



**City Council Agenda
January 18, 2024**

Ordinance

Action Item

Agenda Description:

Discuss, consider, and possible action on a Ordinance ordering a General Election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024 for the purpose of electing a Council Member Place 4 and a Council Member Place 6 for a Three (3) Year Term. (Staff Resource: A. Holloway)

Background Information:

In accordance with the Texas Election Code Section 3.004 (a)(3), the “governing body must order the City’s General Election. The attached Ordinance provides the opportunity for the Mayor and Council to order the General Election to be held on May 4, 2024. The position of City Council Place 4 and City Council Place 6 will be on the ballot for a three (3) year term.

The Texas Education Code requires that the school district conduct their elections for **trustees** “jointly” with the City. To satisfy the requirement, we simply must have a common polling place on election day.

The School Board Trustee election (the “general” election) is the only election that impacts the analysis, and our polling place on election day is the only location effected. Our bond and their bond are considered “special” elections. As long as the school district general election fields trustee candidates, the school district must glom on to our election day polling location. If no school board candidates, then no school district general election, and their bond election is not required to share our polling location. If no contenders file applications to be placed on the ballot for Joshua City Council and we cancel our general election, our bond election (special election) must still share election day locations with a school board trustee election.

Financial Information:

Currently there is \$20,000.00 budgeted for Elections.

City Contact and Recommendations:

Alice Holloway, City Secretary

Attachments:

1. Ordinance