

## **RESOLUTION NO. 627**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS, EXTENDING FOR THIRTY DAYS THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER ISSUED BY MAYORAL PROCLAMATION ON MAY 2, 2024 IN RESPONSE TO WIDESPREAD FLOODING**

**WHEREAS**, on May 2, 2024, JUDY B. COCHRAN, Mayor of the City of Livingston, Texas, issued a mayoral proclamation declaring a state of local disaster for the City of Livingston, in response to the unusually heavy rainfall and resultant flooding during April 28-29 and May 1-2, 2024, which caused a significant and continuing imminent threat of disaster including widespread property and infrastructure damage, the potential for personal injuries and loss of life, high winds, severe thunderstorms, torrential rainfall, flooding, possible tornadic activity, electrical power and utility outages resulting from the effects of such weather events and other public calamities resulting therefrom, and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Livingston, Texas has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §418.108(b), Texas Government Code, a local state of disaster may not be continued for a period in excess of seven (7) days without the consent of the governmental body of the political subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, at a special called meeting of the City Council of the City of Livingston held on May 9, 2024, the May 2, 2024 Declaration of Local Disaster was extended for a period of thirty (30) days; and,

**WHEREAS**, the conditions necessitating such disaster declaration continue to exist by further extraordinary rainfall and weather events occurring on May 9, May 12 and May 16, 2024 and continue to pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and to the property of the City and its citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to § 418.115 of the Texas Government Code, the Commissioner's Court of Polk County, Texas on May 15, 2024 determined that the Declaration of Local Disaster proclaimed by County Judge Sydney Murphy be revised to include the City of Livingston for the provision of mutual aid assistance.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Declaration of Local Disaster, which was signed and executed by Mayor Judy B. Cochran on May 2, 2024 shall be and is hereby renewed and continued for an additional period of thirty (30) days from the date hereof unless further continued or renewed by action of the City Council of the City of Livingston, Texas, in accordance with §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 2.** That this Declaration shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, and shall be given prompt and general publicity pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code.

**SECTION 3.** It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Resolution 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, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND RESOLVED** by action of the City Council of the City of Livingston, Texas this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
JUDY B. COCHRAN, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
ELLIE MONTEAUX, City Secretary

