## **RESOLUTION NO. 23-05**

A RESOLUTION AND ELECTION ORDER OF THE TOWN OF ANNETTA, TEXAS, CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024, TO ELECT THE TOWN COUNCIL PLACES 1, 2, AND 4; APPROVING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARKER COUNTY AND THE TOWN; PROVIDING PROCEDURES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the General Election for Town Council Members of the Town of Annetta, Texas ("Town"), as set forth by the Texas Election Code, is required to be held on May 4, 2024, at which time voters will vote to elect the Town Council Places 1, 2, and 4 with all places to be elected for two (2) year terms; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Texas Election Code, the Town election will be conducted jointly with other political subdivisions in Parker County; and

**WHEREAS,** by this Resolution, it is the intention of the Town Council to adopt all requirements of an election order in accordance with state law, and authorize a contract with Parker County for joint election services.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ANNETTA, TEXAS, THAT:

- **Section 1.** General Election Called. A General Election of the Town of Annetta is hereby called to elect the Town Council Places 1, 2, and 4 to serve until May 2026 or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Such election shall take place on May 4, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and will be held at Town Hall, 450 Thunder Head Lane, Annetta, Texas.
- **Section 2.** Governing Law. The election shall be held in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Texas and the Texas Election Code. All resident qualified electors of the Town shall be permitted to vote at said election.
- **Section 3:** Application for Place on Ballot. Qualified persons may file as candidates for the General Election by filing an application with the Town Secretary between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Wednesday, January 17, 2024, and ending not later than 5:00 p.m. on February 16, 2024.
- **Section 4: Joint Election Agreement.** The Town Council hereby approves a joint election agreement and contract between Parker County and the Town of Annetta (the "Contract") for the purpose of conducting the General Election described above. The Contract will be forthcoming and the Mayor is authorized to execute the Contract with Parker County whereby Parker County will provide all material, supplies, and personnel to hold the election contemplated hereby. This Resolution shall be construed with any action of the governing

bodies of other Parker County political subdivisions as providing for a joint election. In the event of a conflict between this Resolution and the Contract, the Contract will control.

**Section 5:** Early Voting Clerk. The Parker County Elections Administrator is hereby designated and appointed as the Early Voting Clerk and the Elections Administrator's permanent county employees are appointed as deputy early voting clerks for the General Election as indicated in the Contract. The Parker County Elections Administrator may appoint other deputy early voting clerks as necessary. The address of the Early Voting Clerk is 1112 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, Texas 76086.

**Section 6:** Early Voting by Personal Appearance. Early voting by personal appearance shall commence on April 22, 2024, and will continue through April 30, 2024. The early voting main location will be at Parker County Courthouse Annex, 1112 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, Texas, and at such other locations established by Parker County, on the dates and times as follows, or as amended by Parker County:

Monday, April 22, 2024	8:00  a.m. - 5:00  p.m.
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	8:00  a.m. - 5:00  p.m.
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 25, 2024	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, April 26, 2024	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 27, 2024	CLOSED
Sunday, April 28, 2024	CLOSED
Monday, April 29, 2024	7:00  a.m. - 7:00  p.m.
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	7:00  a.m. - 7:00  p.m.

Section 7: Early Voting by Mail. The Parker County Elections Administrator shall be responsible for the Early Voting applications and ballots. Applications for early voting by mail may be delivered to Parker County Elections Administrator, 1112 Santa Fe Drive, Weatherford, Texas 76086, not later than close of business on April 23, 2024. Early voting ballots shall be mailed to the Elections Administrator at the same address. The Town Secretary is directed to forward applications and ballots she may receive to the Elections Administrator as may be provided for in the Contract.

**Section 8:** Necessary Actions. The Mayor and the Town Secretary, in consultation with the Town Attorney, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to comply with the provisions of the Texas Election Code in carrying out and conducting the election, whether or not expressly authorized herein.

**Section 9:** Order and Notice. This Resolution shall serve as order of the election, as required by Section 3.001 of the Texas Election Code for the General Election. Notice of the election shall be given as required by the Texas Election Code.

**Section 10:** <u>Severability</u>. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Town Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Resolution are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such

invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Resolution, since the same would have been enacted by the Town Council without the incorporation in this Resolution of any such invalid or unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section.

**Section 11:** Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this, the 21st day of December, 2023.

Sandy Roberts, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jamee Long, Town Secretary