



**INGRAM CITY COUNCIL
December 15, 2025 At 6:00 PM
Ingram City Hall
230 Highway 39, Ingram TX 78025**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Ingram, Texas, was called to order by Mayor Claud B. Jordan, Jr. at 6:03 PM (approx.)

INVOCATION/PRAYER

Offered by Council Member Ray Howard

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present:

- Mayor Pro Tem Rocky Hawkins
- Council Member David Britton
- Council Member Robert Kimbrough
- Council Member Ray Howard
- Council Member Christopher McLachlan

Council Members Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

City Staff Present:

- Bryanne Doss, City Secretary
- Dustin Breshears, Chief of Police
- Stuart Gross, Code Enforcement

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

None.

2. VISITORS / CITIZENS FORUM

None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

4. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Clarification of Prior Ordinance Vote

Presenter: Mayor / Council (discussion led on the record).

- Council revisited the November Revised Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance vote after public accusations that members had changed their votes in executive session (“back room”) to “make” the ordinance pass.
- It was stated on the record that votes were not changed in executive session.
- Council consulted with the City Attorney during the November 17, 2025 Council Meeting executive session, and the Attorney confirmed the vote was legal under a simple majority standard.
- The Final Vote from the November 2025 meeting was as follows:
 1. Motion (Nov 25 meeting): To approve the update to the Flood Way ordinance made by Council Member Ray Howard.
 2. VOTE:
 - Ray Howard – YES
 - Rocky Hawkins – YES
 - Christopher – NO
 - David Britton – ABSTAIN
 - Robert Kimbrough – ABSTAIN
 - Mayor – Did not vote (Mayor votes only in case of a tie; no tie occurred).
 3. Result of prior vote: Ordinance update passed by simple majority.

5. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None

6. STAFF REPORTS

A. Police Department Report

Presenter: Chief Dustin Breshears.

Summary of activity since the last City Council meeting:

- One officer on paternity leave.
- One officer out due to complications from an elective surgery, extending his absence.
- 114 traffic stops conducted.
- 31 arrests made.
- 20 immigration enforcement actions, resulting in 20 deportations.
- Open investigations reduced from 491 (when the Chief took office) to 76.

B. Code Enforcement / Public Works Report

Presenter: Stuart Gross

General Overview:

- Organizational change: all Public Works staff now report to Stuart Gross, who in turn reports to Rocky, to simplify operations and communication.
- Public Works activities: tree trimming along easements; some trees may appear aggressively cut back, but work is being performed to required clearances and to keep limbs off easements.
- Park maintenance: seed has been obtained for the park, with additional seed expected; seeding is planned/underway.
- Speed bumps – Cypress Falls neighborhood:
 1. A prior citizen request asked for speed bumps in the Cypress Falls neighborhood.
 2. Preliminary estimate for installing traditional speed bumps throughout Cypress Falls is approximately \$2,400.
 3. Ray Howard expressed concern that road/asphalt thickness may not be sufficient for bolted-down speed bumps requiring anchors and rebar, which could lead to failure or road damage.
- Equipment and Battery Maintenance / Solar Trickle Chargers
 1. The City is experiencing recurring dead battery issues on infrequently used vehicles and equipment, including reserve vehicles, a bobcat tractor, a pressure washer, and a sewer “poop” pump.
 2. Replacement batteries for this equipment typically cost between \$200 and \$300 each.
 3. A solar trickle charger has already been installed for the fuel pumps, and there have been no battery problems with that unit since installation.

4. Proposal: purchase solar trickle chargers, estimated at approximately \$30–\$40 each, in a quantity of around 8–9 units, for underused vehicles and equipment to prevent battery drain.
5. It was noted that winter conditions cause batteries to discharge faster, making the need for maintenance charging more urgent.

7. OLD/NEW BUSINESS INFORMATION AND DISCUSSIONS

8. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

City Council may suggest future agenda items.

A. Speed Bump Solutions and Future Agenda Item

Presenter: Council discussion (with contributions from staff and members).

