



**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING
THE BRENHAM CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 AT 9:00 AM
SECOND FLOOR CITY HALL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
200 W. VULCAN STREET
BRENHAM, TEXAS**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Invocation and Pledges to the US and Texas Flags - Councilmember Albert Wright**

REGULAR SESSION

- 3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-25-015 Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the General Election Held on May 3, 2025 for Purpose of Electing One Councilmember for Place 1 - Ward 1; One Councilmember for Place 3 - Ward 3; One Councilmember for Place 5 - At Large; and One Councilmember for Place 6 - At Large to the City Council of the City of Brenham, Texas Each for a Four-Year Term**
- 4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-25-016 Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results for the Special Election Held on May 3, 2025 at Which Were Submitted Twelve Proposed Amendments to the City of Brenham's Home Rule Charter**

ADJOURN

Executive Sessions: The City Council for the City of Brenham reserves the right to convene into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed, as authorized by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, including but not limited to §551.071 - Consultation with Attorney, §551.072 - Real Property, §551.073 - Prospective Gifts, §551.074 - Personnel Matters, §551.076 - Security Devices, §551.086 - Utility Competitive Matters, and §551.087 - Economic Development Negotiation

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the agenda of items to be considered by the City of Brenham City

Council on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, was posted to the City Hall bulletin board at 200 W. Vulcan St., Brenham, TX on Friday, May 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

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Signature

Title



City Council Special Meeting **AGENDA ITEM 3**

Agenda Item: Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-25-015 Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results of the General Election Held on May 3, 2025 for Purpose of Electing One Councilmember for Place 1 - Ward 1; One Councilmember for Place 3 - Ward 3; One Councilmember for Place 5 - At Large; and One Councilmember for Place 6 - At Large to the City Council of the City of Brenham, Texas Each for a Four-Year Term

Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

Department: Administration

Staff Contact: Jeana Bellinger, City Secretary

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

As required by law, the results of the City of Brenham's 2025 General Election must be canvassed by the City Council and the results approved via Resolution.

The following persons have been duly elected to serve four (4) year terms ending in May 2029:

- Place 1 - Ward 1: Steve Soman
- Place 3 - Ward 3: Paul F. LaRoche, III
- Place 5 - At Large: Clint T. Kolby
- Place 6 - At Large: Leah Cook

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. R-25-015 - 2025 GE Canvass
2. Exhibit A - 2025 Final Results

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. R-25-015 canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on May 3, 2025 for purpose of electing one Councilmember for Place 1 - Ward 1; one Councilmember for Place 3 - Ward 3; one Councilmember for Place 5 - At Large; and one Councilmember for Place 6 - At Large to the City Council of the City of Brenham, Texas each for a four-year term.

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-015

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENHAM, TEXAS CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 3, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE COUNCILMEMBER FOR PLACE 1 – WARD 1; ONE COUNCILMEMBER FOR PLACE 3 – WARD 3; ONE COUNCILMEMBER FOR PLACE 5 – AT LARGE; AND ONE COUNCILMEMBER FOR PLACE 6 – AT LARGE TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENHAM, TEXAS EACH FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM

WHEREAS, at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Brenham, Texas, held at the regular meeting place in City Hall located at 200 West Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas on the 13th day of May, A.D., 2025, a quorum being present, there came on to be considered the returns of the general election held on May 3, 2025 for the purpose of electing one councilmember for Place 1 – Ward 1; one councilmember for Place 3 – Ward 3; one councilmember for Place 5 – At Large; and one councilmember for Place 6 – At Large to the City Council of the City of Brenham, Texas, each for a four year term ending May, 2029; and

WHEREAS, under and by virtue of the general election order duly enacted and approved by the City Council of said City on the 23rd day of January 2025, and thereafter duly published as required by law and for the time and in the manner provided by State statute and the City Charter, said general election was duly and legally held and conducted in the said City on the 3rd day of May, A.D., 2025;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENHAM, TEXAS THAT:

Section 1. The official canvass of the returns of the general election held on May 3, 2025 reflects that there were 3,529 ballots cast at said election with the voting results as follows:

Place 1 – Ward 1

	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total Votes	Percent
Steve Soman	153	69	2	224	54.4%
Shannan Canales	147	37	4	188	45.6%

Place 3 – Ward 3

	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total Votes	Percent
Paul F. LaRoche, III	310	107	2	419	100.0%

Place 5 – At Large

	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total Votes	Percent
Clint T. Kolby	771	266	12	1,049	100.0%

Place 6 – At Large

	Early Voting	Election Day	Absentee	Total Votes	Percent
Leah Cook	578	170	8	756	53.8%
Alan Lehmann	450	196	4	650	46.2%

Section 2. The above returns of said general election be and are hereby approved and declared to be in due form as required by law, and that the following candidates, having received a majority of all votes cast for their respective positions in said general election, are hereby declared to have been elected in the May 3, 2025 general election to the following positions of the City Council of the City of Brenham, Texas, each for terms ending May 2029, and that said persons are hereby directed to qualify as such officer in the manner provided in said Charter and the laws of the State of Texas:

Place 1 – Ward 1	Steve Soman
Place 3 – Ward 3	Paul F. LaRoche, III
Place 5 – At Large	Clint T. Kolby
Place 6 – At Large	Leah Cook

Section 3. The report of voting results is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of May, 2025.

