



2026-27 BUDGET HEARING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2026 at 7:30 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ALBION CITY HALL, 420 W MARKET ST. ALBION, NE 68620

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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ROLL CALL

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [BUDGET HEARING – 2026-27 BUDGET](#)

[This is an opportunity for citizens to make public comment on the proposed budget.](#)

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AGENDA MEMO

MEETING NAME: Albion City Council

DATE: September 8, 2026

ITEM NAME: **BUDGET HEARING – 2026-27 BUDGET**
This is an opportunity for citizens to make public comment on the proposed budget.

PRESENTER(S):

CITY ADMINISTRATOR DEVINE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

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DISCUSSION:

MOTION: No Formal Action Necessary

BY:

2ND:

ROLL CALL: Dailey _____ Johnson _____ Porter _____ Tisthammer _____

SUMMARY OF DECISION:

2026-27 - Property Tax/Budget Public Hearing InformationName of Political Subdivision: The City of Albion, Nebraska

Amount of Property Tax Request:

General Fund: \$773,839.38Bond Fund: \$40,404.00Total Request: \$899,113.16

The Total Property Tax Request represents 45% of the budgeted 2026-27 Governmental Operating Expenditures. The remaining 55% is supported by other sources of revenue.

The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 8.25 percent.

Albion continues to see growth in tax base - through recent annexations of developed property and new construction. Valuation increases spread the property tax burden across more community resources

Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Albion, Nebraska will decrease from last year's by 15 percent

Over the past several years the City has been able to provide property tax asking relief through the application of cash reserves to support the city's operating budget. Although the operating budget is decreasing, the property tax request is increasing due the fact that those previous cash reserves have been spent down and are no longer available.

The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.362765 per \$100 of assessed value.

The City of Albion, Nebraska proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.378545 per \$100 of assessed value

Pages 3 and 4 from the full 2026-27 City of Albion Budget key provision report demonstrate the property tax allocations and a levy history chart.

To obtain more information regarding the increase in the property tax request, citizens may contact the the City of Albion, Nebraska at 402-395-2428, or Administrator@CityofAlbion-NE.com

The Municipal Fiscal year is October 1st through September 30th.

Three Reports of Key Provisions are included:

1) Property Tax Summary - Pages 3-4

* The total Property Tax Request proposed (preliminary) for 2026-27 is **\$939,516.00**, which is **45%** of the 2026-27 budgeted Governmental Operating Expenditures.

*The total Governmental (non-Utility/non-Capital) Operating Expenditures proposed to operate the city at the existing level of service and maintenance is **\$2,083,360.00**. {Utility expenditures are supported by utility revenues. Capital projects are supported by Sales Tax, Donations, Grants, and Bonded Debt}

*The preliminary 2026-27 Budget includes a levy of **\$0.3785/\$100** - which does not include the Airport Allocation and is **1.4 cents** lower than last year.

*The estimated operating levy (not including bonded debt service) of **\$0.3623** remains well below the \$0.45 maximum.

>In past years we've tried to maintain an operating levy at or below the 40 cent mark.<

*Property tax asking in this draft is **\$38,684 (4.3%) more** than last year and will NOT require participation in the joint public hearing with the County and School District.

*We no longer have cash reserves available to supplement the budget in both our Governmental and Non-Governmental (Utilities) Funds, which is why our property tax request and levy are trending upwards. Once debt retirements begin, we may start to see a downward trend to the overall levy (if no new debt is required).

**The preliminary budget includes a significant increase in Water and Sewer rates as recommended by our auditor AND the Nebraska Rural Water Association. The Rural Water Association performed a rate study of our rates and provided recommended rates and included a comparison to other communities they consider to be peer in population AND size of systems. The preliminary budget includes those rates.*

AND - we're also supplementing the Water and Sewer budgets with Sales Tax Funds.

We've focused on keeping our rates as low as possible for citizens the last 20 years by supplementing with cash reserves; however, those reserves are now depleted.

*The City will begin to retire bonded debt on the 2014 Pool project (Funded by property tax and sales tax) in 2032 and the 2018 Fairview Street project (currently funded by Street Dept, but may impact property tax asking for the Street department) in 2033. The 2013 Sewer Plant bonds (funded entirely by Sewer Revenues) retire in 2030.

>>It should also be noted that our consistently low operating levy, combined with our overall valuation, eliminates us from receiving Municipal Equalization Funding from the State. Other similar sized communities with similar valuations who have the max levy of 45 cents are estimated to receive aid in the \$10,000-\$20,000 range this fiscal year. It changes from year to year, so we've never chased this number, rather we have simply maintained the lowest levy possible to maintain our day-to-day operations.

****Certified Valuation (8.25% increase): \$248,191,450**

>>>Budget Summary continued on Page 2

2) Proposed Budget Summary by Department - Pages 5-17

*Identifies Major Revenue and Expenditure Areas in each department / fund, and includes previous year budget comparison.

*Also identifies **ESTIMATED** current year budget performance by department and applies any available surplus to 2026-27 proposed budget.

*Combined, all operations are estimated to perform better than budget for current fiscal year - 2025-26 - by **\$320,208**.

*Governmental Funds as a whole are estimated to perform **\$379,738** better than budgeted.

*Business-Type Funds (Utilities) are estimated to perform with a **budget deficit** of **\$59,530**.

*Payroll and Benefits - The budget also includes a COLA increase pending approval by the City Council in August. The Health Insurance Premiums are still below the premium level we were at four years ago when we made the switch, but our new plan is not immune to inflationary conditions and premium rate creep.

*Software Upgrades - The City is facing software transitions across the board due to end of life/service of several products including our Accounting Software, Agenda/Meeting Management Software, and Utility Billing Software.

