



FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS



BUDGET INTRODUCTION



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FY26 BUDGET INTRODUCTION

- Budget development context:
 - “A Strategic Shift Toward Sustainability and Growth”
- Presentation plan
 - Fund overview and policy considerations
 - Personnel and capital proposals
 - Departmental operations
- Budget Period:
 - FY26: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026
 - FY25: Projections
 - FY24: Actual



FUND BALANCES

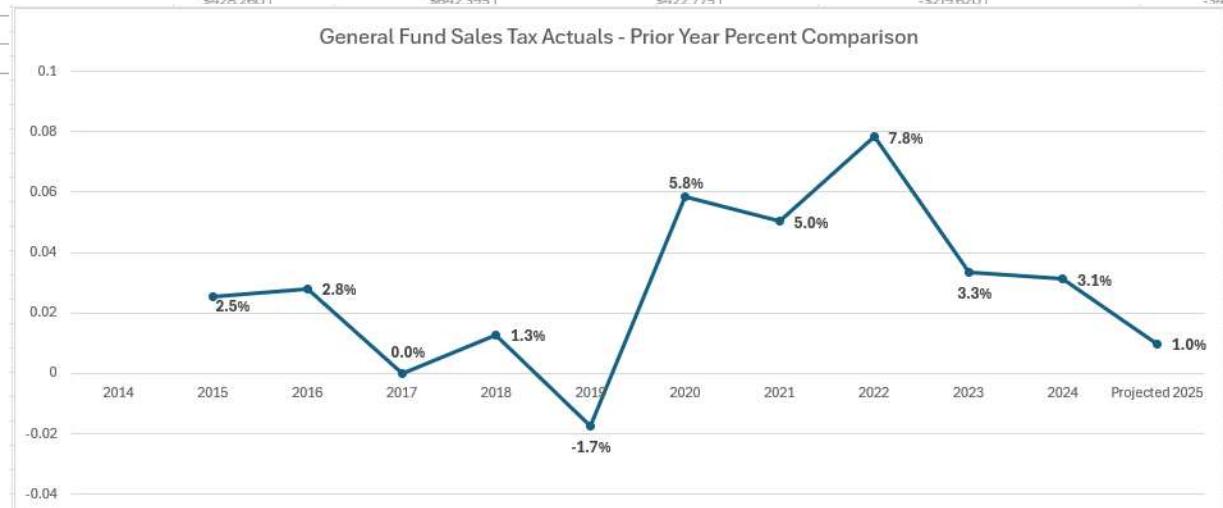
- General Fund
 - \$1,679,875
 - Supplements other funds
- Fund Balance Policy 20%
 - General Fund
 - Parks Tax
 - Police Tax
 - Riverboat
 - Museum
 - Capital Projects
 - Water Protection
 - Transit
 - Landfill

	FY26 Beginning Fund Balance	FY26 Budgeted Revenues	FY26 Budgeted Operational Exp	FY26 Budgeted Increase/(Decrease)	FY26 Ending Fund Balance
General	46,388,075	68,306,866	66,177,783	2,129,083	48,517,158
Unrestricted Gen	40,569,566	61,596,263	59,916,388	1,679,875	42,249,441
SIMR	2,081,724	5,723,810	7,095,004	(1,371,194)	710,530
Parks Maint	309,096	1,958,631	2,061,570	(102,939)	206,157
Parks Tax	2,491,315	9,027,738	11,078,291	(2,050,553)	440,762
Public Safety	1,381,892	9,040,581	10,366,494	(1,325,913)	55,979
Police Tax	6,534,235	9,044,248	6,729,174	2,315,074	8,849,309
Radio Tower	-	881,343	833,541	47,802	47,802
CDBG	131,897	3,695,229	3,695,229	-	131,897
Spec Alloc	1,557,024	2,388,700	1,314,715	1,073,985	2,631,009
ARPA	1,522,247	1,064,191	1,009,191	55,000	1,577,247
Riverboat	787,769	850,000	840,000	10,000	797,769
Museum	535,352	630,982	606,424	24,558	559,910
Capital Proj	8,088,691	9,596,549	13,678,521	(4,081,972)	4,006,719
Aviation	19,493	4,795,880	4,795,880	-	19,493
Parking	223,015	625,416	694,088	(68,672)	154,343
Water Protection	38,398,858	40,838,406	45,986,078	(5,147,672)	33,251,186
Golf	94,674	1,170,311	1,149,115	21,196	115,870
Transit	44,390,688	11,670,564	12,920,858	(1,250,294)	43,140,394
Landfill	20,555,255	7,644,270	6,658,147	986,123	21,541,378

