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### **MAY 6, 2023 ELECTION UPDATE**

The City of Alpine advises the public that the General Election scheduled for May 6, 2023, will proceed as originally planned despite the passing of candidate Jerry Johnson. Texas Election Code *Sec. 145.096* stipulates that a candidate's name shall be placed on the ballot if the candidate passes away on or after the second day before the filing deadline (February 17, 2023).

The City has consulted with the Texas Secretary of State Elections Division and has received confirmation that the City has no authority to remove the candidate's name from the ballot or to cancel the election. If the deceased candidate is elected, the City will have a vacancy created in the office at the time of the official canvass for the election. The vacancy would then be filled according to the City Charter, *Section 3.06(A)*:

*If a single vacancy occurs, the Council shall appoint a successor to serve until the next regular City election.*

Questions may be directed to the Office of the City Secretary. Questions may also be directed to the Office of the Texas Secretary of State, Elections Division, at [elections@sos.texas.gov](mailto:elections@sos.texas.gov) or by phone at 1-800-252-8683.

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