

**CITY OF AMES**  
**304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 11, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas held a meeting at the Ames City Hall at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Domain called the meeting to order at this time. Mayor Domain conducted the roll call the members of the City Council who were present were: Councilman Michael Trahan, Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy, Councilman Eddie White., and Councilwoman Tiffany Burgos were present. Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr. was absent. The prayer was led by Councilman Eddie White, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**CITIZEN APPREARANCE:** There was no citizen participation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 14, 2025, REGULAR MEETING.**

The council took a few minutes to look over the minutes. There was no discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**  
**Seconded by: Councilwoman Elizabeth Hardy**  
**All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**DISCUSS FINANCIALS:**

There was discussion around the financials, including questions about specific line items and payments posed by Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy. Mayor Domain provided answers to the questions and there was no further discussion.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. CONSIDER AND, IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF SPRAY FOAM INSULATION FOR THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTER.

***Councilwoman Hardy had to recuse herself from voting on this agenda item.*** Mayor Domain provided the 2 quotes that we received for review. Omnifarious Construction quoted \$4,212.00 for 2" spray foam insulation, and Irwin Torres Construction quoted \$3,529.00 for 1" spray foam insulation and \$7,900.00 for 2" spray foam insulation. The council members agreed upon the quote for Omnifarious Construction in the amount of \$4,212.00. There was no further discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion to approve the installation of spray foam insulation for the food distribution center in the amount of \$4,212.00. A motion was made All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**  
**All in favor: 3 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

2. CONSIDER AND, IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION THE PURCHASE OF A 24,000 BTU MINI SPLIT UNIT FOR THE FOOD DISTRIBUTION BUILDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,293.49.

Councilwoman Burgos asked if this was the agenda item from the last meeting. Mayor Domain stated that this item was tabled at the last meeting. There was no further discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion to approve the purchase of a 24,000 BTU Mini Split Unit for the food distribution building in the amount of \$1,293.49. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilwoman Tiffany Burgos**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy**  
**All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

3. CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-021 ADOPTING THE LIBERTY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2025 UPDATE.

Mayor Domain explained that Amanda Ashcroft contacted us last week and let us know that if we wanted to be a part of the Liberty County Hazard Mitigation that we have to adopt a resolution and follow the guidelines of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Updates so that if anything happens within Liberty County then we'll be covered. The City Secretary added that we already follow the county's Hazard Mitigation Plan and approving the resolution would just be to continue without the City of Ames having to write their own plan. There was no further discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion to approve the RESOLUTION NO. 2025-021, adopting the Liberty County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2025 Update. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Eddie White**  
**Seconded by: Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy**  
**All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

4. CONSIDER AND, IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE LIVE OAK ENVIRONMENTAL 6% PROPOSED RATE INCREASE.

Mayor Domain explained that Live Oaks Environmental trash service proposed a 6% rate increase. Kim Judge negotiated with Live Oaks management to approve a 3% rate increase for the next five years, with the option to request a higher increase in case of an emergency. A motion was made to amend agenda item #4 to read as follows: CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE LIVE OAK ENVIRONMENT 3% RATE INCREASE FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. There was no further discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**  
**All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

Next Mayor Domain asked for a motion to approve the 3% rate increase for 5 years. There was no further discussion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.



**Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**  
**Seconded by: Councilwoman Elizabeth “Liz Hardy”**  
**All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS ON DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

- a. City will conduct A public hearing pursuant to Ordinance No. 2024-011 and Chapter 214 of the Texas Local Government Code regarding structures determined to be dangerous, unsafe, and substandard. The City Council, sitting as the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, will hear testimony, review evidence, and determine whether the structures identified below comply with the City’s minimum standards. Property owners and other interested parties have been notified in writing and may appear to present the scope of work and time needed to abate the violations. Properties scheduled for hearing include:

- i. **514 E. Main St., Liberty, Texas 77575; Legal Description: 000073 JAMES MARTIN, TRACT 237, ACRES .25**

- b. Following the hearings, the City Council may issue orders for repair, vacating, demolition, or other actions authorized by law.

***Agenda Item #5 was postponed until next meeting.***

6. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE DWAYNE JOHNSON TRUCKING AND EQUIPMENT TO DEMO AND DISPOSE OF THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 514 E. MAIN ST., LIBERTY, TEXAS 77575; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 000073 JAMES MARTIN, TRACT 237, ACRES .25 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,600 (HOUSE #1 \$7,300.00 AND HOUSE #2 \$7,300.00)

***Agenda Item #6 was postponed until next meeting.***

7. EDC REPORT:

Kimberely Judge provided updates on the food distribution center operations. She obtained certification to receive food from the Houston Food Bank. The EDC is currently soliciting donations from local retailers with commitments from the Dollar Store. The EDC held a successful fundraiser raising \$855 dollars. They are planning another fundraiser for football season to raffle off a 65 Inch television. Lastly the EDC is working to secure a date in October for a community event to be held at the Catholic Church.

8. MAYOR’S REPORT: There was no Mayor’s Report.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive session began at 7:00 PM and ended at 7:36 PM

Mayor Domain asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:36 PM.

**Motion made by: Councilman Eddie White**  
**Seconded by: Councilwoman Elizabeth “Liz” Hardy**  
**All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Domain asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM.

**Motion made by: Councilman Eddie White**

**Seconded by: Councilwoman Tiffany Burgos.**

**All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

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Barbara Domain  
Mayor

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Wellona Godfrey  
City Secretary

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
SIGN IN SHEET  
Monday, August 11, 2025**

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