

## **The Weekly Activity Report for February 17 - 21, 2025**

The City of Jacksboro sends our heartfelt sympathy for the family of Commissioner Kenny Salazar. Mr. Salazar was a good friend to the City of Jacksboro, and we will remember fondly the opportunities we had to work and fellowship with him.

We were closed Monday, February 17th for President's Day.

Like everyone else, we battled the cold weather most of the week. We spread de-icer at the school entrances as well as the hospital in anticipation of icy weather. Judge Umphress assisted us in obtaining additional de-icer from TXDOT. Fortunately we did not have to utilize any additional de-icer, so we have plenty in the event of another cold spell.

As a result of the extreme cold, we closed the gate going across the spillway at Lake Jacksboro due to ice. We will continue to monitor that situation and open it when appropriate. Additionally we had to by-pass the booster station on the south side of town because it froze. We also by-passed the prison water tower because several of the electronic monitoring devices were not functioning due to the weather. The City was never out of water, however we did experience lower pressure in some areas. The Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEMS) worked with Chief Jennings to have tankers available in the event of a large fire in order to offset the lower pressure.

The Fire Department responded to 6 EMS calls, 2 motor vehicle accidents and 2 fire alarms.

Animal Control responded to two (2) animal calls last weekend, as well as four (4) additional calls this week and an adoption. The water well froze at the shelter, so we are using alternative resources to provide water temporarily.

Distribution and Collection repaired a water main break last Saturday on Bowie Street. This was not caused by weather. The department also responded to 19 calls for service for either water or sewer issues.

We established Twin Lakes Activity Center as a "warming station" in the event anyone lost heat in their homes. Although no one stayed there for an extended period of time, we did have several residents utilize the showers due to frozen pipes. We also noticed at the lake that the Bald Eagle is back, so stay on the lookout if you go out there.

The Police Department issued 14 tickets and made one (1) arrest. They also responded to 56 calls for service, and have 25 open cases under investigation.

Two employees did their normal "Meals on Wheels" rotation on Wednesday.

Our outside accountant visited on Thursday to assist with preparing for the audit.

We continue to reply to multiple Public Information Requests.

Building Inspections completed 6 inspections this week.

We assisted the EDC with finalizing the EDA grant contract so construction can begin at the Jacksboro Business Park.

The total sales tax (City and EDC combined) for the month of February was \$153,930. That is up approximately \$1,400 from the same month last year.

There was a Public/Legal Notice in the paper this week regarding an upcoming "Warrant Roundup". The notice was titled "2025 Texas Court Case Resolution Campaign" regarding an increased effort in statewide law enforcement agencies, Justice of the Peace and Municipal Courts efforts to resolve outstanding cases. Individuals with outstanding tickets began receiving warrant notices on February 17th.

The Jack County Elections Office began advertising Countywide voting locations and times for early voting for the May election.

We are beginning our migration from Google to Microsoft 365. This will be a phased migration and we do not anticipate any interruptions in service.

As always, if you have any questions please let me know.

Respectfully,  
Mike S.