Atwood C. Kenjura
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeana Bellinger, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

Statistics	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Absentee/ Early Precincts Reporting	19 of 19	19	19	0
Registered Voters - Total	22,473			
Ballots Cast - Total	3,529	16	2,391	1,122
Ballots Cast - Blank	2	0	2	0
Voter Turnout - Total	15.70%			

Summary Results Report
TX Washington County 250503 Municipal 6110
May 3, 2025

CITY OF BRENHAM SUMMARY 2

Washington County

Place 1, Ward 1

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Steve Soman	224	2	153	69
Shannan Canales	188	4	147	37

Place 3, Ward 3-Unopposed

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
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Place 5 - At Large-Unopposed City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Clint T. Kolby	1,049	12	771	266

Place 6 - At Large City of Brenham

Vote For 1

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PROPOSITION A: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	1,157	11	845	301
No	183	2	137	44

PROPOSITION B: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	1,155	12	847	296
No	177	1	126	50

PROPOSITION C: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	1,151	12	853	286
No	198	2	133	63

PROPOSITION D: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	1,155	13	850	292
No	207	1	143	63

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Washington County

PROPOSITION E: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	1,246	13	910	323
No	112	1	82	29

PROPOSITION F: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	1,209	13	880	316
No	124	1	90	33

PROPOSITION G: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	1,268	13	926	329
No	91	1	64	26

PROPOSITION H: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	1,236	13	901	322
No	114	1	82	31

PROPOSITION I: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	777	10	565	202
No	572	4	417	151

PROPOSITION J: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	1,236	12	903	321
No	118	1	85	32

PROPOSITION K: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	731	9	552	170
No	588	5	413	170

PROPOSITION L: City of Brenham

Vote For 1

	TOTAL	Absentee	Early Voting	Election Day
Yes	1,199	11	883	305
No	175	3	120	52



City Council Special Meeting **AGENDA ITEM 4**

Agenda Item: Discuss and Possibly Act Upon Resolution No. R-25-016 Canvassing the Returns and Declaring the Results for the Special Election Held on May 3, 2025 at Which Were Submitted Twelve Proposed Amendments to the City of Brenham's Home Rule Charter

Meeting Date: May 13, 2025

Department: Administration

Staff Contact: Jeana Bellinger, City Secretary

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

As required by law, this item is to canvass the returns and declare the results of the Special Election held on May 3, 2025. The Special Election was for the purpose of submitting twelve (12) proposed amendments to the City's Home Rule Charter. The results of the Special Election indicate that all twelve (12) propositions were approved by the voters.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. R-25-016 - 2025 SE Canvass
2. Exhibit A - 2025 Final Results

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. R-25-016 canvassing the returns and declaring the results for the Special Election held on May 3, 2025 at which were submitted twelve proposed amendments to the City of Brenham's Home Rule Charter.

RESOLUTION NO. R-25-016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENHAM, TEXAS CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 3, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF BRENHAM, TEXAS TWELVE (12) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S HOME RULE CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2025 the Brenham City Council adopted Ordinance No. O-25-001 ordering a Special Election to be held on May 3, 2025 for the purpose of submitting twelve (12) propositions to the qualified voters of Brenham, Texas for proposed amendments to the existing Home Rule Charter of the City; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2025 the Brenham City Council adopted Ordinance No. O-25-004 correcting the dates of Early Voting for the Special Election to be held on May 3, 2025; and

WHEREAS, at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Brenham, Texas, held at the regular meeting place in City Hall located at 200 West Vulcan Street, Brenham, Texas on the 13th day of May, A.D., 2025, a quorum being present, there came to be considered the returns of the special election held on May 3, 2025 for the purposes of canvassing said special election, declaring the results of said special election, and declaring that each Proposition for which a majority of the qualified voters voting in said special election voted "Yes" has been approved by such voters, and that such amendments shall become a part of the City's Home Rule Charter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRENHAM, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

The Special Election of May 3, 2025 was duly called, notice of the election was given in accordance with law, and the election was held in accordance with law.

SECTION 2.

The tabulation of votes cast in the Special Election held on May 3, 2025, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part of this Resolution for all pertinent purposes, 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 Brenham as the official canvass of the election.

SECTION 3.

The official canvass of the returns of the special election reflects the following votes were cast for and against the twelve (12) propositions:

PROPOSITION A

Shall Article I, Section 2; Article II, Sections 1, 2 and 8; Article III, Sections 8, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23 and 24; Article IV, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 8; Article V, Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4; Article VI, Sections 3, 6, 9, 11 and 15-19; and Article VII, Sections 6, 12, 14, 15, 19 and 24 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by 1) making corrections to grammar, spelling and punctuation errors; 2) deleting reserved sections of the Charter throughout all Articles of the Charter and renumbering the sections due to deletions and other revisions as necessitated by other propositions on this ballot that are approved by the voters; and 3) making non-substantive vocabulary changes in order to use modern and consistent terminology, titles, and labels, which shall include but not be limited to, changing the references to members of the governing body from “governing authority” to “City Council”?

