Ordinance No. 2019-3

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WELLS, TEXAS DECLARING EACH UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR MAY 4, 2019 GENERAL ELECTION ELECTED TO OFFICE.

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Texas Legislature remanded the Election Code to permit the cancellation of an election if: 1) each candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot is unopposed, and 2) no proposition is to appear on the ballot; and

WHEREAS, the candidates on the ballot are unopposed, no write-in candidates have filed to challenge them by the write-in dead line, and no proposition is to appear on the May 4, 2019 General Election ballot; and

WHEREAS, the election process is rendered virtually meaningless since voters will be able to cast a vote only for the unopposed candidate on the ballot.
NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WELLS, TEXAS:

Section 1. The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 4, 2019 general city election are declared elected to office, and shall be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

Clint Smith
Richard M. Myer
Vacant to be appointed

Section 2. The May 4, 2019 general election is cancelled, and the city secretary is directed to cause a copy of this ordinance to the posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

Section 3. It is declared to be in the intent of the city council that the phrased, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this ordinance is declared invalid by the judgement or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or sections of this ordinance since the city council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.
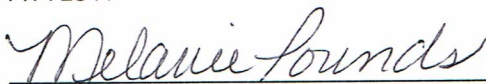
Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its final passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13TH DAY OF May, 2019.

C.W. Williams
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Melanie Pounds
CITY SECRETARY