

ORDINANCE NO. 138

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING AN ELECTION IN THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, TO BE HELD ON THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1956, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, FOR ADOPTION OR REJECTION, PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EXISTING CHARTER OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, DESIGNATING THE PLACES AT WHICH SAID ELECTION IS TO BE HELD, APPOINTING PRESIDING OFFICERS THEREOF, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of December, 1955, a resolution was duly passed by the City Council giving notice of its intention to pass an ordinance providing for the submission to the qualified voters of the City of Mesquite, Texas, of proposed amendments to the existing charter of said City; and,

WHEREAS, notice of intention to submit such charter amendments was given by publication in the Texas Mesquiter, the official newspaper in said City published in said City, and which notice was published on the 9th day of December, 1955, the date of the publication thereof being not less than twenty days next preceding the date of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mesquite deems it proper to submit the proposed amendments to the present City Charter to the qualified voters of said City; THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1: That a special election be held in the City of Mesquite, Texas on the 31st day of March 1956, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said City, for adoption or rejection, the following proposed amendments to the existing Charter of the City of Mesquite.

AMENDMENT NO. 1

To amend Article IV, Sections 1, 2 and 4, as follows:

In Section 1 change "four councilmen and the mayor" to "five councilmen and the mayor."

In Section 2 change "four councilmen and the mayor" to "five councilmen and the mayor."

In Section 4 after "Place No. 4" add "Place No. 5"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

To amend Article IV, Section 3, as follows:

In the second sentence change "upon the sworn application of the candidate filed with the Mayor, "to "upon the sworn application of the candidate filed with the City Secretary."

AMENDMENT NO. 3

To amend Article IV, Section 6, as follows:

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At the end of said section add:

"The return is to be canvassed and the results declared within two (2) days after the election. All officers elected at an election shall take office as soon as practicable following such election."

SECTION 2: That the polling place and presiding officer of said election shall be respectively as follows:

Said election shall be held in the Mesquite City Hall, and Mrs. Lorene Range is appointed presiding officer for said election.

SECTION 3: That said election shall be held under the provisions of the general laws of the State of Texas governing general elections, and all persons qualified to vote in said City under the laws of this state regulating general elections shall be allowed to vote.

SECTION 4: That the manner of holding said election shall be governed by the general laws of the State of Texas regulating general elections, when not in conflict with the provisions of the law hereinafter referred to.

SECTION 5: That the form of ballot to be used in said election shall be as follows:

"BALLOT"

Amendment No. 1

Do you vote to amend the present City Charter of the City of Mesquite by amending and changing Article IV, Sections 1, 2 and 4, to provide for five councilmen?

Answer: Yes. No.

Amendment No. 2

Do you vote to amend the present City Charter of the City of Mesquite by amending and changing Article IV, Section 3, to provide that a candidate for the office of Mayor or councilman shall file his application with the City Secretary?

Answer: Yes. No.

Amendment No. 3

Do you vote to amend the present City Charter of the City of Mesquite by amending and changing Article IV, Section 6, to provide that election returns are to be canvassed and the results declared within two (2) days after an election and for officers to take office as soon as practicable following an election?

Answer: Yes. No.

SECTION 6: The City Secretary shall at once mail a copy of the proposed amendments to every qualified voter in the City of Mesquite, as appears from the tax collector's rolls for the year ending January 31, 1956.

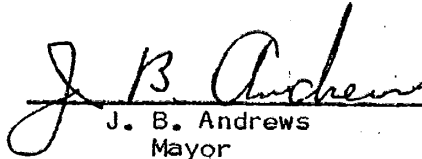
SECTION 7: A copy of this ordinance shall be sufficient notice of said election and thirty days notice of the time and place of holding the said election shall be

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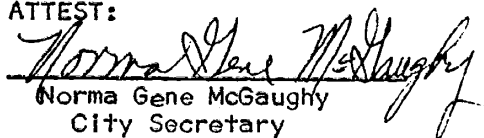
given by publication of such notice once each week for four weeks, the date of first publication being not less than thirty full days prior to the date of the election.

SECTION 8: The passage of this ordinance constitutes an emergency for the immediate preservation of the public business, property, health and safety, and this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 1956.


J. B. Andrews
Mayor

ATTEST:


Norma Gene McGaughy
City Secretary