will either be appointed by the Montgomery County Commissioner's Court or alternatively the Presiding Judge, alternate judges and other election officials that are recommended by the Elections Administrator of Montgomery County are hereby appointed by the City.

Section 9. All ballots shall be prepared in accordance with the TEXAS ELECTION CODE. Early voting by personal appearance shall be by Direct Recording Electronic voting machines in accordance with Section 61.012 of the Texas Election Code. Voting by personal appearance on election day shall be by Direct Recording Electronic voting machines in accordance with Section 61.012 of the Texas Election Code. Early voting by a method other than by personal appearance shall be by paper ballot. All expenditures necessary for the conduct of the election and the purchase of materials therefore is hereby authorized. Compensation of all election officials is hereby established at the maximum amounts permitted under Section 32.091 *et seq.*, TEXAS ELECTION CODE.

Section 10. The City Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to furnish all necessary election supplies to conduct such election.

Section 11. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes in each of the positions to be filled at such election shall be declared elected to such positions.

Section 12. The order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the general election, and the order in which the names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the special election, shall be determined by a drawing by the City Secretary, as provided by Section 42.094 of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE. The City Secretary shall post a notice in her office of the date, hour, and place of drawing. Such notice shall remain posted continuously for seventy-two (72) hours immediately preceding the scheduled time of the drawing, and personal notice shall also be given to any candidate who makes written request for such notice and furnishes to the City Secretary a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Each candidate involved in the drawing, or a representative designated by him/her, shall have a right to be present and observe the drawing.

Section 13. Notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the TEXAS ELECTION CODE and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said Code. The Mayor shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such election, and returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary immediately after the closing of the polls.

Section 14. Said election shall be held in accordance with the TEXAS ELECTION CODE and the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended.

Section 15. It is further found and determined that in accordance with the order of this governing body the City Secretary posted written notice of the date, place and subject of this meeting on the bulletin board located in the City Hall, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public, and such notice having been so posted and remaining posted continuously for at least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of such meeting. A copy of the return of such posting shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting and shall be made a part thereof for all intents and purposes.

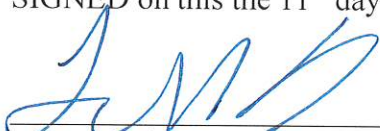
Section 16. That the Mayor and/or the City Secretary of the City of Magnolia are hereby authorized to execute and/or issue, for an on behalf of the City, such orders, documents and forms as may, from time to time, be promulgated by the Secretary of State of the State of Texas in conjunction with the election herein ordained.

Section 17. If any person or persons appointed herein do not appear, are unable to perform their duties, or fail to perform their duties, the Mayor shall have the discretion and authority to appoint any substitute personnel to fill the position(s).

Section 18. The Mayor and/or the City Secretary and the attorney for the City are hereby authorized and directed to make any filings required by the Federal Voting Rights Act. The Mayor and/or the City Secretary and the attorney for the City are further authorized and directed to take any action necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Elections Code, the Federal Voting Rights Act and the terms and provisions of the Election Services Contract and the Joint Election Agreement in carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

Section 19. The City Secretary and Mayor are hereby authorized to perform all duties and take all actions as required by both the joint election agreement with the Magnolia Independent School District and the contracts for election services and election agreement with Montgomery County.


SIGNED on this the 11th day of February 2020.




Mayor Todd Kana



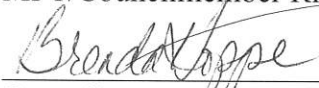
Councilmember Daniel Miller



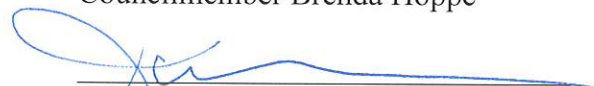
Councilmember Matthew Dantzer



MPT/Councilmember Rick Carby

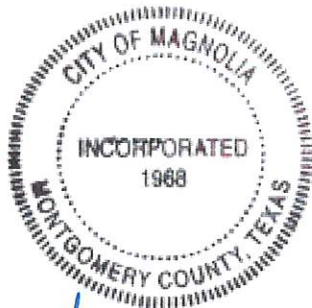


Councilmember Brenda Hoppe



Councilmember Jonny Williams

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th day of February 2020.




CITY OF MAGNOLIA, TEXAS



Todd Kana, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lynne George, CPM, TRMC
City Secretary