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COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: CITY OF AMES BANK DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

The City deposits its funds in various financial institutions throughout the community. Funds are deposited and withdrawn to facilitate the City's day-to-day payment obligations, capital project expenses, and reserves. Periodically, it is necessary to review the list of approved depositories and make adjustments to reflect business and market changes. The following changes are proposed to be made to the City of Ames Depository Resolution:

- Add South Story Bank & Trust to the list of approved depositories with a maximum balance limit of \$25,000,000.
- Add Central State Bank to the list of approved depositories with a maximum balance limit of \$25,000,000.
- Add Chase Bank to the list of approved depositories with a maximum balance limit of \$25,000,000.
- Change the name of Bank of the West to BMO Bank

Both South Story State Bank & Trust and Central State Bank have recently met with staff to discuss possible business opportunities. Adding both to the City's depository list will enable that interest.

Chase Bank is a new addition to the City of Ames. The bank has expressed interest in bidding on City funds. Adding Chase Bank to the approved depository list will facilitate that interest.

Bank of the West has merged with Bank of Montreal (BMO).

The financial institutions presented on the City's depository list reflect the institutions that have expressed interest in bidding on City funds. The maximum balances reflect the institution's reputation and financial stability.

Please note that deposits of public funds in all approved depositories are insured by FDIC insurance and/or collateralized by the State public investment pool.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Adopt a resolution to reflect business and market changes to the City of Ames Deposit Resolution.

2. Deny the request for changes to the approved depository list.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The City urges the active involvement of local and county financial institutions and welcomes the competition in bidding for City funds. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby adopting the resolution to update the list of approved depositories for the City of Ames.

ATTACHMENT(S):

[COUNCIL ACTION FORM Depository Resolution July 2026.pdf](#)