

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AMES, TEXAS, ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024; FUNDING MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING FOR THE FOLLOWING: FINDINGS OF FACT; ENACTMENT; FILING OF BUDGET; REPEALER; SEVERABILITY; EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROPER NOTICE AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Ames ("City of Ames" and "City Council") seeks to enact and otherwise approve the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2024;

WHEREAS, the new fiscal year commences for the City of Ames ("City") on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, following public notices duly posted and published as required by law, a public hearing was held on September 25, 2023, by and before the City Council of the City of Ames, the subject of which was the proposed budget for the City of Ames for Fiscal Year 2024, submitted in accordance with provisions of required state statutes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, upon full consideration of the matter, is of the opinion that the budget hereinafter set forth is proper and should be approved and adopted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed Budget is for legitimate municipal purposes, and is in compliance with Texas Local Government Code Chapter 102; and

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; and

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 is necessary and proper for the good government, peace, or order of the City of Ames to adopt an ordinance establishing a budget for the upcoming fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City has satisfied all statutory requirements for public notices and public hearings regarding the attached budget.

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

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance by reference as findings of fact as if expressly set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The City’s budget for fiscal year 2024 shall read in accordance with *Attachment “A”*, which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all purposes.

SECTION 3. 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. 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 the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. The City Secretary is hereby directed to file the budget on the website of the City and in the City’s official records.

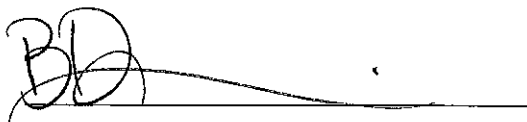
SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and publication as provided for by law.

SECTION 7. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted was open to the public, and the 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 proved as required by Chapter 52 of the Texas Local Government Code.

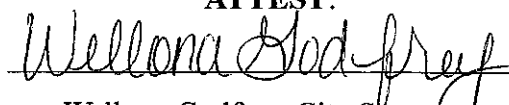
PASSED & ADOPTED this, the 25th day of September 2023, by the following City Council of Ames roll call vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Trahan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>for</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>against</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>abstain</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>absent</i>
Council Member Hardy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>for</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>against</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>abstain</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>absent</i>
Council Member White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>for</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>against</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>abstain</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>absent</i>
Council Member Freeman, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>for</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>against</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>abstain</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>absent</i>
Council Member Harrison	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>for</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>against</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>abstain</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>absent</i>

CITY OF AMES:


Barbara Domain Mayor

ATTEST:


Wellona Godfrey, City Secretary

Attachment “A”

2024 City Budget



This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$52,898.71, which is a 21.63% tax increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raise from new property added to the tax roll is \$8,308.55.

City of Ames City Council Recorded Roll Call Vote:

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Property Tax Rate Comparison:	2022	2023
Adopted Tax Rate:	0.51355/\$100	0.50000/\$100
No-New Revenue Tax Rate:	0.51355/\$100	0.41195/\$100
Voter-Approval Tax Rate:	n/a	0.50234/\$100
Maintenance & Operations Tax Rate (M&O):	0.51355/\$100	0.42457/\$100
Debt Rate:	n/a	0.07543/\$100
Projected property Tax Increase for 2023:		\$52,898.71
Total Debt Obligation, secured by Property Tax:		\$47,729.00

Budget Adoption Ordinance No. 2023-003
Ratify Tax Increase Resolution No. 2023-008
Tax Levy Ordinance No. 2023-002

FY 2023 Adopted Budget

FY 2024 Adopted Budget

City General Fund

REVENUE			
Property Tax	\$	258,217.24	\$
Franchise Tax	\$	24,633.55	\$
Sales Tax/CPA State Local Fiscal/INV	\$	20,037.49	\$
Interest Income	\$	200.00	\$
Transfer from Savings	\$	109,485.25	\$
Total Revenue:	\$	412,573.53	\$

323,200.00

EXPENSE

City Secretary	\$	41,600.00	\$	45,760.00
Interlocal Agreements	\$	13,400.00	\$	6,000.00
Legal Services	\$	25,000.00	\$	65,000.00
City Mayor	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00
Utilities	\$	12,744.00	\$	30,000.00
Professional Services (Auditor)	\$	23,500.00	\$	10,000.00
Elections	\$	7,000.00	\$	5,000.00
Insurance	\$	1,500.00	\$	3,000.00
Publishing	\$	500.00	\$	1,600.00
City Council Training	\$	8,000.00	\$	8,000.00
Streets	\$	3,000.00	\$	3,000.00
Loan Excavator	\$	8,579.53	\$	8,579.53
Office Expense	\$	18,000.00	\$	17,000.00
Payroll Taxes	\$	78,000.00	\$	19,000.00
Software Expenses	\$	10,680.00	\$	9,500.00
Advertising Expense	\$	570.00	\$	
Vehicle Expense	\$	8,300.00	\$	8,300.00
Bookkeeping	\$	65,000.00	\$	12,000.00
General Legal Counsel	\$	36,000.00	\$	50,000.00
Wastewater Consultant	\$	10,000.00	\$	
Maintenance Supplies	\$	16,000.00	\$	
Miscellaneous/Supplies	\$	17,200.00	\$	
Total Expense:	\$	412,573.53	\$	309,739.53

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City Utility Fund

REVENUE

Sewer Service (\$27.50)	\$	181,500.00		\$	294,360.00
Garbage Service (\$17.00)	\$	112,200.00		\$	112,200.00
Tap Fees & Other (New)	\$	10,800.00		\$	25,000.00
				\$	112.00
Transfer (General Acct)	\$	41,600.00		\$	45,760.00
Total Revenue:	\$	346,100.00		\$	477,432.00

EXPENSE

Salaries	\$	120,300.00		\$	126,080.00
Contract Labor	\$	2,500.00		\$	2,500.00
Piney Woods Sanitation	\$	66,000.00		\$	78,000.00
Grey Water Disposal Cost	\$	50,000.00		\$	100,000.00
Grey Water Overage Cost	\$	18,000.00		\$	30,000.00
Entergy/City of Liberty	\$	25,300.00		\$	420.00
USDA Grant/Loan Payment	\$	37,000.00		\$	47,730.00
Maintenance/Vehicles	\$	22,000.00		\$	22,000.00
Maintenance/Sewer Supplies	\$	5,000.00		\$	8,000.00
				\$	15,000.00
				\$	2,500.00
Total Expense:	\$	346,100.00		\$	432,230.00