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CITY CORRECTS FILING DEADLINE TO FILL VACANT COMMISSION SEAT

Candidate filing deadline IS August 20

“WELL, RATS !”, said Ron Holliday, Eastland Interim City Manager. “Pawing our way through the incredibly complicated maze of Texas election law led us down the wrong path. The correct filing deadline for candidates to fill the vacant City Commission seat is August 20 – **NOT** August 17 as we erroneously announced on July 30. I apologize for any confusion that may have caused. Fortunately, our mistake didn’t affect the front end of the process”, he added.

The “front end” Holliday mentioned, referenced when candidates may formally file to be on The November 3 ballot. That date is 1:00 on Wednesday, August 5. The City Commission must pass a formal resolution authorizing the election which they intend to do at noon, also on August 5.

Holliday had kudos for a citizen and Mayor, pro tem, Shirley Stuart for catching the error.

“Shirley called me shortly after we issued our press release on Friday saying she saw that a citizen posted a note on-line suggesting we had the wrong filing date. Her twenty years’ experience as City Secretary kicked in when she suggested we should double-check the filing deadline we issued. When we retraced our steps through the maze of seemingly contradictory election scenarios, we discovered they were right. Yikes !! Though our faces are red, we think no damage was done to the election process itself. Most of all, we owe a debt of gratitude to the citizen and to Mayor Stuart,” he said.

It is imperative that prospective candidates strictly adhere to the requirements for eligibility to run. The requirements will be posted shortly. Among the ones that might be overlooked are, candidates must have resided in the State of Texas for 12 months prior to the election and have resided within Eastland’s city limits for 6 months prior. Proof the candidate is registered to vote within the city of Eastland must also be produced.

Do not procrastinate. Anyone thinking of tossing their hat in the ring should act early in the event there could be some glitch in the application that might be remedied by the application deadline.

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