

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS AUTHORIZING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT AND CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH TAYLOR COUNTY FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, the City Council has ordered a general election to be held Saturday, May 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the general election is for the purpose of electing members to City Council Places 1 and 2; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Abilene City Council to continue contractual services with Taylor County for the administration of its general election as done in the past; and

WHEREAS, Taylor County has been approved by the Secretary of State to utilize countywide polling places, which serves as a further convenience to City of Abilene qualified voters to vote at any of the authorized locations for both election day and early voting; and

WHEREAS, Taylor County shall be responsible for the appointment of the presiding judge and alternate judge for each polling location in accordance with Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code and may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the election; and

WHEREAS, Taylor County may appoint other deputy early voting clerks to assist in the conduct of early voting as necessary pursuant to Section 83.052 of the Texas Election Code for the proper administration of the election; and

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

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services with Taylor County, approved as to form by the City Attorney, for a general election to be held Saturday, May 1, 2021, to be administered by the Taylor County Elections Administrator in accordance with Subchapter D of Chapter 31 and Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.

That the contract will provide that the Elections Administrator is to perform or supervise the performance of any or all of the corresponding duties and functions for the election as required under the terms of the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services.

That the City of Abilene shall have the option of extending the terms of this agreement through its runoff election, if applicable, and in the event of such a runoff election, the terms of this agreement shall automatically extend unless the City notifies the Elections Administrator in writing within 10 days of the original election.

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 11th day of February, 2021.

ATTEST:



CITY SECRETARY

MAYOR

APPROVED:



CITY ATTORNEY