

**CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS**

**GENERAL ELECTION CANVASS OF RETURNS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-O-007**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS, CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, HELD ON MAY 6, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE MAYOR AND TWO (2) CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

**WHEREAS**, On February 7, 2023, the City Council ordered that a General Election, , be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023, for the purpose of electing one Mayor and two (2) City Council Members; and

**WHEREAS**, Notice of this election was duly published in the Blanco County News on April 12, 2023, and a copy of the notice was posted at City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, This election was duly and legally held on May 6, 2023, in conformity with the election laws of the State of Texas, and the results of the election have been certified and returned by the proper judges and clerks; and

**WHEREAS**, It appears to the Council, and the Council finds, that the election was in all aspects lawfully held; and

**WHEREAS**, It appears to the Council, and the Council finds, that the tabulation of the results of the election is correct.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLANCO, TEXAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The General Election of May 6, 2023, was duly called, notice of the said election was given and was held in accordance with the law.

**SECTION 2.** The tabulation of votes cast in the General Election held on May 6, 2023, for the purpose of electing one Mayor and two (2) City Council Members, a copy of which is attached to and made a part of this ordinance is adopted as the official tabulation of the votes cast at the election, and the tabulation will be filed and recorded in the official records of the City of Blanco, as the official canvass of the election.

**SECTION 3.** The official canvass of the returns of the election reflects the following:

A. For the position of one (1) Mayor, the following candidates received votes as follows:

	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Melissa Blackburn	190
Mike Arnold	202

B. From said returns, duly and legally made, that there were 392 votes cast, which are valid legal votes and 394 ballots cast.

C. For the positions of two (2) City Council Members, the following candidates received votes as follows:

	<u>Votes Cast</u>
Ryan Moses	235
Alison Lieser	174
Laura Swinson	184

D. From said returns, duly and legally made, that there were 593 votes cast, which are valid legal votes and 394 ballots cast.

**SECTION 4.** From said returns, the candidate receiving the top highest votes cast in said election, the following candidate is duly elected as Mayor for the City of Blanco, Texas:

MIKE ARNOLD

The candidates receiving the top highest votes cast in said election, the following candidates are duly elected as Council Members for the City of Blanco, Texas

RYAN MOSES  
LAURA SWINSON

The above-named persons hereby are duly elected at said election shall take their respective offices upon their qualification therefore, as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

**SECTION 5.** The Mayor of the City of Blanco is authorized to execute, and the City Secretary is authorized to attest this Ordinance on behalf of the City Council. The Mayor is further authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

**SECTION 7.** A quorum of the City Council was present at the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted. The meeting was open to the public and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

**PASSED & APPROVED** this, the 16 day of May, 2023, by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions of the City Council of the City of Blanco, Texas.

Rachel Lumpee  
Rachel Lumpee, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie Cassidy  
Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary

