ORDINANCE NO. 2025-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, AMENDING THE 2025 BUDGET; FINDING MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of Ames, Texas ("City Council") seeks to amend and otherwise modify the City's budget for 2025;

WHEREAS, the City has a need to adjust a line item in the General Fund;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed Budget Amendment is for legitimate municipal purposes, and thus is statutorily authorized by Texas Local Government Code Section 102.010;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001, the City has general authority to adopt an ordinance that is for the good government, peace, or order of the city and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the City;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 101.002, the City Council may manage and control the finances of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is necessary and proper for the good government, peace or order of the City of Ames to adopt an ordinance amending the current budget.

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

SECTION 1 – FINDINGS OF FACT

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein. The City of Ames' budget for 2025 shall be read in accordance with *Attachment* "A," which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes.

SECTION 2 – BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The City of Ames' budget for 2025 shall read in accordance with *Attachment "A,"* which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes. Budget changes include:

General Fund

Expenditures:

• Bookkeeping has increased \$15,000.00 (from \$13,400.00 to \$28,400.00)

SECTION 3 – REPEALER

To the extent reasonably possible, ordinances are to be read together in harmony. However, all ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.

SECTION 4 – SEVERABILITY

Should any of the clauses, sentences, paragraphs, sections or parts of this Ordinance be deemed invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of law or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter, such action shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5 – NOTICE TO COUNTY

The City Secretary has hereby been directed to file this Budget Amendment in the office of the County Clerk in Liberty County pursuant to Chapter 102 of the Local Government Code.

SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication as provided for by law.

SECTION 7 – PROPER NOTICE & MEETING

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. Notice was also provided as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

PASSED, APPROVED, & ADOPTED this, the 10th day of March 2025.

CITY OF AMES:

Barbara Domain, Mayor

ATTEST

Wellona Godfrey, City Secretary