The good news is this will add significant functionality to improve operations and customer experience, like online bill pay. Features that we've been planning to add for several years, but just haven't pulled the trigger on. Now we can't put the expenditure off any longer as we need to choose new products anyway. The bad news is this increases cost across all departments going forward.

3) Capital Project Plans by Department - Pages 19-24

*Lists Major Projects and Purchases that are either already planned or proposed for 2026-27 and beyond.

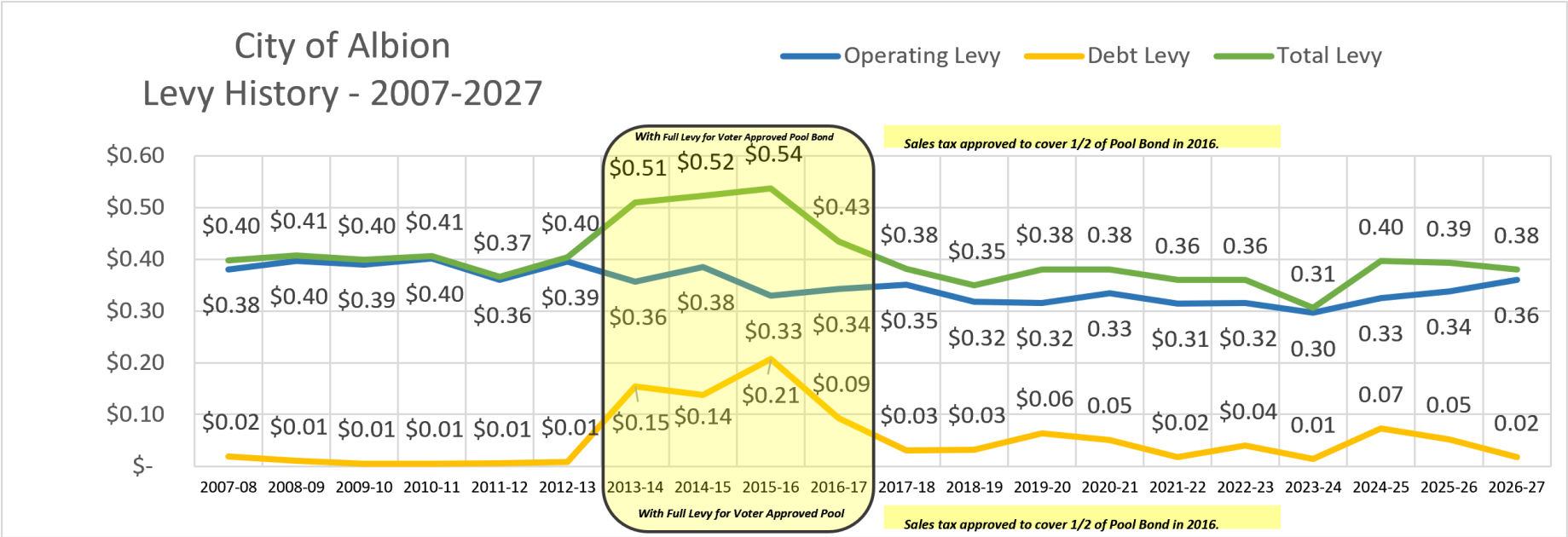
**Capital Improvement Sales Tax Funds proposed to be split between Streets (31% - Street Improvements & Maintenance); Water (15% - Maintenance & Improvements); Sewer (11% - Maintenance & Improvements), Police Department (9% - New Vehicle); Pool (27% - Repairs & Maintenance); and Economic Development/Housing Director Benefits (7%).

2024 Valuation	\$ 220,907,700	(Certified by assessor on 8/16/24) - Actual 9.7% Increase
2025 Valuation	\$ 229,261,692	(Certified by assessor on 8/15/25) - Actual 3.8% Increase
2026 Valuation	\$ 248,191,450	(Certified by assessor on 8/20/26) - Actual 8.25% Increase

DEPT	Property Tax Required 2025-26	Proposed 2025-2026 Request (with 1% Fee)	2025-26 LEVY	Property Tax Required 2026-27	Proposed 2026-2027 Request (with 1% Fee)	Proposed 2026-27 LEVY	Property Tax Request Difference	
General Admin.	\$ 27,389	\$ 27,663	\$ 0.0121	\$ 23,573	\$ 23,809.00	\$ 0.0096	\$ (3,854)	
Street	\$ 83,927	\$ 84,766	\$ 0.0370	\$ 87,500	\$ 88,375.00	\$ 0.0356	\$ 3,609	
Park	\$ 172,573	\$ 174,299	\$ 0.0760	\$ 166,550	\$ 168,216.00	\$ 0.0678	\$ (6,083)	
Pool	\$ 50,560	\$ 51,066	\$ 0.0223	\$ 50,150	\$ 50,652.00	\$ 0.0204	\$ (414)	
Police	\$ 330,880	\$ 334,189	\$ 0.1458	\$ 387,920	\$ 391,799.00	\$ 0.1579	\$ 57,610	
Fire	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,525	\$ 0.0011	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,220.00	\$ 0.0090	\$ 19,695	
Library	\$ 98,349	\$ 99,332	\$ 0.0433	\$ 152,429	\$ 153,953.00	\$ 0.0620	\$ 54,621	
SUB TOTAL	\$ 766,178	\$ 773,840	\$ 0.3375	\$ 890,122	\$ 899,112	\$ 0.3623	\$ 125,272	26-27 Levy if use '25-26 Tax RQ
G.O. Bond Fund	\$ 30,409	\$ 30,713	\$ 0.0134	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,100	\$ 0.0041	\$ (20,613)	\$ 0.3628
Pool Bonds	\$ 94,851	\$ 95,800	\$ 0.0418	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,300	\$ 0.0122	\$ (65,500)	Percent Change in Tax Request
TOTAL	\$ 891,438	\$ 900,352	\$ 0.3927	\$ 930,122	\$ 939,516	\$ 0.3785	\$ 38,684	4.30%
<i>*Subject to change with modifications to budget and/or ACTUAL VALUATION</i>							\$ (0.0142) Levy Difference	
							-3.61% CITY LEVY CHANGE	

Where does the Property Tax requested by the City of Albion go?
How is the Property Tax allocated?

