

CITY OF POST OAK BEND

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May 2, 2020 Post Oak Bend City Election Postponed

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POST OAK BEND, TEXAS – The May 2, 2020 Post Oak Bend City General Election is postponed until November 3, 2020. Following state COVID-19 directives and the Kaufman County election cancellation, council members voted last night to postpone the May 2, 2020 City of Post Oak Bend General Election until November 3, 2020. Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a statewide Declaration of Disaster March 13, 2020 because of impending threat from COVID-19

In an open video and telephonic conference meeting held at 7 p.m. April 14, 2020, council passed an ordinance based on Governor Greg Abbott’s March 18, 2020 proclamation suspending the Texas Election Code to allow election postponement. The governor “suspended Sections 41.00052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2 2020 to move their general and special elections for 2020 only until the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020.”

Council members also based their decision on Kaufman County’s vote to postpone elections. Since Kaufman County conducts City of Post Oak Bend’s elections, that postponement vote eliminated any options for the city other than postponement.

In Governor Abbott’s proclamation, he cited state law impacting current council members. His proclamation states that, “Current office holders will hold over to the extent authorized by Article XVI, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution.”

Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a statewide Declaration of Disaster March 13, 2020 because of impending threat from COVID-19. The April 15, 2020 report from Department of Texas Health Services indicates 15,492 cases of COVID-19 in Texas, 1,017 are hospitalized, 364 persons with COVID-19 have died, and an estimated 3,150 have recovered from the coronavirus. So far, 151,810 Texans have been tested for COVID-19.

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