

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date:**

TO: David A. Vela, Interim City Manager

FROM: Danette Dunlap, City Secretary

SUBJECT: Resolution Ordering a Special Election to fill a vacancy to be held on January 13, 2015

GENERAL INFORMATION

With the resignation of Councilwoman Miller, Place 6 the City Charter states that all vacancies of the council must be filled by election pursuant to Article XI, Section 11 of the Texas Constitution.

Taylor County has introduced "Vote Centers" for the November Election and will be making application to the Secretary of State to continue using vote centers for the upcoming Special Election. Election Day voting will be held on Tuesday January 13th and we will use the County's 16 vote centers located in the City of Abilene.

Kristi Allyn Taylor County Elections Administrator and I have visited on early voting locations and we are suggesting utilizing the Elections Office and City Hall only for the week of early voting. We have in the past reduced the locations for early voting when holding runoff elections and special called elections by the City and or the Governor.

First day to file for a place on the ballot will be: October 24th 2014
Last day to file for a place on the ballot will be: November 13th 2014 at 5:00 pm

STAFF RECOMMENDATION – Staff recommends approval of the Resolution

FUNDING IMPACT – We will bring the contract with the Taylor County Elections Office to the next regular Council meeting in November, along with an estimate of expenses.

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

Prepared by:

Name: Danette Dunlap

Title: City Secretary

Item No. 6.3

Disposition by City Council

- Approved Ord/Res# _____
- Denied
- Other

City Secretary

RESOLUTION -2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, ON JANUARY 13, 2015, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR CITY COUNCIL PLACE 6 TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF AN UNEXPIRED TERM

WHEREAS, on October 9th City Council Place 6 became vacant with the resignation of the council member; and

WHEREAS, the unexpired remainder of the term is 14 months; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Charter of the City of Abilene and in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, the City Council hereby orders that a special election be held on Tuesday January 13, 2015, as authorized by Section 9 of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, Candidates may file an application for a place on the special election ballot commencing on October 24th, in the City Secretary's Office, located in the Municipal Building, 555 Walnut Street, Abilene, Texas. The filing deadline is 5 p.m. on November 13, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City will contract with the Taylor County Election Administrator to conduct the City of Abilene Special Called Election; and,

WHEREAS, the Taylor County Election Administrator will recommend for appointment by the City the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Manager of Central Counting, Tabulation Supervisor, Judge of Central Counting Station, Judge of Early Ballot Board and Assistants at a later date.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

Part 1. An election is hereby ordered to be held on January 13, 2015.

Part 2. All qualified voters of the City of Abilene may vote for the purpose of electing a council member for City Council Place 6 to serve the remainder of an unexpired term until the regular City Council election in May 2015.

Part 3. The voters will utilize the Taylor County Vote Centers on election day January 13, 2015.

LOCATIONS OF VOTE CENTERS

Vote Centers	Location	Address
Abilene City Hall	555 Walnut Street	Abilene, TX 79604
Church of Christ	(So. 11th & Willis) 3333 South 11th Street	Abilene, TX 79605
Cobb Park Recreation Center	2302 State Street	Abilene, TX 79603
Hillcrest Church of Christ	650 E. Ambler Avenue	Abilene, TX 79601
Johnston Elementary School	3602 North 12th Street	Abilene, TX 79603
Kmart	4565 South 1st Street	Abilene, TX 79605
Lytle South Baptist Church	1125 E. Industrial Blvd.	Abilene, TX 79602
New Beginnings United Pentecostal Church	5535 Buffalo Gap Road	Abilene, TX 79606
Sears Park Recreation Center	2250 Ambler Avenue	Abilene, TX 79603
Southern Hills Church of Christ	3666 Buffalo Gap Road	Abilene, TX 79605
Southwest Park Baptist Church	2901 South 20th Street	Abilene, TX 79605
Taylor County Plaza	400 Oak Street	Abilene, TX 79602
Thomas Elementary School	1240 Lakeside Drive	Abilene, TX 79602
Westminster Presbyterian Church	4515 South 14th Street	Abilene, TX 79605
Whitten Inn	1625 E. Interstate 20	Abilene, TX 79601
Zion Lutheran Church	2801 Antilley Road	Abilene, TX 79606

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted by the Taylor County Elections Office each weekday in the Taylor County Plaza, 400 Oak Street, Abilene, Texas, from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm, January 5, 2015, through January 9, 2015, and from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm on January 8, 2015.

Early branch voting each weekday at Abilene City Hall, 555 Walnut Street from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm beginning January 5 and ending January 9, 2015.

Applications for mail ballots must be received by 5:00 pm, January 5, 2015, addressed to Kristi Allyn, Taylor County Election Administrator, P. O. Box 3318, Abilene, Texas 79604.

That this Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as indicated below.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Abilene on the 23rd day of October, 2014.

ATTEST:

CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR

APPROVED:

CITY ATTORNEY