

**CITY OF AMES**  
**304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 08, 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 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, Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr., and Councilwoman Tiffany Burgos were present. The prayer was led by Councilman Eddie White, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**CITIZEN APPREARANCE:**

- **Laura Semien:** Voiced her concerns about people parking on the street in the Baker Subdivision causing issues for her to pull in and out of her driveway and causing issues for the mail carrier to deliver her mail.
- **Chris Ford:** Had a question about relocating a mobile home from one property to another. The mayor explained that the mobile home would have to be 10 years or newer to be in compliance with the Mobile Home Ordinance. She explained that Mr. Ford should gather documentation regarding the mobile home purchase timeline to potentially grandfather it in.
- **Dwight Durham:** Inquired about the internet service and installation process in the area. He would like to know if he would be able to get service at his address.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 03, 2025 REGULAR MEETING AND DECEMBER 02, 2025 WORKSHOP.**

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 Alfred Freeman Jr.**

**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**

**All in favor: 5 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, Alfred Freeman Jr., and T. Burgos)**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

**DISCUSS FINANCIALS:** There was no discussion about the financials.

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2025-008, REGULATING THE PARKING ON PUBLIC STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF AMES; ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM PARKING PERIOD OF FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS; PROVIDING FOR TOWING AND IMPOUNDMENT OF VEHICLES PARKED IN VIOLATION AT OWNER'S EXPENSE; AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES UP TO THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00) PER OFFENSE.

The mayor explained that the city is facing issues with residents parking excessively on public streets, impeding traffic flow and mail delivery. She suggested adopting a regulation of parking on public streets within the city limits, establishing a maximum parking period of 48 hours and penalties for violations. 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 Eddie White**

**All in favor: 5 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, Alfred Freeman Jr., and T. Burgos)**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

2. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2024-001; AMENDMENT 001.

Marivious Allen explained that the purpose of the amendment to the ordinance regarding manufactured and modular homes is to correct the language that was not supposed to be in there. There was no discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilwoman Tiffany Burgos**

**Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr.**

**All in favor: 5 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, Alfred Freeman Jr., and T. Burgos)**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

3. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR AUDIT PREPARATION AND BOOKKEEPING SERVICES (2026) BETWEEN THE CITY OF AMES AND SABRINA WOODS, CPA. *This agenda item was postponed .*

4. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A PAPER SHREDDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$439.00. *This agenda item was postponed .*

5. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A FOLDING MACHINE FOR MONTHLY SEWER BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$598.99.

Mayor Domain explained that this machine is needed to make the process of processing the monthly bills more efficient. Our current machine has stopped working, and it needs to be replaced. There was no 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 Alfred Freeman Jr.**

**All in favor: 5 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, Alfred Freeman Jr., and T. Burgos)**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

6. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH BRAZOS TRANSIT DISTRICT.

There was no discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Eddie White**  
**Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr.**  
**All in favor: 5 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, Alfred Freeman Jr., and T. Burgos)**  
**Opposed: 0**  
**Abstained: 0**

7. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE DESIGNATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2026.

The mayor and council members nominated Eddie White as a representative for the general assembly of the Houston – Galveston Area Council and nominated Mayor Domain as the alternate representative. There was no discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Eddie White**  
**Seconded by: Councilwoman Tiffany Burgos**  
**All in favor: 5 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, Alfred Freeman Jr., and T. Burgos)**  
**Opposed: 0**  
**Abstained: 0**

8. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE TRANSFERRING \$52,700 FROM SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO UTILITY ACCOUNT TO PAY 2022 PAYROLL TAX.

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 Eddie White**  
**All in favor: 5 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, Alfred Freeman Jr., and T. Burgos)**  
**Opposed: 0**  
**Abstained: 0**

9. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL FROM 2 YEARS TO 4 YEARS PENDING APPROVAL OF THE VOTERS IN AN ELECTION.

Mayor Domain suggested that we increase the stability and continuity of city leadership by extending council terms from 2 years to 4 years, pending voter approval. Marivious explained that if voters approved the extension of the terms that the change would become effective at the following election. There was no 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: Councilwoman Tiffany Burgos**  
**All in favor: 5 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, Alfred Freeman Jr., and T. Burgos)**  
**Opposed: 0**  
**Abstained: 0**

10. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL \$256.00 FOR THE AGGREGATE BASE MATERIAL TO REPAIR EAST TEBO STREET.

Mayor Domain explained that the due to inflation the cost of the material exceeded the previously approved amount. There was no discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

**Motion made by: Councilman Eddie White**

**Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr.**

**All in favor: 5 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, Alfred Freeman Jr., and T. Burgos)**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

11. EDC REPORT. *There was not an EDC report*

12. MAYOR'S REPORT.

Discussed the progress of Highline installing internet services. Discussed the upcoming training for newly elected officials and the annual TML Conference. Mayor Domain also stated that she would into more training opportunities for the council members to find out about resources that are available to assist the community. Mayor Domain explained that she is the TML Regional President for the area. She believes her term may be up this year and she will not put her name back on the ballot.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Domain called for adjournment of the meeting at 7:01 P.M. There was no discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

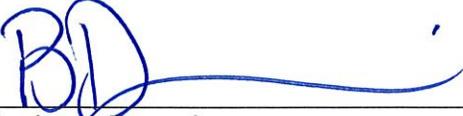
**Motion made by: Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy**

**Seconded by: Councilman Alfred Freeman Jr.**

**All in favor: 5 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, Alfred Freeman Jr., and T. Burgos)**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

  
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Barbara Domain  
Mayor

  
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City Secretary