- An alternative option for speed control was discussed: constructing speed bumps using cold-application asphalt (“cold patch”) as a simple raised hump on top of the existing road surface.
- This method would not require bolted or manufactured devices, and the hump could be painted for visibility.
- Council discussed that cold patch could be a cheaper and potentially workable solution if installed correctly.
- Questions were raised about whether formal council action and public notice are legally required before installing speed bumps on public streets.
- Because speed bumps were not listed on this meeting’s agenda as an action item, council determined that no vote on installation could be taken at this time.
- Direction was given to place “Speed Bumps – Information and Discussion (Possible Action)” on a future agenda, with the concept of a single trial speed bump (likely cold patch) for evaluation after proper notice and agenda placement.

B. Early Warning Tower and Funding (Texas Water Development Board / SB 3)

Presenter: Ray Howard

(with prior discussions referenced involving the Mayor and Sarah Tyson of the Texas Water Development Board).

1. Council discussed state funding opportunities under SB 3 for early warning systems, including siren towers.
2. Senator Bettencourt's office communicated that the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) would be considering expedited funding and possible reimbursement for cities and counties that begin eligible early warning system projects.
3. A bid was obtained for one 10-tier warning tower, including telephone pole installation and setup, at a cost of \$68,855.
4. Future phases contemplate additional towers at the pump station and the dam/fire station; these additional towers are not included in the \$68,855 cost.
5. The system can be configured so its siren tone is distinct from other existing sirens (e.g., fire department) to avoid confusion.
6. In prior conversations with Sarah Tyson (TWDB), it was indicated that the City would be placed high on the director's priority list for early warning funding.
7. Price increases are anticipated after January 1, so there is an advantage to issuing a purchase order before that date if funding/reimbursement is certain.
8. Council expressed that the City will not proceed with a purchase order or commit city funds without written confirmation from the TWDB that the project will be reimbursed.
9. Any project must be fully documented, transparent, and supported by written reimbursement assurances before moving forward.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:14PM the City Council convened in Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551: §551.074 – Personnel Matters

No Action was Taken.

11. OPEN SESSION/ACTIONS

The City Council reconvened in open session following Executive Session. No specific open-session actions related to Executive Session items are reflected in the transcript provided.

No Action was Taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The Motion to Adjourn was not clearly recorded however the based on all agenda items being completed, Motion to Adjourn is assumed.

STATEMENT REGARDING RECONSTRUCTION

These minutes have been reconstructed from the available transcript and audio recording and reflect the best available record of actions taken, in compliance with Texas Government Code §551.021.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct record of the City Council meeting to the best of my knowledge and based upon available documentation and recording.

Jaqueline Gault

CITY SECRETARY/ACTING CITY SECRETARY



APPROVED



APPROVED WITH CHANGES



REJECTED

CITY COUNCIL REVIEWED ON

3/16/26

DATE:

FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Chris Adams

MAYOR / DATE

Jaqueline Gault 3/16/26

ATTEST / DATE

ACTION ITEMS

1. Mayor / City Attorney / Staff: Verify legal requirements (including any public notice, engineering review, and council vote requirements) for installing speed bumps on city streets.
2. Mayor / City Secretary: Place “Speed Bumps – Information and Discussion (Possible Action)” on a future council agenda, including consideration of a single trial speed bump location.
3. Stuart Gross (Public Works): Price 8–9 solar trickle chargers, identify which underused vehicles and equipment will receive them, and prepare a purchase and installation plan.
4. Ray Howard: Obtain written confirmation from the Texas Water Development Board that the early warning tower project (approximately \$68,855) will be reimbursed before any purchase order is issued.
5. Mayor or Designee (e.g., Ray Howard / Stuart Gross): Follow up with Sarah Tyson (Texas Water Development Board) to confirm the City’s priority status and clarify reimbursement procedures and timelines for the early warning system project.
6. Ray Howard / Public Works / Emergency Management: Begin planning for additional tower locations at the pump station and dam/fire station, contingent upon funding and written reimbursement commitments.