

ORDINANCE NO: 02062023

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMETA ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE 06TH DAY OF MAY, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THREE (3) AT-LARGE COUNCILMEMBERS; MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF SUCH ELECTION ACCORDING TO APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF AN APPROPRIATE ELECTION NOTICE HEREAFTER; AND OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT TO AND RELATED TO THE PURPOSE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the terms of office of for the three (3) at-large Councilmember positions held by James Dixon, Johnny Towerton and Ronnie Cartwright, respectively, are set to expire on May 6, 2023; and

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

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

SECTION 1. THAT a General Election be held on May 6, 2023, which date is the uniform date available for municipal elections for which sufficient time elapses for the holding of an election after passage of this Ordinance. Said election shall be held to elect three (3) at-large Councilmembers. A candidate's application for a place on the ballot for the General Election of city officers must be filed by 5:00 p.m., on February 17, 2023.

SECTION 2. THAT the City Secretary is hereby ordered and directed to prepare and issue ballots for said election and mark the same as "Official Ballot." Said ballots shall be printed in English and Spanish for use in said election. The City Secretary shall furnish election officials said ballots and voting equipment, together with any forms, blanks or instructions in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Texas Election Code and laws of the State of Texas, as applicable.

SECTION 3. THAT an election be held to elect three (3) at-large councilmembers to fill expired terms.

SECTION 4. THAT the polling place for the General Election shall be at the Justice of Peace, Camron Brister's office located at 200 N. 4th Street, Lometa, Texas 76853. The polling place shall be kept open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day May 6, 2023, and due return shall be made to the City Council showing the number of votes cast for each candidate for membership on the City Council.

SECTION 5. THAT notice of posting and publishing of said election shall be in accordance with the Texas Election Code and this Ordinance to which notice of the election shall be given by: (1) publishing notice of the lection in English and Spanish, at least once, not earlier than the 30th day nor later than the 10th day before election day, in a newspaper of general circulation in the said City; and (2) not later than the 21st day before the election day, by posting notice of the election, English and Spanish, on the City's bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the Lometa City Council.

SECTION 6. THAT the Presiding Judge of said election shall serve as the Presiding Officer of the Early Voting Ballot Board in accordance with the Texas Election Code. The presiding judge shall appoint no more than two (2) qualified election clerks to serve and assist in conducting said election, providing that, if the Presiding Judge actually serves as expected, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall be one of such clerks.

SECTION 7. THAT early voting by personal appearance shall commence on the 24th day of April, 2023 and shall conclude on the 02nd day of May, 2023, and be conducted at Lometa ISD Administration building located at 100 N. 8th St., Lometa, Texas 76853, weekdays, other than ISD and City holidays, during the regular hours of business, which are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Extended early voting hours will be on April 24, 2023 and May 1, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

SECTION 8. THAT applications for ballot by mail may be accepted beginning the 01st day of January, 2023 and concluding at close of business on the 25th day of April, April 25, 2023. Applications by mail for ballot by mail shall be mailed to the City Secretary, Elizabeth Lambert at 100 E San Saba St., Lometa, TX 76853. The City Secretary shall also serve as the early voting clerk, unless the early voting clerk's position is being served by the Lampasas County Clerk, Lampasas County Elections Administrator or someone designated by Lampasas County in accordance with Chapter 83 of the Elections Code.

SECTION 9. THAT the way and manner of holding said election, the notice to be given therefor, the polling places, the personnel and the officers who are to hold the same, and all details connected with the holding of the election shall be provided for and arranged by the City Secretary. Any omission or irregularity in the notice of election or in the publication or posting of the notice of election, or in the signing of the same, shall not in any way affect or invalidate such election.

SECTION 10. THAT it is hereby officially found and determined the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted and said election was ordered was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

SECTION 11. THAT this Ordinance and election order shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage.

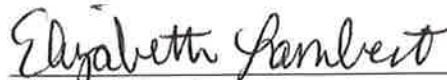
PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 06th day of February, 2023, at a regular public meeting of the City Council of the City of Lometa.



Stephen Brister Hicks, Mayor
City of Lometa, Texas

Date: February 6, 2023

ATTEST:



Elizabeth Lambert, City Secretary
City of Lometa, Texas

Date: February 6, 2023