2026-27 LEVY by Department		Monthly City Property Tax Breakdown based on property valuation.						
		\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000	\$350,000	\$400,000
General Admin.	\$ 0.0096	\$0.80	\$1.20	\$1.60	\$2.00	\$2.40	\$2.80	\$3.20
Street	\$ 0.0356	\$2.97	\$4.45	\$5.93	\$7.42	\$8.90	\$10.38	\$11.87
Park	\$ 0.0678	\$5.65	\$8.48	\$11.30	\$14.13	\$16.95	\$19.78	\$22.60
Pool	\$ 0.0204	\$1.70	\$2.55	\$3.40	\$4.25	\$5.10	\$5.95	\$6.80
Police	\$ 0.1579	\$13.16	\$19.74	\$26.32	\$32.90	\$39.48	\$46.05	\$52.63
Fire	\$ 0.0090	\$0.75	\$1.13	\$1.50	\$1.88	\$2.25	\$2.63	\$3.00
Library	\$ 0.0620	\$5.17	\$7.75	\$10.33	\$12.92	\$15.50	\$18.08	\$20.67
Operating Levy	\$ 0.3623	\$30.19	\$45.29	\$60.38	\$75.48	\$90.58	\$105.67	\$120.77
G.O. Bond Fund	\$ 0.0041	\$0.34	\$0.51	\$0.68	\$0.85	\$1.03	\$1.20	\$1.37
Pool Bonds	\$ 0.0122	\$1.02	\$1.53	\$2.03	\$2.54	\$3.05	\$3.56	\$4.07
Debt Levy	\$ 0.0163	\$1.36	\$2.04	\$2.72	\$3.40	\$4.08	\$4.75	\$5.43
Total Levy	\$ 0.3786	\$31.55	\$47.33	\$63.10	\$78.88	\$94.65	\$110.43	\$126.20



Preliminary 2026-2027 Budget - By Department

Column Descriptions:

*2025-26 BUDGET: Council Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year Oct 1, 2025 to Sep 30, 2026.

** Estimated 2025-2026: Estimated Performance for FY 2025-2026 utilizing current performance, forecast of last quarter, and historical data.

*** Difference: Illustrates difference in the budgeted v. estimated year end department Revenue, Expenditure, and overall performance.

**** Proposed 2026-27: Preliminary Department Budgets - utilizing any expected surplus/cash reserve from current/previous years.

TOTAL EXPECTED 2025-26 BUDGET SURPLUS/CASH RESERVE FOR ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS TO CARRY FORWARD INTO 2026-27: \$ 320,208.00

General Administration	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 27,389.00	\$ 27,440.00		\$ 23,573.00
In Lieu of Tax & Pro Rate	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 129,820.00		\$ 126,500.00
Grant Income - Hazard Mitigation Grant (Sirens)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Municipal Equalization (State Aid)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Building Permit Fees	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,230.00		\$ 12,000.00
Other Revenue	\$ 56,520.00	\$ 35,920.00		\$ 41,570.00
Franchise Fee Revenue	\$ 220,500.00	\$ 238,665.00		\$ 235,500.00
Nuisance Abatement Income (placeholder)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 1,900.00		\$ 20,000.00
Transfer In - Sinking Fund for Capital Outlay/Maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -		\$ 10,000.00
Transfer In - Solid Waste	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 69,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Transfer In - Sales Tax	\$ 11,730.00	\$ 11,750.00		\$ 11,750.00
Total Department Revenue	\$ 529,139.00	\$ 526,725.00	\$ (2,414.00)	\$ 485,893.00
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 153,830.00	\$ 137,210.00		\$ 176,730.00
Capital Outlay (New Civil Siren)	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 1,990.00		\$ 45,000.00
Nuisance Abatement Expense (placeholder)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		\$ 20,000.00
Payroll & Benefits (Administrator, Deputy Clerk, Mayor, Council)	\$ 304,015.00	\$ 295,915.00		\$ 305,245.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 522,845.00	\$ 435,115.00	\$ (87,730.00)	\$ 546,975.00
Applied Cash Reserves	\$ -			\$ 85,316.00
Net Department Budget / Performance	\$ 6,294.00	\$ 91,610.00	\$ 85,316.00	\$ 24,234.00
			(FY Budget Surplus)	

Economic Development / Housing Initiative	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Donations	\$ -	\$ 80,310.00		\$ 80,000.00
Misc Revenue	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 180.00		\$ 2,000.00
Interest Income	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,680.00		\$ 7,500.00
Transfer In - Sales Tax - for Housing Program Support	\$ 21,640.00	\$ 19,500.00		\$ 15,000.00
<u>Total Department Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 28,640.00</u>	<u>\$ 106,670.00</u>	<u>\$ 78,030.00</u>	<u>\$ 104,500.00</u>
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 1,010.00		\$ 2,750.00
Transfers Out	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Payroll & Benefits (Economic Development and Housing Program Director)	\$ 97,350.00	\$ 101,040.00		\$ 106,200.00
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 100,600.00</u>	<u>\$ 102,050.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,450.00</u>	<u>\$ 108,950.00</u>
<u>Applied Cash Reserves (from Housing Fund)</u>	<u>\$ 72,360.00</u>	<u>\$ 72,360.00</u>		<u>\$ 4,450.00</u>
Net Department Budget	\$ 400.00	\$ 76,980.00	\$ 76,580.00	\$ -
			(FY Budget Surplus)	

Street Department	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 83,927.00	\$ 87,330.00		\$ 87,500.00
State Highway Allocation	\$ 277,995.00	\$ 277,630.00		\$ 278,875.00
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 82,280.00		\$ 75,000.00
Motor Vehicle Tax	\$ 52,000.00	\$ 55,310.00		\$ 55,000.00
Motor Vehicle Fee	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,460.00		\$ 18,500.00
Transfer in - From Sales Tax Capital Improvements	\$ 60,070.00	\$ 60,070.00		\$ 73,000.00
Transfer in - from Equipment Sinking Fund	\$ 8,750.00	\$ -		\$ 25,000.00
Other Revenue	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 7,280.00		\$ 17,525.00
Total Department Revenue	\$ 586,742.00	\$ 588,360.00	\$ 1,618.00	\$ 630,400.00
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 138,261.00	\$ 115,110.00		\$ 146,160.00
Equipment Leases (Bobcat, Tractor, Sweeper)	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,170.00		\$ 56,250.00
Capital Outlay (Replace Ford Dump Truck & Side by Side)	\$ 23,250.00	\$ -		\$ 105,335.00
Street Capital Improvements (Alley and Street Paving)	\$ 30,070.00	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 43,000.00
Street Maintenance Program	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 33,150.00		\$ 33,250.00
Transfer to Sinking Fund	\$ -	\$ 2,320.00		\$ -
Transfer to G.O. Bond Fund	\$ 119,665.00	\$ 119,665.00		\$ 116,985.00
Payroll & Benefits (50% Street Supervisor, 25% Sewer Operator, 25% Water Operator, 25% Maintenance Workers)	\$ 140,720.00	\$ 158,650.00		\$ 170,940.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 542,966.00	\$ 503,065.00	\$ (39,901.00)	\$ 671,920.00
Applied Cash Reserves	\$ (43,775.00)	\$ (43,775.00)		\$ 41,520.00
Net Department Budget / Performance	\$ -	\$ 41,520.00	\$ 41,520.00	\$ -
			(FY Budget Surplus)	

Parks Department	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 172,573.00	\$ 172,918.00		\$ 166,550.00
Camping Fees	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 21,000.00		\$ 22,000.00
Transfer in (from Sales Tax)	\$ 110,320.00	\$ 110,320.00		\$ -
Donations (Big Give - Albion Baseball)	\$ 278,185.00	\$ 357,160.00		\$ -
Donations (Big Give - Trail and Clark Street Project)	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 177,840.00		\$ -
Grant Income (2025-26 Trail and Clark Street Project)	\$ 830,705.00	\$ 906,980.00		\$ -
Donations - General Parks	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 12,000.00
Other Revenue	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 12,210.00		\$ 2,500.00
Total Department Revenue	\$ 1,548,283.00	\$ 1,758,428.00	\$ 210,145.00	\$ 203,050.00
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 108,100.00	\$ 80,130.00		\$ 109,700.00
Capital Outlay (Albion Baseball Batting Cage)	\$ 396,930.00	\$ 506,015.00		\$ -
Capital Outlay (Clark Street & Trail Project)	\$ 1,060,845.00	\$ 1,187,425.00		\$ -
Capital Outlay/Sprinkler System Upgrade	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
Payroll & Benefits (City Groundskeeper, Summer Labor)	\$ 64,100.00	\$ 66,550.00		\$ 73,350.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,639,975.00	\$ 1,850,120.00	\$ 210,145.00	\$ 203,050.00
Applied Cash Reserves	\$ 91,692.00	\$ 91,692.00		\$ -
Net Department Budget	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
			(FY Budget Surplus)	

Pool Department	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 50,560.00	\$ 50,660.00		\$ 50,150.00
Admission Fees	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 33,500.00		\$ 33,500.00
Transfer In From Municipal Lottery	\$ 9,460.00	\$ 6,440.00		\$ 6,500.00
Transfer in from Sales Tax - for Maintenance	\$ 38,600.00	\$ 34,770.00		\$ 50,000.00
Transfer in from Solid Waste	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 32,310.00
Other Revenue	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 10,850.00		\$ 10,750.00
Total Department Revenue	\$ 136,120.00	\$ 136,220.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 183,210.00
Day-to-Day Operation	\$ 35,220.00	\$ 40,260.00		\$ 43,650.00
Capital Outlay and Major Maintenance	\$ 48,600.00	\$ 33,145.00		\$ 78,710.00
Payroll	\$ 51,860.00	\$ 60,225.00		\$ 63,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 135,680.00	\$ 133,630.00	\$ (2,050.00)	\$ 185,360.00
<u>Applied Cash Reserves</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ 2,150.00</u>
Net Department Budget	\$ 440.00	\$ 2,590.00	\$ 2,150.00	\$ -
			(FY Budget Surplus)	

Police Department	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 330,880.00	\$ 331,530.00		\$ 387,920.00
Transfer in - From Sales Tax (Building/Equip/Maint)	\$ 23,460.00	\$ 23,500.00		\$ 43,500.00
Transfer In - from Sinking Fund (Building/Equip/Maint)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 25,000.00
Other Revenue	\$ 19,200.00	\$ 21,425.00		\$ 6,900.00
<u>Total Department Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 373,540.00</u>	<u>\$ 376,455.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,915.00</u>	<u>\$ 463,320.00</u>
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 56,850.00	\$ 69,100.00		\$ 64,050.00
Capital Outlay - (Possible Vehicle Trade)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 50,000.00
Transfer to Building/Equipment/Maintenance Sinking Fund	\$ 22,000.00	\$ -		\$ -
Payroll & Benefits (Preparing budget for a full 3-man department)	\$ 344,465.00	\$ 347,900.00		\$ 358,500.00
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 423,315.00</u>	<u>\$ 417,000.00</u>	<u>\$ (6,315.00)</u>	<u>\$ 472,550.00</u>
<u>Applied Cash Reserves</u>	<u>\$ 49,775.00</u>	<u>\$ 49,775.00</u>		<u>\$ 9,230.00</u>
Net Department Budget	\$ -	\$ 9,230.00	\$ 9,230.00	\$ -
			(FY Budget Surplus)	

