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**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF POETRY, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 06, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND FIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS, FOR EXPIRING TERMS BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF POETRY; ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE ELECTION IN HUNT COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, by this Ordinance, it is the intention of the Town Council of the Town of Poetry, Texas to call the General Election in accordance with state law, to declare the Texas Election Code is applicable to said election, and this Ordinance establishes procedures consistent with the Code and designates the Election Day and main early voting polling place for the General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, May 06, 2023, is a uniform election date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council calls to Order the General Election of May 06, 2023, to elect a Mayor, and Five Council Members of the Town Council as required by the Texas Election Code:

**WHEREAS**, the Order of Election must be written in English and Spanish as required by the Texas Election Code:

**WHEREAS**, the Town has authority, pursuant to Chapter 31 of the Texas Elections Code, to enter into an election services agreement with Hunt County Election Officer and to furnish election services to the City and its citizens; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF POETRY;**

**SECTION 1. General Election Called.** That a General Election is hereby called by the Town Council to elect the following:

A Mayor and Five Town Council Members, to serve a 2-year term each, until May 2025 or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Such election shall take place on the 6th day of May 2023, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

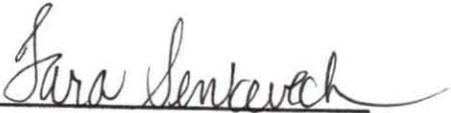
**SECTION 2. Candidates for General Election.** Qualified persons may file as candidates for the General Election by filing an application with the City Secretary at the Town Hall, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Friday, beginning January 18, 2023, through February 17, 2023. The City Secretary's office will remain open on February 17, 2023, until 5:00 p.m. as required by the TX Election Code. All applications for candidacy shall be on a form as prescribed by the Texas Election Code.

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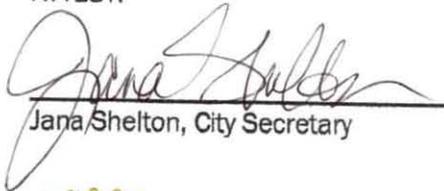
**SECTION 11. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, and it is so ordained.

The *Order of Election* shall be posted to read as shown on Exhibit "A" attached:

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13<sup>TH</sup> day of February 2023.

  
Tara Senkevech, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Jana Shelton, City Secretary