REVENUE PROJECTIONS

Name	FY2024 Actuals	FY2025 Projected Actuals	FY2025 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted	FY2025 Budgeted vs. FY2026 Budgeted (\$ Change)	FY2025 Budgeted vs. FY2026 Budgeted (% Change)
Revenue Source						
Real Property Tax	\$8,745,674	\$8,928,878	\$8,669,393	\$8,953,755	\$284,362	3.3%
Personal Property Tax	\$4,882,955	\$4,802,666	\$4,695,515	\$4,831,066	\$135,551	2.9%
Other Personal Property	\$569,420	\$588,784	\$611,198	\$622,100	\$10,902	1.8%
Utility Based Taxes	\$5,862,797	\$5,958,000	\$5,965,775	\$5,985,000	\$19,225	0.3%
Sales Tax	\$36,313,687	\$35,126,596	\$33,690,334	\$34,992,054	\$1,301,720	3.9%
Licenses	\$1,314,752	\$1,329,500	\$1,212,132	\$1,338,500	\$126,368	10.4%
Permits	\$651,737	\$428,260	\$542,395	\$422,775	-\$219,620	-34.2%
Fines	\$653,104					
Rents	\$62,612					
Parking Fees	\$1,097					

- Sales Tax Projection
 - Prior 5-year analysis
 - Removed FY20-22 Covid Years
 - Since FY23 (counting this year's projection) averaging a 2.5% increase.
 - It is evident the increase is beginning to diminish.



FUNDED SERVICES



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MUSEUM FUND

- Projected Revenue: \$580,982
- Expenses:
 - St. Joseph Museums, Inc. Contract: \$435,000
 - Buchanan County Collection Fee: \$17,785
 - Administrative cost allocation: \$9,099
 - Remington Nature Center: \$50,000
 - Property Insurance: \$44,540



CONTRACT SERVICES

- Gaming Initiatives
 - Chamber of Commerce Economic Development: \$210,000
 - Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development: \$15,000
 - Capitol Representation: \$11,000
- General Fund Economic Development:
 - Hawthorn Foundation Statewide Economic Development Partnership: \$10,000
- General Fund/Health Program
 - Social Welfare Board Medical services: \$546,617 (by adjustment from \$528,568)
 - Additional CDBG-funded dental: \$78,850
 - The Center Mental Health: \$50,000



GAMING FUND SUPPORTED EFFORTS

- Home Dock Cities Association: \$3,500
- Community Alliance: \$20,000
- Allied Arts Council: \$32,950
- Allied Arts Council Sculpture Walk: \$2,500
- MWSU Center for Service: \$40,000
- Innovation Stockyard: \$20,000
- Mo-Kan Regional Council: \$25,000
- Community Festivals: \$18,550
- Sculpture Walk \$500
- Festivals \$19,050



GAMING FUND STABILIZATION EFFORTS

- Neighborhood Association Grants: \$20,000
- Property Maintenance Abatement: \$90,000
- Save Our Heritage Grants: \$85,000



GAMING FUND OTHER EXPENDITURES

- Remington Nature Center: \$40,000
- Airport Operations: \$70,000
- Parking Operations: \$6,500
- Outside Legal Services: \$100,000
- Advertising and Public Outreach: \$29,000
 - CVB Tourism
 - Chambers Directory
 - Channel 19



POLICY CONSIDERATIONS



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BUDGET STRUCTURE

- Interfund Transfers Eliminated
- Employee Pay
 - All Employees: 3% (CPI-W 2.4%)
 - Scale Max shifts by 3% All Employees
 - Labor negotiations underway: Fire, Police
 - Anticipated salary savings based upon 75% of vacancy rates of the last three fiscal years
- New Positions
 - Landfill
 - Heavy Equipment Operator
 - Salary/Benefits \$64,028
 - Recycling Work Leader
 - Salary/Benefits \$65,647



PUBLIC SAFETY TAX AND POLICE TAX FUNDS

- Public Safety Tax Shortfall
 - FY26: Shortfall moved to General Fund \$1,585,509
- Police Tax Expenses
 - FY26 Ending Fund Balance \$8,849,309
 - Salary/Benefit Obligation Reduced (\$1,508,039)

Police		
Source	Expense	% Burden
GF	\$ 15,135,527.00	63%
PS	\$ 2,212,296.00	9%
PT	\$ 6,729,174.00	28%
Total	\$ 24,076,997.00	100%