Fire Department	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00		\$ 22,000.00
MFO Funds	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Sale of Surplus Property	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -		\$ 15,000.00
* Transfer in - From Sales Tax	\$ 70,390.00	\$ 70,490.00		\$ 70,500.00
Transfer in - From Equipment Reserve	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -		\$ -
Rural Reimbursement	\$ 62,200.00	\$ 46,225.00		\$ 50,000.00
Other Revenue	\$ 1,010.00	\$ 575.00		\$ 1,210.00
Total Department Revenue	\$ 168,600.00	\$ 129,790.00	\$ (38,810.00)	\$ 168,710.00
Operation	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 62,870.00		\$ 73,300.00
* Equipment Purchases, Maintenance, or Transfer to Equipment Reserve	\$ 136,928.00	\$ 53,600.00		\$ 161,230.00
Payroll	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,830.00		\$ 2,900.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 226,828.00	\$ 119,300.00	\$ (107,528.00)	\$ 237,430.00
<i>Applied Cash Reserves</i>	<i>\$ 58,230.00</i>	<i>\$ 58,230.00</i>		<i>\$ 68,720.00</i>
Net Department Budget	\$ -	\$ 68,720.00	\$ 68,720.00	\$ -
			(FY Budget Surplus)	

Library	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Property Tax Revenue	\$ 98,349.00	\$ 98,540.00		\$ 152,429.00
Transfer in - From Sales Tax	\$ 11,730.00	\$ 11,750.00		\$ 11,750.00
Transfer in - From Sinking Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 20,000.00
Donations	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 14,600.00		\$ 2,500.00
Other Revenue	\$ 8,770.00	\$ 7,340.00		\$ 8,320.00
Total Department Revenue	\$ 121,349.00	\$ 132,230.00	\$ 10,881.00	\$ 194,999.00
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 48,590.00		\$ 43,900.00
Collection Additions	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,180.00		\$ 14,000.00
Capital Outlay/Transfer to Sinking Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 23,520.00
Payroll	\$ 81,810.00	\$ 98,000.00		\$ 102,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 138,810.00	\$ 160,770.00	\$ 21,960.00	\$ 183,920.00
Applied Cash Reserves	\$ 17,461.00	\$ 17,461.00		\$ (11,079.00)
Net Department Budget	\$ -	\$ (11,079.00)	\$ (11,079.00)	\$ -
			(FY Budget Deficit)	

Water Department	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Water Revenues (*with Recommended Rate Increase)	\$ 313,800.00	\$ 302,660.00		\$ 387,100.00
Sale of Suplus Property	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Transfer in - From Sinking Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 1,000.00
Transfer in - From Sales Tax	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 50,000.00
DHHS Grant	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -		\$ -
Other Revenue	\$ 21,450.00	\$ 22,090.00		\$ 22,050.00
Total Department Revenue	\$ 345,250.00	\$ 324,750.00	\$ (20,500.00)	\$ 460,150.00
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 145,735.00	\$ 108,570.00		\$ 142,800.00
Significant Maintenance Fund(Fire Hydrants, Valves, Leaks)	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 45,780.00		\$ 40,000.00
Capital Outlay (Equipment, etc. or Transfer to Sinking)	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -		\$ 7,110.00
Tower Maintenance (transfer unused to sinking fund)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,240.00		\$ 10,000.00
Transfer to Tower Maintenance Sinking Fund	\$ -	\$ 7,760.00		\$ -
2013-14 Well Loan Payments	\$ 16,285.00	\$ 16,285.00		\$ 16,165.00
2018-19 Well Loan Payments	\$ 28,105.00	\$ 28,090.00		\$ 27,985.00
2024-2025 Water Bond Payments	\$ -	\$ 27,415.00		\$ 26,775.00
Payroll & Benefits (50% Water Operator, 25% Sewer Operator, 25% Street Supervisor, 33% Utility Billing Clerk, 25% Maintenance Workers)	\$ 146,650.00	\$ 150,680.00		\$ 168,770.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 386,775.00	\$ 386,820.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 439,605.00
<u>Applied Cash Reserves</u>	<u>\$ 41,525.00</u>	<u>\$ 41,525.00</u>		<u>\$ (20,545.00)</u>
Net Department Budget	\$ -	\$ (20,545.00)	\$ (20,545.00)	\$ -
			(FY Budget Deficit)	

Sewer Department	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Sale of Surplus Property / Material Sales	\$ 500.00	\$ -		\$ 500.00
Sewer Use Revenue (* with Recommended Rate Increase)	\$ 463,300.00	\$ 467,490.00		\$ 583,700.00
Transfer in - From Sales Tax	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,020.00		\$ 35,000.00
Other Revenue	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 13,905.00		\$ 17,800.00
<u>Total Department Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 510,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 508,415.00</u>	<u>\$ (2,285.00)</u>	<u>\$ 637,000.00</u>
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 91,550.00	\$ 108,160.00		\$ 102,400.00
Sewer System Improvements/Extensions/Sludge Application Project	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 20,000.00
Sewer System Maintenance Projects (Manhole and Sewer Line Rehab)	\$ 35,535.00	\$ 34,000.00		\$ 40,000.00
Capital Outlay (Equipment, etc. or Transfer to Sinking)	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -		\$ 20,835.00
Future Development Capital Improvement	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
WWTF Financing Payments	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 242,090.00		\$ 242,160.00
Payroll & Benefits (50% Sewer Operator, 25% Water Operator/Building Inspector, 25% Street Supervisor, 33% Utility Billing Clerk, 25% Maintenance Workers)	\$ 143,615.00	\$ 162,990.00		\$ 172,780.00
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 510,700.00</u>	<u>\$ 547,240.00</u>	<u>\$ 36,540.00</u>	<u>\$ 598,175.00</u>
<u>Applied Cash Reserves</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		<u>\$ (38,825.00)</u>
Net Department Budget	\$ -	\$ (38,825.00)	\$ (38,825.00)	\$ -
			(FY Budget Deficit)	

