**ORDINANCE NO.** \_\_**2022-13**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PAYNE SPRINGS, TEXAS DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION TO BE ELECTED TO OFFICE; CANCELING THE GENERAL ELECTION WITH RESPECT TO THE UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

 **WHEREAS,** the City of Payne Springs’ (“City”) general election was called for November 8, 2022 for the purpose of electing four (4) members of the City Council ; and

 **WHEREAS**, the City Secretary has certified in writing that no person has made a declaration of write-in candidacy, and that each candidate on the ballot is unopposed for election to office; and

 **WHEREAS**, under these circumstances, Subchapter C, Chapter 2, Election Code authorizes the City Council to declare to the candidates elected to office and cancel the election with respect to the unopposed candidates.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PAYNE SPRINGS, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:**

**I.**

1. The following candidates, who are unopposed in the November 8, 2022 general election, are declared elected to office, and shall be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been canvased:

**Candidate** **Office Sought**

\_\_\_ANDREA MILLER\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_MAYOR\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_RONALD SPAHLINGER\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_COUNCILMAN\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_RUSSELL ROTTINO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_COUNCILMAN\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. The November 8, 2022 general election concerning the unopposed candidates referenced in Section I.A. is canceled and the City Secretary is directed to cause a copy of this Ordinance to be posted on election day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

**II.**

**SEVERABILITY**

 Should any section, sentence, provision or regulation of this Ordinance be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such findings shall not affect the remaining sections, sentences, provisions or regulations hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**III.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

 This Ordinance shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PAYNE SPRINGS, TEXAS ON THIS** \_\_\_**8TH**\_\_\_\_\_\_ **DAY OF \_\_SEPTEMBER\_\_\_\_, 2022.**

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|  | **APPROVED:****CITY OF PAYNE SPRINGS, TEXAS**By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Andrea Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem |
| **ATTEST:**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Beth Billings, City Secretary |  |