



## CITY OF AMES

Serving as a local elected official is one of the most demanding—and often thankless—tasks a citizen can perform. Municipal officials can be called upon day and night. They are subject to constant criticism, and almost everything they do will be wrong in someone’s opinion. Many spend their own money to campaign for election; most receive little, if any, pay for the job. But serving in local office can also be rewarding and productive. For many, it is more important than being in Congress or the state legislature because the city is the real world where municipal officials can make good things happen for their fellow citizens.

THE CITY OF AMES IS TYPE A GENERAL LAW, WHICH OPERATES UNDER A COUNCIL/MAYOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT. UNDER THIS GOVERNMENT THE ELECTED CITY COUNCIL SETS THE POLICIES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT. THE CITY COUNCIL CONSISTS OF SIX MEMBERS; A MAYOR AND FIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS. THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THESE ELECTED OFFICIALS IS FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS. ALL MEMBERS ARE ELECTED AT-LARGE.

THE REGULAR-CALLED MEETINGS OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL ARE HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 P.M. MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED AT ANY TIME TO CONDUCT NECESSARY BUSINESS.