

December 6, 2022



TO: Candidates for Town Council
FROM: Erika McComis, Town Administrator/Town Secretary
SUBJECT: May 6, 2023, General Election

Thank you for your interest in becoming a candidate for the Town Council. This year, three citizens will be elected at-large to each serve a two year term as a Mayor, Councilmember for Places 2, and 4. The incumbents for these positions are Bryan Livingston, Ronald Schmidt, and Cynthia Hermann respectively. Please note that the places are not geographically based. The terms of office will be from May of 2023 to May of 2025.

Your candidacy entails many obligations. The most important obligation is to comply with all federal statutes, state statutes and local ordinances pertaining to elections and candidacies. As you begin your campaign, it will be your responsibility to take the time to become familiar with the laws applicable to campaigns for elective office. Candidates may expect the Town Secretary to answer general questions regarding due dates for reports and filings. However, the duty of a Town Secretary is specifically limited by law to the accepting and filing of various applications/affidavits/statements and noting the date and time of all filings. Town Staff should not be expected to judge or comment on the timeliness or sufficiency of reports filed. These documents are public record and are open for public inspection. We will do everything possible to assist you with questions that may arise during your campaign; however, we cannot offer legal advice or opinion. Any legal questions you may have will be best answered by the Secretary of State's Office in Austin. For your convenience, the Texas Election Code and the Local Government Code may be viewed online at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us>.

Included in this packet is a calendar of events and deadlines, customary forms and general information needed to begin your campaign. I hope this is helpful to you during your candidacy, however, be advised that this packet includes only a small portion of the regulations that relate to Municipal Elections, Candidates, and/or Officeholders. It is the responsibility of each candidate to obtain any necessary information regarding Texas Election Laws and to abide by those laws. Additional information may be obtained from the Secretary of State's Office and the Texas Ethics Commission. Please verify either with my office or the agencies listed below, that you have the most current information and forms.

Secretary of State
P O Box 12060
Austin, Texas 78711-2060
1 (800) 252-8683
<http://www.sos.state.tx.us>

Texas Ethics Commission
P O Box 12070
Austin, Texas 78711-2070
1 (800) 325-8506
<http://www.ethics.state.tx.us>

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at 940-464-7273 or emccomis@argyletx.com.

Good luck on your campaign!

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