

## **Recent Voting**

Wasn't it nice to get to stand in line to early vote, even though it was cold outside, and feel completely safe? The volunteer election clerks, such as the lovely Barbara Boozer, did a fantastic job of keep all of in and line and keeping the line moving. There were no threats of violence, and we were all able to cast our vote and know that it will be counted with integrity.

We need to always remember to not take this privilege for granted. In some countries, even if you get to vote, it's more for show and does not really count in the result.

## **Growth in Cresson**

Little, quiet Cresson is booming again with potential growth. And there are citizens that are sharing their opposition as of late at our City Council meetings. Their concerns are around density of homes and additional traffic. This geographic area is seeing growth all around us as folks want to get out of the major cities and move to smaller towns. In addition, their children get to go to great schools inside of GISD.

I'm told that back in the day, Cresson incorporated to keep other larger cities from taking us over. Mayor ProTem, Ron Becker, said 'we never incorporated to tell everyone what to do with their property'. Our current landscape across the big state of Texas is one where economics are driving growth to the smaller cities. Godley to the East and Weatherford to the West are examples of rapid growth and has more development coming its way, too.. As we continue to face economic pressure inside of our small town, we still strive to not have a property tax. As you'll recall, we run the city with sales tax funds.

## **Ukraine**

When I get into our warm cozy bed each night, I cannot help but think of the families in Ukraine who may be going to bed in a freezing cold environment with no food and no water. It saddens me to think that in the year 2022 this is where we are. Such a barbaric treatment of men, women and children completely boggles my mind. My prayers are with all those involved.

## **Relief Route**

The relief route or bypass around Cresson is still showing progress!