

**CITY OF AMES
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 06, 2025
6:00 PM**

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas held a meeting at the Ames City Hall at 6:06 pm. 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 Alfred Freeman Jr., and Councilwoman Tiffany Burgos were present. Councilman Eddie White was absent. The prayer was led by Councilman Michael Trahan, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CITIZEN APPREARANCE:

No Citizens were present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 08, 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 “Liz” Hardy

All in favor: 4 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, A. Freeman, Jr., and T. Burgos)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

DISCUSS FINANCIALS:

Discussion of September financials, including issues that Councilwoman Hardy had with payroll and accounting procedures. She has requested that each quarter Sabrina Woods, our CPA should come to the meetings to provide detailed explanations of the financials. We will reach out to QuickBooks and Sabrina to determine if we can reconcile the financial statements to reflect the request of Councilwoman Hardy in regard to the way the payroll transactions are processed. Wellona and Sabrina will continue to work on reconciliations.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CONSIDER AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE DEMOLITION OF DILAPATED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 514 E. MAIN ST., LIBERTY, TEXAS 77575; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 000073 JAME MARTIN, TRACT 237, ACRES .25.

The dilapidated structure at 514 East Main Street was deemed beyond repair and in need of demolition. 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 Alfred Freeman Jr.

Seconded by: Councilwoman Elizabeth “Liz” Hardy

All in favor: 4 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, A. Freeman, Jr., and T. Burgos)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

2. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO ACCEPT A BID TO CONDUCT DEMO AND DISPOSAL OF THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: 514 E MAIN ST., LIBERTY, TEXAS 77575; LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 000073 JAMES MARTIN, TRACT 237, ACRES .25.

The bid from Dwayne Johnson Trucking Equipment in the amount of \$7,300 was accepted to conduct the demolition and disposal of 514 E Main St., Liberty, Texas 77575; Legal Description: 000073 James Martin, Tract 237, Acres .25. There was no discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

Motion made by: Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr.

Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan

All in favor: 4 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, A. Freeman, Jr., and T. Burgos)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

3. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-027, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT THE CITY IN THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES, INCLUDING THE INITIATION OF TAX FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS, WHILE PRESERVING THE COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO PURSUE SUCH ACTIONS– *This item was postponed*

This resolution would permit the city attorney to represent the city in collecting delinquent property taxes and initiating tax foreclosure proceedings, as the county has not been pursuing these actions effectively. There were some concerns about protecting elderly and low-income residents, as well as the potential revenue from the proceedings. The council agreed to postpone the item to the next meeting to gather more information on the process and potential impact.

4. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL TO REPAIR E. TEBO STREET NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500.00

Councilman Trahan explained that the street at east Tebo Street is in really bad shape and is in need of repair. He proposed repairing the street with aggregate-based material, not to exceed \$2,500, to address the poor condition of the road and avoid damage to a nearby sewer manhole. 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 Alfred Freeman

Seconded by: Councilman Michael Trahan

All in favor: 4 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, A. Freeman, Jr., and T. Burgos)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

5. DISCUSSION OF MANUFACTURED HOMES AND MODULAR HOMES REGULATIONS

Councilwoman Hardy suggests that we revisit the wording in regard to the mobile home ordinance. She is still getting calls from citizens who are upset about the modular home that was just recently moved into the city. Mayor Domain shared a document that states that modular homes must be treated the same as single-family residential homes, as per state regulations, and the city cannot have different standards for them. The city will adhere to state regulations regarding modular homes, treating them the same as single-family residential homes, and not imposing different standards. There was no further discussion.

6. EDC REPORT: *There was no report given.*

7. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Domain stated that the GIS mapping of the city's sewer system to begin. The city Secretary provided information about the delinquent IRS payroll taxes from 2022 and the need to address the issue.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The council went into a closed executive session to consult with the city attorney. **The executive session began at 6:57 PM. Executive session ended at 7:31 PM.**

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Domain asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

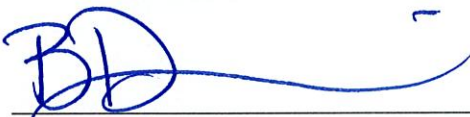
Motion made by: Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy

Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr.

All in favor: 4 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, A. Freeman, Jr., and T. Burgos)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0



Barbara Domain
Mayor



Wellona Godfrey
City Secretary