Votes for Proposition A:	1,157
Votes against Proposition A:	183

PROPOSITION B

Shall Article I, Section 2 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by clarifying the authority, procedures and terminology concerning annexation and disannexation of territory to be consistent with applicable federal, state or other law?

Votes for Proposition B:	1,155
Votes against Proposition B:	177

PROPOSITION C

Shall Article III, Section 4 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by providing that a person may not serve as Mayor more than three (3) consecutive elected four (4) year terms of office; providing that after completing three (3) consecutive elected terms of office, a person may again serve in the office of Mayor after one (1) entire year of not holding the office of Mayor; providing that a person shall not serve as a Councilmember, either in a ward or at-large, more than three (3) consecutive elected four (4) year terms of office, or twelve (12) consecutive years; providing that after completing three (3) consecutive elected terms of office, or twelve (12) consecutive years, a person may again serve in the office of Councilmember after one (1) entire year of not holding the office of Councilmember; providing that time served by appointment or by election to fill a vacancy in the office of Mayor or Councilmember for an unexpired term shall not count toward the term limit; and providing that terms of office, or partial terms of office, served as Mayor or Councilmember prior to May 3, 2025 shall not be considered for the purpose of term limits?

Votes for Proposition C:	1,151
Votes against Proposition C:	198

PROPOSITION D

Shall Article III, Section 6 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by clarifying the qualifications necessary to hold the office of Mayor and Councilmember; clarifying that any Mayor or Councilmember that ceases to possess any of the required qualifications shall automatically forfeit his office; and deleting provisions related to conflicts of interest?

Votes for Proposition D:	1,155
Votes against Proposition D:	207

PROPOSITION E

Shall Article III, Section 8 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by clarifying that members of the City Council do not serve as Election Judges, as that position is defined in Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code, in any election held by the City?

Votes for Proposition E:	1,246
Votes against Proposition E:	112

PROPOSITION F

Shall Article III, Sections 9 and 11 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by providing that the regular municipal elections of the City shall be held on the uniform election date in May of odd-numbered years, or on any other uniform election date authorized by law?

Votes for Proposition F:	1,209
Votes against Proposition F:	124

PROPOSITION G

Shall Article III, Section 10 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by providing that all City Council runoff elections shall be held in accordance with applicable law?

Votes for Proposition G:	1,268
Votes against Proposition G:	91

PROPOSITION H

Shall Article III, Section 13 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by providing that the City Council shall meet within fourteen (14) days after an election, whether a regular election or runoff election, at which time Councilmembers-elect shall qualify and assume the duties of their offices?

Votes for Proposition H:	1,236
Votes against Proposition H:	114

PROPOSITION I

Shall Article III, Section 14 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by providing that the Mayor's salary shall be changed from two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) per month to five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.00) per month, and each Councilmember's salary shall be changed from two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225.00) per month to four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) per month?

Votes for Proposition I:	777
Votes against Proposition I:	572

PROPOSITION J

Shall Article III, Section 23 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by requiring the Mayor, City Councilmembers and other officers and employees of the City, with regard to any contract or other matter authorized by the City, to comply with the Texas Local Government Code and all other applicable laws governing conflicts of interest of local public officials?

Votes for Proposition J:	1,236
Votes against Proposition J:	118

PROPOSITION K

Shall Article VII, Section 7 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by providing that with regard to official bonds of certain officers of the City, the City Manager, rather than the City Council, shall determine the amounts of and approve said bonds?

Votes for Proposition K:	731
Votes against Proposition K:	588

PROPOSITION L

Shall Article IV, Section 1 of the Brenham City Charter be amended by providing that the City Manager shall establish his residence within Washington County, Texas as directed by the City Council?

Votes for Proposition L:	1,199
Votes against Proposition L:	175

SECTION 4.

That the City Council hereby finds and determines, as a result of this canvass, that a total of 3,528 persons voted in the Special Election concerning proposed amendments to the City Charter held on May 3, 2025. The City Council further finds, determines, and declares that there were no Propositions not approved by a majority of the qualified voters. The City Council further finds, determines, and declares that Propositions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K and L each received a majority vote in favor of adoption of such Proposition, and were approved by a majority of qualified voters. Accordingly, the City Council hereby orders that the amendments to the City's Home Rule Charter as set forth in Propositions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K and L shall become a part of the City's Home Rule Charter in accordance with the provisions of Texas Local Government Code Section 9.005.

SECTION 5.

That Amendments to the City Charter set forth in Propositions A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K and L, having been approved by a majority of the votes cast in the election, are hereby declared to be adopted and to be a part of the City's Home Rule Charter from and after such adoption.

SECTION 6.

That the Mayor and the City Secretary, and any other officers and employees of the City of Brenham, Texas required to take any action as a result of the adoption of the amendments to the City's Home Rule Charter as herein provided for, are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all such actions.

SECTION 7. **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and APPROVED on this the 13th day of May 2025.

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ATTEST:

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