ORDINANCE NO. 866

"Youth Advisory Member Positions on City Committees"

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS TO AMEND CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), ARTICLE (BOARDS, 3 COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES), DIVISION 1 (GENERALLY) TO CREATE SECTION 2-52 (YOUTH MEMBER ADVISORY **POSITIONS** ON CITY **COMMITTEES):** AND **PROVIDING** FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; A SAVINGS CLAUSE; SEVERABILITY; REPEALER; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals, Texas (the "City") desires to provide for, protect and improve the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City and to foster a sense of civic pride; and,

WHEREAS, section 8.01 of the City Charter provides the Council with the authority to create, establish, or appoint boards, commissions, and committees as it deems necessary to carry out the functions and obligations of the City; and

WHEREAS, section 8.01 of the City Charter provides that the Council shall, by ordinance or resolution, prescribe the purpose, composition, function, duties, accountability and tenure of each board, commission, and committee where such are not prescribed by law or the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City of Granite Shoals values the input and engagement of its younger residents in the governance process; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to foster civic engagement and leadership among youth in the community; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of youth advisory member positions on the City's committees achieves these purposes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANITE SHOALS, TEXAS:

SECTION I. FINDINGS OF FACT

All of the above premises are hereby found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City of Granite Shoals and are hereby approved and incorporated into the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION II. YOUTH ADVISORY MEMBER POSITIONS ON CITY COMMITTEES

"Sec. 2-52. Creation of Youth Advisory Member Positions on City Committees.

- (a) Youth Advisory Member Positions Established. Youth advisory member positions are hereby established on the following city committees: Airport, Wildlife, and Parks. Youth advisory members shall serve in a non-voting capacity, providing input and perspective on matters before the committee.
- (b) Eligibility and Term. Youth advisory members shall be residents of the City of Granite Shoals and shall be either enrolled in high school or a home school curriculum at the time of appointment.

 The term of service shall be one school year.
- (c) Application and Selection Process. The City shall develop an application process, with outreach to local schools and youth organizations. Youth advisory members shall be selected by each respective committee by majority vote based on the applicant's interest, commitment, and ability to contribute to the committee's work. No more than three (3) youth advisory members shall be appointed to a committee at any given time.
- (d) Orientation and Training. Selected youth advisory members shall undergo an orientation to familiarize themselves with the committee's role, responsibilities, and procedures.
- (e) Support and Mentorship. Each youth advisory member shall be paired with a mentor from the committee or city staff to provide guidance and support throughout their term.
- (f) Attendance. The rules of attendance for committees are set forth in Charter Section 8.01(5) and apply to youth advisory member positions."

SECTION III. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

The repeal of any ordinance or part of ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the City under any section or provisions of any ordinances at the time of passage of this ordinance.

SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

If any provision, section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of the same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, or unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Granite Shoals in adopting, and of the Mayor in approving this ordinance, that no portion thereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall be come inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other portion, provision or regulation.

SECTION V. REPEALER CLAUSE.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative of all other ordinances or parts of ordinances governing or regulating the same subject matter as that covered herein, provided, however, that all prior ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent that such inconsistency is apparent. This ordinance shall not be construed to require or allow any act which is prohibited by any other ordinance.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication as may be required by governing law.

SECTION VII. NOTICE AND MEETING CLAUSE.

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public and that 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 and approved this 24 day of SEPT., 2024.

APPROVED:

Ron Munos, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn Wright, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Joshua Katz, City Attorney



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