

CITY OF AMES

PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET COVER PAGE

This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$45,215.66 or 14.47%, and of that amount \$16,214.71 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year.



CITY OF AMES BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026

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

TIFFANY BURGOS
COUNCIL MEMBER, POSITION 5

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2026 BUDGET GENERAL FUND

Revenue Accounts

Property Tax	\$	357,707.46
Franchise Tax	\$	26,000.00
Sales Tax/CPA State Local Fiscal/INV	\$	37,000.00
Interest Income	\$	200.00
Additional Revenue	\$	21,000.00
Total Revenue	\$	441,907.46

Expenses Category

City Secretary (Transferred to Utility)	\$	49,920.00
Contract labor	\$	25,000.00
Legal Services (Liberty Litigation)	\$	50,000.00
General Legal Counsel	\$	50,000.00
Professional Services (Auditor)	\$	16,000.00
Bond	\$	85,715.60
City Mayor	\$	24,000.00
Utilities	\$	30,000.00
Municipal Court	\$	15,000.00
Elections	\$	8,500.00
Insurance	\$	25,000.00
Publishing/Advertising	\$	10,000.00
City Council Training/Stipend	\$	13,000.00
Streets	\$	15,000.00
Office Expense	\$	17,000.00
Software Expenses	\$	12,000.00
Vehicle Expense	\$	7,000.00
Gas	\$	7,000.00
Bookkeeping	\$	28,400.00
Bonus for Employees	\$	2,000.00
Uniforms	\$	1,000.00
Postage	\$	4,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$	0.00
Total Expenses	\$	495,535.60
Estimated Ending Balance	\$	(53,628.14)



2026 BUDGET UTILITY FUND

Revenue Accounts

Sewer Service (\$44.60)	\$	294,360.00
Garbage Service (\$17.00)	\$	112,200.00
Tap Fees & Other	\$	15,000.00
Interest	\$	112.00
Transfer from General Acct.	\$	49,920.00
Total Revenue	\$	469,512.00

Expenses Category

Salaries	\$	149,200.00
IRS Payroll Taxes/Unemployment	\$	25,000.00
Payment Processing	\$	5,000.00
Contract Labor	\$	35,000.00
Piney Woods Sanitation	\$	89,610.00
City of Liberty (Grey Water Disposal/Overages & Electric)	\$	65,000.00
USDA Grant Loan/Payment	\$	55,905.22
Maintenance/Vehicles	\$	22,000.00
Maintenance/Sewer Supplies	\$	12,000.00
Office Supplies	\$	8,000.00
Total Expenses	\$	466,715.52

Estimated Ending Balance	\$	2,796.48
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CITY OF AMES 2026 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.



2026 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S DAY	JANUARY 01 – 02, 2026
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	JANUARY 19, 2026
PRESIDENT'S DAY	FEBRUARY 16, 2025
TEXAS INDEPENDENCE DAY	MARCH 02, 2026
GOOD FRIDAY	APRIL 03, 2026
MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 25, 2026
JUNETEENTH	JUNE 19, 2026
INDEPENDENCE DAY (OBSERVED)	JULY 03, 2026
LABOR DAY	SEPTEMBER 07, 2026
COLUMBUS DAY	OCTOBER 1, 2026
VETERANS DAY	NOVEMBER 11, 2026
THANKSGIVING DAY	NOVEMBER 25 - 27, 2026
CHRISTMAS DAY	DECEMBER 24 - 25, 2026

THESE ARE PAID HOLIDAYS