

ORDINANCE NO. 1686
**ORDERING CANCELATION FOR THE
CITY OF BELLVILLE GENERAL ELECTION**

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN
THE MAY 6, 2023 GENERAL CITY ELECTION, ELECTED TO
OFFICE; ORDERING THE CANCELATION OF THE ELECTION;
PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING PROPER
NOTICE AND MEETING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Bellville, Texas is a Type A general law municipality located in Austin County, operating in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code and was scheduled to conduct a General Election on May 6, 2023 for the purpose of electing the Mayor and two (2) Alderman for the City of Bellville; 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, Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code, authorizes the City Council to declare the candidates elected to office and cancel the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLVILLE:

Section 1: The following candidates, who are unopposed in the May 6, 2023 general city election, are declared elected to office, and shall be issued certificates of election following the time the election would have been canvassed:

Mayor	James Harrison
Alderman	Arlie Kendrick
Alderman	Monte Richardson

Section 2: The May 6, 2023 general city election is canceled, and the City Secretary is directed to cause a copy of this order to be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

Section 3: It is declared to be the intent of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this order are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this order is declared invalid by the judgment 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 order since the city council would have enacted them without the invalid portion.

Section 4: It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was adopted and said election was canceled was open to the public and public notice of

the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

Section 5: This ordinance and order canceling the election shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage, and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THE 21st DAY OF MARCH, 2023.

ATTEST:



Hon. James Harrison, Mayor

Rachael Lynch, City Secretary