ORDINANCE NO. 2024-007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CITY OF AMES BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Ames, Texas, is a Type A general law municipality located in Liberty County;

WHEREAS, the City adopted the fiscal year 2024 budget on September 25, 2023 by a recorded vote of the City Council;

WHEREAS, the City has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the taxpayers to amend the budget for the fiscal year 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments include increases in specific line items to be covered by existing balances in the general and utility fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Amendment of Employee Salaries

The line item for employee salaries in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget is hereby amended to increase by the sum of \$38,040.00.

SECTION 2. Amendment of Contract Labor

The line items for contract labor in the Fiscal Year 2024 budget is hereby amended to increase by the sum of \$11,500.00 in the General Fund and \$5,000.00 in the Utility Fund.

SECTION 3. Utilization of Existing Balances.

All increases in the aforementioned line items shall be covered by existing budget balances as reflected in the attached City of Ames Amended Budget for Fiscal Year January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 ("Exhibit A").

SECTION 4. Severability.

That if any section, provision, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word in this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Ames, Texas, hereby declares it would have enacted such remaining portions, despite invalidity.

SECTION 5. *Effective Date.* This amendment of the City of Ames fiscal year 2024 budget shall take effect immediately upon passage by the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED, & ADOPTED this, the 12TH day of February 2024.

Barbara Domain, Mayor

ATTEST:

Wellona Godfrey, City Secretary