Solid Waste Department	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Garbage Use Revenue (1.5% rate increase)	\$ 295,500.00	\$ 294,590.00		\$ 304,500.00
Grant Income (Tire Collection)	\$ 22,790.00	\$ 21,140.00		\$ -
Other Revenue	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,975.00		\$ 3,000.00
<u>Total Department Revenue</u>	<u>\$ 320,790.00</u>	<u>\$ 318,705.00</u>	<u>\$ (2,085.00)</u>	<u>\$ 307,500.00</u>
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 10,620.00		\$ 20,950.00
Contract Costs (Solid Waste, Grass Pile, Tree Pile, Clean up Days)	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 226,690.00		\$ 210,200.00
Transfers Out (General)	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 69,000.00		\$ 37,310.00
Capital Outlay (Or Transfer to Sinking)	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 3,500.00		\$ -
Payroll & Benefits (34% Utility Billing Clerk)	\$ 30,730.00	\$ 32,420.00		\$ 34,840.00
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 344,155.00</u>	<u>\$ 342,230.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,925.00)</u>	<u>\$ 303,300.00</u>
<u>Applied Cash Reserves</u>	<u>\$ 23,365.00</u>	<u>\$ 23,365.00</u>		<u>\$ (160.00)</u>
Net Department Budget	\$ -	\$ (160.00)	\$ (160.00)	\$ 4,040.00
			(FY Budget Deficit)	

G.O. Bond Fund	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Property Tax Revenue - Pool Bonds	\$ 94,851.00	\$ 97,590.00	\$	30,000.00
Property Tax Revenue - Other GO Bonds	\$ 30,409.00	\$ 30,710.00	\$	10,000.00
In Lieu of Tax and Pro Rate	\$ 23,295.00	\$ 21,040.00	\$	20,000.00
Transfer in - Sales Tax (Pool Bond)	\$ 117,320.00	\$ 117,480.00	\$	117,715.00
Transfers in (Street)	\$ 119,665.00	\$ 119,665.00	\$	116,985.00
Total Department Revenue	\$ 385,540.00	\$ 386,485.00	\$ 945.00	\$ 294,700.00
2018 Street Construction Bonds	\$ 119,665.00	\$ 119,665.00	\$	116,985.00
2017 Pool Bonds - Refunded	\$ 216,540.00	\$ 216,540.00	\$	217,385.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 385,540.00	\$ 336,205.00	\$ (49,335.00)	\$ 334,370.00
<i>Applied Cash Reserves</i>	<i>\$ (6,109.00)</i>	<i>\$ (6,109.00)</i>		<i>\$ 44,171.00</i>
Net Department Budget	\$ -	\$ 44,171.00	\$ 44,171.00	\$ 4,501.00
			(FY Budget Surplus)	
Municipal Lottery (Keno) Fund	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Keno Revenue	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,950.00	\$	5,000.00
Total Department Revenue	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,950.00	\$ (4,050.00)	\$ 5,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$	250.00
Transfers Out	\$ 9,460.00	\$ 6,440.00	\$	6,500.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,460.00	\$ 6,790.00	\$ (2,670.00)	\$ 6,750.00
<i>Applied Cash Reserves</i>	<i>\$ 460.00</i>	<i>\$ 460.00</i>		<i>\$ -</i>
Net Department Budget	\$ -	\$ (1,380.00)	\$ (1,380.00)	\$ (1,750.00)
			(FY Budget Surplus)	

Sales Tax Fund	2025-26 Budget	Estimated 2025-26	Difference	Proposed 2026-27
Interest Income	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 4,350		\$ 6,000.00
Sales Tax Revenue - One Cent (Capital Projects)	\$ 234,630.00	\$ 234,960		\$ 235,000.00
Sales Tax Revenue - One Cent (ED)	\$ 234,630.00	\$ 234,960		\$ 235,000.00
Sales Tax Revenue - 1/2 Cent (Fire)	\$ 70,390.00	\$ 70,490		\$ 70,500.00
Sales Tax Revenue - 1/2 Cent (Police)	\$ 23,460.00	\$ 23,500		\$ 23,500.00
Sales Tax Revenue - 1/2 Cent (City Hall)	\$ 11,730.00	\$ 11,750		\$ 11,750.00
Sales Tax Revenue - 1/2 Cent (Library)	\$ 11,730.00	\$ 11,750		\$ 11,750.00
Sales Tax Revenue - 1/2 Cent (Pool Bond)	\$ 117,320.00	\$ 117,480		\$ 117,500.00
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax Revenue	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 82,280		\$ 75,000.00
Total Department Revenue	\$ 784,890.00	\$ 791,520.00	\$ 6,630.00	\$ 786,000.00
Transfer to Street Fund for Improvements	\$ 60,070.00	\$ 60,070		\$ 73,000.00
Transfer to Water - Infrastructure Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 50,000.00
Transfer to Sewer - Infrastructure Fund	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 27,020		\$ 35,000.00
Transfer to Park - Capital Projects	\$ 110,320.00	\$ 110,320		\$ -
Transfer to General Adm - Housing Program Benefits	\$ 21,640.00	\$ 19,500		\$ 15,000.00
Transfer out to Albion Economic Development (from Fund Balance)	\$ 234,630.00	\$ 96,500		\$ 373,130.00
Transfer to Fire Dept - Equipment Reserve	\$ 70,390.00	\$ 70,490		\$ 70,500.00
Transfer to Police - Capital Projects, Equip, Maint.	\$ 23,460.00	\$ 23,500		\$ 43,500.00
Transfer to Library - Capital Projects, Equip, Maint.	\$ 11,730.00	\$ 11,750		\$ 11,750.00
Transfer to General (City Hall) - Capital Projects, Equip, Maint.	\$ 11,730.00	\$ 11,750		\$ 11,750.00
Transfer to GO Debt - Pool Bond	\$ 117,320.00	\$ 117,480		\$ 117,500.00
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax to Street Dept	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 82,280		\$ 75,000.00
Transfer to Pool - Improvements/Maintenance	\$ 38,600.00	\$ 34,770		\$ 50,000.00
Transfer to G.O. Bond Fund	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
Total Expenditures	\$ 799,890.00	\$ 665,430	\$ (134,460)	\$ 926,130.00
Applied Cash Reserves	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 141,090.00
Net Department Budget	\$ -	\$ 141,090.00	\$ 141,090.00	\$ 960.00
			(FY Budget Surplus)	

