

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-002

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 line items in the Utility 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:

Utilities Fund

Expenditures:

- Salaries has decreased \$50,000.00 (from \$192,400.00 to \$142,400.00)
- Contract Labor has increased \$50,000.00 (from \$11,000.00 to \$61,000.00)

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all ordinances, or parts thereof, that are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters regulated, herein.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

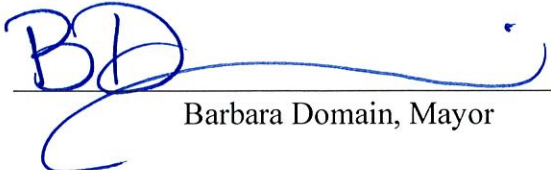
This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication as provided for by law.

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 13TH day of January 2025.

CITY OF AMES:



Barbara Domain, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wellona Godfrey, City Secretary



**CITY OF AMES AMENDED BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**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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2025 BUDGET UTILITY FUND

Revenue Accounts		
Sewer Service (\$44.60)	\$	294,360.00
Garbage Service (\$17.00)	\$	112,200.00
Tap Fees & Other (New)	\$	15,000.00
Interest	\$	112.00
Transfer from (General Acct)	\$	47,840.00
Total	\$	469,512.00
Expenses Category		
Salaries (3 employees + Sec.)	\$	142,400.00
IRS Payroll Taxes/Unemployment	\$	25,000.00
Payment Processing	\$	2,500.00
Contract Labor	\$	61,000.00
Piney Woods Sanitation	\$	87,000.00
City of Liberty (Grey Water Disposal/Overages & Electric)	\$	65,000.00
USDA Grant/Loan Payment	\$	55,905.52
Maintenance/Vehicles	\$	22,000.00
Maintenance/Sewer Supplies	\$	8,706.48
Total Operating Expenses	\$	469,512.00
Estimated Ending Balance	\$	-



**2025 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND**

Revenue Accounts		
Property Tax	\$	312,491.80
Franchise Tax	\$	26,000.00
Sales Tax/CPA State Local Fisca/INV	\$	37,000.00
Interest Income	\$	200.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	21,000.00
Total Revenue	\$	396,691.80
Expenses Category		
City Secretary (Transferred to Utility)	\$	47,840.00
Contract labor	\$	23,000.80
Legal Services (Liberty Litigation)	\$	65,000.00
General Legal Counsel	\$	50,000.00
Professional Services (Auditor)	\$	10,000.00
City Mayor	\$	24,000.00
Utilities	\$	30,000.00
Municipal Court	\$	10,000.00
Elections	\$	8,200.00
Insurance	\$	7,000.00
Publishing/Advertising	\$	10,000.00
City Council Training/Stipend	\$	13,000.00
Streets	\$	15,000.00
Loan Excavator	\$	8,579.53
John Deere Loan (Lawnmower)	\$	8,000.00
Office Expense	\$	17,000.00
Software Expenses	\$	12,000.00
Vehicle Expense	\$	7,000.00
Gas	\$	7,000.00
Bookkeeping	\$	13,400.00
Bonus for Employees (\$200 each)	\$	1,000.00
Uniforms	\$	880.47
Postage	\$	3,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$	5,291.00
Total Expenses	\$	396,691.80
Estimated Ending Balance	\$	-



CITY OF AMES 2025 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.

0-5 yrs	6.67 hrs monthly (80.04 hrs yearly)
5 yrs or more	13.33 hrs monthly (159.96 hrs yearly)

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

NEW YEAR'S DAY	JANUARY 1, 2025
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	JANUARY 20, 2025
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 17, 2025
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 18, 2025
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 26, 2025
JUNETEENTH	JUNE 19-20, 2025
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 4, 2025
LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 1, 2025
COLUMBUS DAY	OCTOBER 13, 2025
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 11, 2025
THANKSGIVING DAY	NOV. 26 – 28, 2025
CHRISTMAS DAY	DEC. 24 – 26, 2025

THESE ARE PAID HOLIDAYS