

City of Ames

2025 Budget Cover Page

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$52,491.80 or 20.19%, and of that amount \$7,104.25 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year. The total tax rate will remain the same as last year's total tax rate (\$0.50/\$100). Last year's adjusted total tax levy was \$301,929.00, therefore the actual difference in amount for this year's proposed tax levy (\$312,491.80) is only \$10,562.80 or 3.5%.



**CITY OF AMES 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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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
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Expense Category

Salaries (2 emp + Sec)	\$	192,400.00
IRS Payroll Taxes	\$	25,000.00
Payment Processing	\$	2,500.00
Contract Labor	\$	10,000.00
Piney Woods Sanitation	\$	87,000.00
City of Liberty (Grey Water Disp/Overages/Elect)	\$	65,000.00
USDA Grant/Loan Payment	\$	55,905.52
Maintenance/Vehicles	\$	22,000.00
Maintenance/Sewer Supplies	\$	8,000.00

Total Operating Expenses	\$	467,805.52
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Estimated Ending Balance	\$	1,706.48
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General Fund

Revenue		
Property Tax	\$	312,491.80
Franchise Tax	\$	26,000.00
Sales Tax/CPA State Local Fiscal/INV	\$	37,000.00
Interest Income	\$	200.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$	20,000.00
Total Revenue		
	\$	395,691.80
Expense Category		
City Secretary (transferred to Utility)	\$	47,840.00
Contract Labor	\$	17,500.00
Legal Services (Liberty litigation)	\$	65,000.00
City Mayor	\$	18,000.00
Utilities	\$	30,000.00
Professional Services (Auditor)	\$	10,000.00
Municipal Court	\$	10,000.00
Elections	\$	7,000.00
Insurance	\$	5,000.00
Publishing	\$	3,000.00
City Council Training	\$	13,000.00
Streets	\$	5,000.00
Loan Excavator	\$	8,579.53
Office Expense	\$	17,000.00
Software Expenses	\$	12,000.00
Vehicle Expense	\$	8,300.00
Bookkeeping	\$	12,000.00
General Legal Counsel	\$	50,000.00
Bonus for Employees (\$200 each)	\$	1,000.00
Total Expense		
	\$	340,219.53
Estimated Ending Balance		
	\$	55,472.27



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 15, 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



The **2025 Budget** was approved by the City of Ames Council on September __, 2025. The motion to approve the General and Utility Budgets as written with possibility of amendments was made by Council Member _____ and seconded by Council Member _____, with votes of _____ in favor and _____ opposed. The motion was passed.

Mayor Barbara Domain, City of Ames

Michael Trahan, Councilman, Position 1

Elizabeth Hardy, Councilwoman, Position 2

Eddie White, Councilman, Position 3

Alfred Freeman, Councilman, Position 4

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Attested by:

Wellona Godfrey, City Secretary