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The City's Capital Improvement Plan is developed by the City based upon critical community needs as well as citizen concerns expressed in regular surveys.

Red Flag - High Need:

<u>Sewer Rehabilitation</u>	Following video camera survey of collection lines we're starting to prioritize rehabilitation including Manholes and Sewer Main lining and are dedicating funds for these activities **Funds are currently lacking for 2026-2027 Budget Year - will likely to continue focus on Man Holes.
<u>Civil Defense Siren Improvements</u>	Creating a plan to replace two sirens with larger coverage area to cover all developed areas within the ETJ. One siren replaced in 2024-25. Another planned for 2026-27.
<u>Repair Pool Leak</u>	COMPLETE.
<u>* Playground Equipment Updates - including accessible features</u>	Eli Porter Memorial Project - COMPLETE **Park on Clark Street Project - Awarded Rural Community Recovery Program Grant - 2025-2026 - to be Complete by September 30, 2026.
<u>Water and Sewer Extensions</u>	Need to begin planning for completion of water transmission lines from Fairgrounds Road to 11th and Fairview and Well #5 site.
<u>* Assurance of safe drinking water</u>	New Well online in 2020; however, wells 2 and 3 collapsed and are decommissioned. Mayor recommends planning for new well in deeper water formation further south.

Orange Flag - Moderate to High Need:

* Recreational Walking/Running Trails	<u>**Need to plan for Link between Fuller Park and 11th and State Street.</u> Phase 1, Fuller Park and Fairgrounds Loop Completed in 2018. Phase 2, linking Clark Park Neighborhood and Sports Complex - COMPLETE - 2026.
* Campground Expansion	Added to Capital Improvement Plan in 2016. 20 sites with Water and Electricity added in FY '21-22. <u>*Sewer to be extended following the sewer main project through South Park Subdivision - 2027-28 ?</u>
* Irrigation System for Sludge Application	Project would be more efficient method of application, could rotate crops and also potentially apply compost from grass pile on crop ground ourselves, rather than pay to have it hauled away. No Funds Available *Target for FY '27-28
* Sports Complex Improvements	*Based on 2019 input from parents and coaches. Albion Baseball/Softball - Cardinal Cage Project - nearing completion. Future Projects subject to funding: Replace aged light poles, relocate transformers, additional fencing, drainage improvements, new concession stand. Target for '27 and beyond.

Yellow Flag - Moderate Need:

* General Street Conditions/Maintenance	Annual Maintenance Program included in O&M Budget (Crack sealing every year. Significant Microsurfacing occurred 2017 & 2024) ON GOING
Street Paving - 11th to Fuller and Park View Streets	Mayor Jarecki's "Bucket-List" Item
* C-2 - Commercial Alley Paving	Prioritizing several commercial alleys a year to be funded by sales tax funds. ON GOING
* Trees in Public Spaces	Added to Parks Operation & Maintenance Budget
* Storm Water Drainage Improvements	Phases I thru III Complete - 2016-2020 Necessity of future phases to be determined

City of Albion Capital Improvement Plan - by Department

Street Department

Funds Available for Capital Projects

\$41,520	Cash Balance/Budget Suplus - 9/30/2026
\$9,000	Sale of Surplus Property
\$38,065	Excess Highway Allocation and Motor Vehicle Taxes/Fees
\$73,000	Sales Tax for Street Improvements
\$25,000	2026-2027 Transfer in from Street Equipment Reserve

\$186,585 Total Estimated Resources Available for Street Department Capital Improvements and Additions 2026-27

Projects Estimated Cost

\$33,250	2027 Crack Sealing & Maintenance Program
\$5,000	2027 Storm Sewer Maintenance Program
\$43,000	2026-27 - Street Repairs and Alley Paving

\$81,250 Total 2026-27 Maintenance Items

\$105,335 General Capital Outlay/Equipment 2026-27 (Dump Truck/Side by Side)

\$0 Remainder for Projects/Equipment - or carry forward to next fiscal year.

