

**CITY OF AMES  
304 MARTIN DR. – AMES, TEXAS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
February 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 present. 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 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:**

Councilwoman Hardy asked the following: **Why do we shop at Walmart and Sam’s** – Mayor Domain explained that we buy our bulk items (cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.) from Sam’s and we use Walmart to purchase other office supplies and materials. **What was the \$40,000 that was deposited** – Mayor Domain explained that the \$40,000 was a payment from GLO for the grant to be paid to the grant administrators. **Why are we just now processing a check from September** – Mayor Domain explained that the check was written to a vendor who passed away shortly after payment was received which is why it took so long for the check to process through the bank.

**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.

The city council is considering extending the terms of office for the mayor and council members from two to four years, subject to voter approval. Marivious Allen, the city Attorney is trying to coordinate with the county and school districts to hold the election for the term extension simultaneously with the general election in May 2026. ***This item was postponed pending more information from the Secretary of State.***

2. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-001, CALLING FOR MAY 2, 2026, 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**

3. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 2025-008, REGULATING THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS.

Marivious Allen explained that the ordinance has been amended to prevent people from intentionally moving their cars for a short period of time to avoid getting them towed or receiving a citation. 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**

4. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2026-001, A FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, INTERNAL CONTROLS, AND FISCAL GOVERNANCE POLICY.

The purpose of the financial management and internal control policy is to ensure transparency and compliance in the city's financial practices. Councilwoman Hardy added that we need to make sure that what is outlined in the policy is being followed. Mayor Domain explained that the purpose of the policy is to establish guidelines to hold everyone accountable to. 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**

5. CONSIDER, AND IF APPROPRIATE, TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE AUCTIONING OFF THE 2002 CHEVY SILVERADO.

Mayor Domain explained that the 2002 Chevy Silverado truck is no longer operable and the cost of the repairs are not feasible due to the age and condition of the vehicle. Mayor Domain stated that she would like to use the proceeds to potentially purchase a better-running vehicle or a small city car for the office staff to use for running errands. 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**

6. MAYOR'S REPORT - *Mayor Domain informed council that the installation of the new grinder pump should be starting in about 4 weeks.*

7. Executive Session:

Mayor Domain called for **Executive Session at 6:20 P.M.** There was no discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously. **Executive Session ended at 6:41 P.M.**

**Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**Seconded by: Councilwoman Elizabeth "Liz" Hardy**

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

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

8. ADJOURNMENT.

Mayor Domain called for adjournment of the meeting at 6:42 P.M. There was no discussion. Mayor Domain asked for a motion. A motion was made. All were in favor. Passed unanimously.

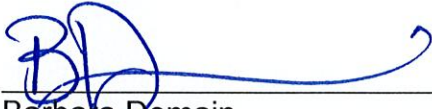
**Motion made by: Councilman Michael Trahan**

**Seconded by: Councilman Eddie White**

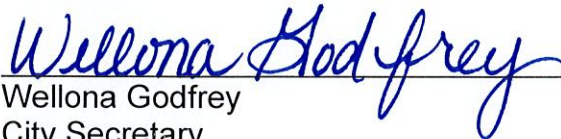
**All in favor: 5 (M. Trahan, E. Hardy, E. White, Alfred Freeman Jr., and T. Burgos)**

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**



Barbara Domain  
Mayor



Wellona Godfrey  
City Secretary