



**CITY OF AMES BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**BARBARA DOMAIN  
MAYOR**

**MICHAEL TRAHAN  
MAYOR PRO-TEM  
COUNCIL MEMBER, POSITION 1**

**ELIZABETH "LIZ" HARDY  
COUNCIL MEMBER, POSITION 2**

**EDDIE WHITE  
COUNCIL MEMBER, POSITION 3**

**ALFRED FREEMAN, JR.  
COUNCIL MEMBER, POSITION 4**

**AUDREY HARRISON  
COUNCIL MEMBER, POSITION 5**

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## 2024 Budget Utility Fund

### Revenue Accounts

Sewer Service (\$44.60)	\$	294,360.00
Garbage Service (\$17.00)	\$	112,200.00
Tap Fees & Other (New)	\$	25,000.00
Interest	\$	112.00
<b>Transfer From (General Acct)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>45,760.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>477,432.00</b>

### Expense Category

Salaries (2 emp + Sec)	\$	126,080.00
IRS Payroll Taxes	\$	15,000.00
Payment Processing	\$	2,500.00
Contract Labor	\$	2,500.00
Piney Woods Sanitation	\$	78,000.00
Grey Water Disposal Cost	\$	100,000.00
Grey Water Overage Cost (\$2500)	\$	30,000.00
Entergy/City of Liberty	\$	420.00
USDA Grant/Loan Payment	\$	47,730.00
Maintenance/Vehicles	\$	22,000.00
Maintenance/Sewer Supplies	\$	8,000.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>432,230.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>45,202.00</b>



# 2024 Budget

## General Fund

<b>Revenue</b>		
Property Tax	\$	260,000.00
Franchise Tax	\$	26,000.00
Sales Tax/CPA State Local Fiscal/INV	\$	37,000.00
Interest Income	\$	200.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>323,200.00</b>
<b>Expense Category</b>		
City Secretary (transferred to Utility)	\$	45,760.00
Contract Labor/ City Judge	\$	6,000.00
Legal Services (Liberty litigation)	\$	65,000.00
City Mayor	\$	8,000.00
Utilities	\$	30,000.00
Professional Services (Auditor)	\$	10,000.00
Elections	\$	5,000.00
Insurance	\$	3,000.00
Publishing	\$	1,600.00
City Council Training	\$	8,000.00
Streets	\$	3,000.00
Loan Excavator	\$	8,579.53
Office Expense	\$	17,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$	19,000.00
Software Expenses	\$	9,500.00
Vehicle Expense	\$	8,300.00
Bookkeeping	\$	12,000.00
General Legal Counsel	\$	50,000.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>309,739.53</b>
<b>Estimated Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>13,460.47</b>



## **CITY OF AMES 2024 BENEFITS**

### **VACATION**

All full-time employees will accrue **3.34 hrs (40 hrs yearly)** of vacation time per month for employment beginning at 90 days to 1 year and **6.67 hrs (80.04 hrs yearly)** of vacation per month for years 2 through 10; and **10 hrs** per month of vacation after 10 years of employment.

### **SICK LEAVE**

Sick leave is a benefit that is allowed in cases of actual illness or disability. Abuse of sick leave will cause the employee to be subject to disciplinary action or dismissal.

Sick leave begins to accrue on the first day of employment: although it may not be used until 90 days after employment. Only the sick time that has been earned may be used.

<b>0-5 yrs</b>	<b>6.67 hrs monthly (80.04 hrs yearly)</b>
<b>5 yrs or more</b>	<b>13.33 hrs monthly (159.96 hrs yearly)</b>

### **HOLIDAYS**

(See Attached Schedule)

### **EMERGENCY LEAVE**

Emergency leave will accrue in the amount of three days per year. These leave days may be used in the event of illness or death of an immediate member of the family. "Immediate member" shall include mother, father, spouse, child, sibling, and grandparents. Emergency leave not taken in the year following accrual is forfeited.



## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 1, 2024</b>
<b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b>	<b>JANUARY 15, 2024</b>
<b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 19, 2024</b>
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>MARCH 29, 2024</b>
<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>MAY 27, 2024</b>
<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b>	<b>JULY 4, 2024</b>
<b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 2, 2024</b>
<b>COLUMBUS DAY</b>	<b>OCTOBER 14, 2024</b>
<b>VETERANS DAY</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 11, 2024</b>
<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b>	<b>NOV. 28 – 29- 2024</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>DEC. 25 – 27- 2024</b>

**THESE ARE PAID HOLIDAYS**





The **2024 Budget** was approved by the City of Ames Council on September 25, 2023. The motion to approve the General and Utility Budgets as written with possibility of amendments was made by Council Member **Michael J. Trahan II** and seconded by Council Member **Elizabeth Hardy**, with votes of   3   in favor and   0   opposed. The motion was passed.

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Mayor Barbara Domain, City of Ames

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Attested by:

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Wellona Godfrey, City Secretary