

CITY OF AMES
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 09, 2026
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 absent. The prayer was led by Councilman Eddie White, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

CITIZEN APPREARANCE: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 09, 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 Eddie White
Seconded by: Councilwoman Elizabeth “Liz” Hardy
All in favor: 3 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, and E. White)
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

DISCUSS FINANCIALS:

Councilman Trahan asked if the financials could be summarized. Mayor Domain asked what exactly he wanted to know. The information requested was to find out if we were within our budget. Mayor Domain explained that we are currently operating within budget. She also explained that we have put some things in place to make sure that we have good checks and balances in place. Councilwoman Hardy asked about who we make a payment to in Felsher Texas. Mayor Domain explained that the payment made was to the inspector that we used.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

1. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2025-028, A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS FROM TWO TO FOUR YEARS, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS AT AN ELECTION.

Marivious explained that we will have to wait until next year to move forward with changing terms of from 2 to 4 years. He still has not received any clarification from the election’s personnel. Mayor Doman asked if this is something that we should ask TML? She stated that she would reach out to see if she could get some answers. ***There was no action taken on this agenda item.***

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION, IF AWARDED, OF THE CITY’S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) LOCAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (LCP) FUNDING FROM THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) UNDER THE 2024 DISASTERS DR-

4781 TEXAS SEVERE STORMS AND DR-4798 HURRICANE BERYL AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT.

Mayor Domain explained that this is the grant for a wastewater treatment plant with a 5% match requirement. She would like to suggest Traylor and Associates be the Grant Administrator on behalf of the City of Ames. 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 Eddie White
All in favor: 3 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, and E. White)
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION, IF AWARDED, OF THE COUNTY'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) LOCAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAM (LCP) FUNDING FROM THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE (GLO) UNDER THE 2024 DISASTERS DR-4781 TEXAS SEVERE STORMS AND DR-4798 HURRICANE BERYL AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT.

There was no action taken. The agenda item was postponed. Mayor Domain asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE OF PURCHASE 6 NEW CONFERENCE ROOM CHAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$424.99.

Mayor Domain explained that the bottom of the chairs are starting to fall out. Councilman Trahan asked if we would be buying the same chairs again. Mayor Domain stated that we will not be buying the same chairs because of the quality of them. Councilwoman Hardy asked if we could hold off one more year before we replace the chairs. ***There was no action taken on this agenda item.***

5. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT SPEED BUMPS.

Mayor Domain explained that the speed bumps on Martin and Donatto Street have begun to wear down and need to be replaced to prevent people from speeding down those roads again. Councilman Trahan and Councilwoman Hardy asked if we could go with asphalt speed bumps instead of the ones we have now. ***There was no action taken. The item was postponed pending quotes for asphalt speed bumps.***

6. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2026-002, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A GENERAL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF CITY ORDINANCES WHEN NO SPECIFIC PENALTY IS PROVIDED.

Marivious explained that the purpose of this ordinance it to establish fines and penalties for existing ordinances that originally did not specify the fines or penalties. Councilman Trahan asked if we could issues fines up to the \$2,000 maximum. Marivious explained that the max fine of \$2,000 was only for specific ordinances that would mostly deal with court appearances. 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 Eddie White

All in favor: 3 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, and E. White)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

7. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 2026-003, AN ORDINANCE DEFINING AND DECLARING CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCES.

Marivious explained that this ordinance would be a catch all ordinance to address all nuisances in the city. Some of the nuisance ordinances are outdated, and if this ordinance is approved, it will replace the outdated ordinances. Councilwoman Hardy had concerns about repeat situations concerning cleaning up properties and the city not getting their money reimbursed. Mayor Domain explained that the liens that are placed on the properties will ensure that the city will be reimbursed when the properties are sold. 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: 3 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, and E. White)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

8. **MAYOR'S REPORT - *Mayor Domain informed council that the Ameswood project designs are almost at 100% complete. She met with the engineers, and they provided the plans for review. Councilman Trahan suggested upgrading all of the culverts in Ameswood Subdivision to 18 inch culverts. SPI provided a timeline of 8 weeks to install the new grinder pump on CR 154.***

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Domain called for adjournment of the meeting at 6:49 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 Michael Trahan

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0



Barbara Domain
Mayor



Wellona Godfrey
City Secretary