\$300,000	Estimated - Project 108 - 11th Street South of Fairview - 6 year Plan
\$250,000	Estimated - Project 109 - 11th Street South of Fairview - 6 year Plan
\$20,000	Estimated - Project 87 - Fuller Street back to gravel - 6 Year Plan
\$450,000	Estimated - Project 106 - Main Street and Church Street - RCP Storm Sewer - 6 year plan
\$450,000	Estimate needs revised - Project 88 - Sale Barn Road - 5th Street to Hiway 14 - Drainage structures to existing storm drainage - 6 year plan

\$1,470,000 Total Estimated Cost of Known Planned Projects & Capital Expenditures

\$250,000	2030 Asphalt Maintenance Program - Microsealing and/or Armorcoating Surfaces
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General

Funds Available for Capital Projects

\$11,750	Sales Tax Revenue - For General/City Hall Improvements/Maintenance FY26-27
\$11,584	Sinking Fund for General/City Hall Improvements/Maintenance
\$10,000	Cash Balance/Surplus from FY25-26
\$13,391	Tax Revenues from FY26-27
\$0	Potential Grant Funding - FEMA Hazard Mitigation (75/25 Grant for Sirens)

\$46,725 Total Resources Available for General Fund Capital Improvements 2025-26

Projects Estimated Cost

\$5,000	General Capital Outlay
\$40,000	Tornado Siren Replacement - behind Applied Connective (24-25)

Parks Department	
<u>Funds Available for Capital Projects</u>	
\$10,000	Cash Reserved for Cardinal Cage Project / Park on Clark-Trail Project
\$10,000	Cash Reserved for Sprinkler Improvements
\$20,000	Total Resources Available for Parks Department Capital Outlay 2026-27
<u>Project Estimated Cost</u>	
\$10,000	Estimated - Sprinkler Improvements - Clark Park
\$10,000	Estimated - Landscaping & Finishes - Clark Park
\$20,000	Total Estimated Cost of Capital Projects/Purchases - 26-27
\$0	Remainder for Projects - Allocate or Carry into 2027-28
\$750,000	Estimated - Trail Connection - Fuller to 11th and State - 2027 and Beyond
\$300,000	Estimated - Sports Complex Improvements - Replace Light Systems (27-28)
\$0	Sports Complex Improvements - New concessions stand/RR Building (27-31) - no estimate of cost yet.
Pool Department	
<u>Funds Available for Capital Projects</u>	
\$15,000	Property Tax - Used for Maintenance
\$50,000	Sales Tax Transfer for Improvements/Maintenance
\$65,000	Total Resources Available for Pool Department Capital Improvements 2024-25
<u>Projects Estimated Cost</u>	
\$50,000	Pool Equipment, Parts, Repairs - Replacement Pumps - 2026-27
\$15,000	Additional Manhole for access to spray pad piping and valves & repair spray feature - 26-27
\$65,000	Total Estimated Cost of Known Projects through 2027
\$28,000	Repaint Pool - 29-30

Library DepartmentFunds Available for Capital Projects**\$196,235** Total Resources Available for Library Department Capital Improvements 2026-27Projects Estimated Cost

\$0

Make old basement accessible Project for 2027-28 - No cost estimate yet (Library board investigating)

\$0 Total Estimated Cost of Known Projects**Fire Department**Funds Available for Capital Projects

\$10,525

Estimated Equipment Sales Tax Reserve Balance - 9/30/26

\$80,210

Cash Surplus from 2025-26 Capital Outlay

\$70,500

2026-27 Transfer in from Sales Tax for Equipment and Maintenance

\$161,235 Total Resources Available for Fire Department Capital Improvements 2026-27Projects Estimated Cost

\$161,230

Uniforms, Equipment Maintenance, Equipment Purchases (funded by sales tax/sinking funds) - unused transferred to future equipment sinking fund

\$161,230 Total Estimated Cost of Known Projects**\$5** Remainder for Equipment & Maintenance in Fire Dept Fund - Allocate or Carry into 2026-27

Water Department	
<u>Budgeted Funds Available for Capital Projects</u>	
\$7,110	Cash available from User Fees
\$50,000	Transfer in From Sales Tax
\$57,110	Total Resources Available for Water Department Capital Improvements 2026-27
<u>Future Projects Estimated Cost</u>	
\$50,000	Water System Improvements/Maintenance
\$7,110	General Capital Outlay - Equipment, etc.
\$57,110	Total Capital Expenditures for 2026-27
Priority 2 Annexation Water Projects - FUTURE YEARS	
\$266,300	Annexation Area 1-B Group 1B - Undeveloped Lots - N of State Street near Fairgrounds Road
\$66,000	Annexation Area 1-D -Group 3B - Undeveloped Lots on 4th South of Fairview - future 6" main
\$332,300	2027 & Beyond
\$0	Future Developments Reserve - 2027 & Beyond
\$1,500,000	New Well/Distribution/Transmission Expansion (2027-31)
\$1,832,300	Total Estimated of Current/Future Projects

Sewer Department	
<u>Budgeted Funds Available for Capital Projects</u>	
\$45,835	Cash available from User Fees
\$35,000	Transfer in from Sales Tax for Rehab/Improvements
\$80,835	Total Resources Available for Sewer Department Capital Improvements 2026-27
<u>Future Projects Estimated Cost</u>	
Priority System Upgrade and Rehab Projects - '26-27	
\$40,000	Manhole Projects/Sewer Inspection/Other Maintenance and Improvements
\$40,835	General Capital Outlay - Equipment, etc.
\$80,835	2026-2027 - Total Planned Capital Expenditures
Priority System Upgrade and Rehab Projects - '27-30	
\$125,000	Sludge Application / Irrigation ('27-29)
\$500,000	Sewer Main Lining Rehab
\$625,000	Total Priority System Upgrade and Rehab Projects 2027-2030
Priority 2 Annexation Sanitary Projects - 2030 & Beyond	
\$334,000	Annexation Area 1-B Group 1B - Undeveloped Lots - State Street near Fairgrounds Road
\$495,000	Annexation Area 1-C Group 2B - Old Mill Road and Norco Road
\$110,000	Annexation Area 1-D Group 3B - Undeveloped Lots on 4th South of Fairview - future 8" main
\$151,700	Annexation Area 1-F Future Sanitary along Hwy 14 across front of Applied/FSA office lots
\$1,090,700	2026 & Beyond Total
\$0	Future Developments Reserve
\$1,715,700 Total Estimated Cost Current/Future Projects	