

**CITY OF AMES**  
**304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 29, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

The City Council for the City of Ames, Texas held a meeting at the Ames City Hall at 6:00 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Trahan called the meeting to order at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Trahan 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. Mayor Doman and Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr. were absent. The prayer was led by Councilman Eddie White, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. CITY COUNCIL TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2025 PROPOSED TAX RATE.

The public hearing began at: 6:03 PM.

Citizen Jerry Reescano was present, and his concern was to find out if the tax rate is going to increase or remain the same, and if he should be concerned. Councilman Trahan explained that the tax rate is subject to increase, if approved in the voted here a little bit. It's a 14% increase, which totals out to be 0.07 from last year. He could not remember the exact figure, but he thought that on average the increase per household would be around \$150.00 – \$200.00. Councilwoman Burgos also explained that the primary revenue source for the city is currently property taxes, as there is a lack of commercial and industrial development. She stated that the city is considering ways to make the city more attractive for businesses, such as introducing more commercial and industrial properties. There was no further discussion.

The public hearing ended at 6:08 PM.

2. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2025-007 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, ADOPTING AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR 2025 AT A RATE OF \$0.5721 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- a. Mayor Pro Tem Trahan asked for a motion that the property tax levy be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5721, which is effectively a 14.47% increase in the tax rate, as reflected in Ordinance No. 2025-007.

**Motion made by: Councilman Eddie White**

**Seconded by: Councilwoman Elizabeth “Liz” Hardy**

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

**Roll Call Vote: Councilman Trahan – Yes**

**Councilwoman Hardy – Yes**  
**Councilman White – Yes**  
**Councilwoman Burgos – Yes**

- b. Mayor Pro Tem Trahan asked for a motion that the City Council of Ames approves the maintenance and operation rate of \$0.421710503 per \$100, as reflected in Ordinance No. 2025-007

**Motion made by: Councilwoman Tiffany Burgos**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**  
**All in favor: 4 Opposed: 0 Abstained: 0**

**Roll Call Vote: Councilman Trahan – Yes**  
**Councilwoman Hardy – Yes**  
**Councilman White – Yes**  
**Councilwoman Burgos – Yes**

- c. Mayor Pro Tem Trahan asked for a motion that the City Council of Ames approves the debt service rate of \$0.150348095 per \$100, as reflected in Ordinance No. 2025-007

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

**Roll Call Vote: Councilman Trahan – Yes**  
**Councilwoman Hardy – Yes**  
**Councilman White – Yes**  
**Councilwoman Burgos – Yes**

- d. Mayor Pro Tem Trahan asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-007 of the City Council of the City of Ames, Texas, adopting an ad valorem tax rate for 2025 at a rate of \$0.5721 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of all taxable property; providing an effective date.

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

**Roll Call Vote: Councilman Trahan – Yes**  
**Councilwoman Hardy – Yes**  
**Councilman White – Yes**  
**Councilwoman Burgos – Yes**

3. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-025 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFELCTED IN THE BUDGET.

There was no further discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Trahan asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilwoman Elizabeth “Liz” Hardy**

**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**

**All in favor: 4 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, and T. Burgos)**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

4. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2025-026 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF VENDOR INVOICES ON A NET 30 BASIS.

There was no further discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Trahan asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy**

**Seconded by: Councilwoman Tiffany Burgos**

**All in favor: 4 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, and T. Burgos)**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

5. ADJOURNMENT.

There was no further discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Trahan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 PM. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

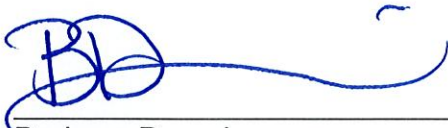
**Motion made by: Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy**

**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**

**All in favor: 4 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, and T. Burgos)**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**



Barbara Domain  
Mayor



Wellona Godfrey  
City Secretary

# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

## SIGN IN SHEET

**Monday, September 29, 2025**

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