Fire		
Source	Expense	% Burden
GF	\$ 12,133,301.00	62%
PS	\$ 7,323,261.00	38%
Total	\$ 19,456,562.00	100%

Health		
Source	Expense	% Burden
GF	\$ 3,635,528.00	81%
PS	\$ 830,937.00	19%
Total	\$ 4,466,465.00	100%

General Fund		
Source	Expense	% Burden
Police	\$ 15,135,527.00	25%
Fire	\$ 12,133,301.00	20%
Health	\$ 3,635,528.00	6%
Public Safety		52%
Parks	\$ 7,724,266.00	13%
Public Works	\$ 10,058,882.00	17%
<i>All other remaining departments</i>		19%
FY26 GF Total	\$ 59,916,388.00	100%

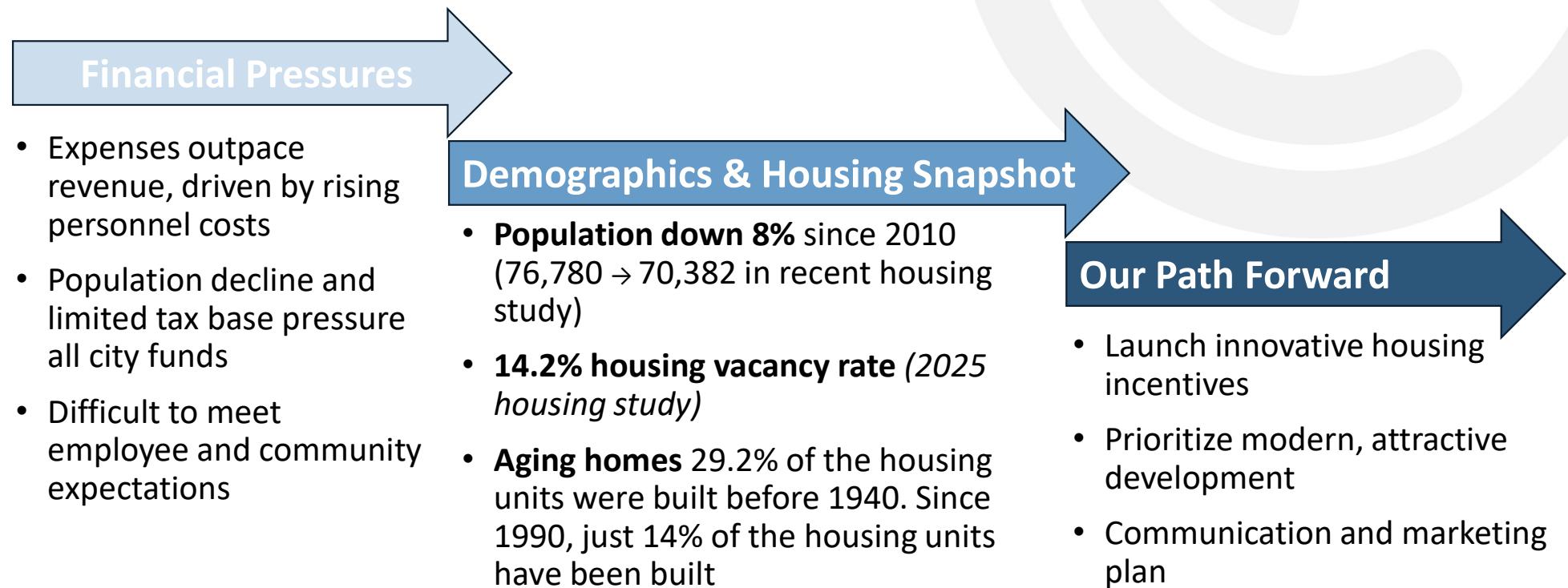
*Removed Radio Tower & Parking from Totals

GF	General Fund
PS	Public Safety Tax
PT	Police Tax

Police, Fire, Health All Expense		
Source	Expense	% Burden
GF	\$ 30,904,356.00	64%
PS	\$ 10,366,494.00	22%
PT	\$ 6,729,174.00	14%
Total	\$ 48,000,024.00	100%

Police, Fire, Health Salary/Benefits Only		
Source	Expense	% Burden
GF	\$ 25,697,373.00	64%
PS	\$ 9,953,052.00	25%
PT	\$ 4,494,724.00	11%
Total	\$ 40,145,149.00	100%

FISCAL PRESSURE MEETS STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITY



CAPITAL PLAN



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LONG TERM PLANNING

Looking Beyond the 12 Month Budget Cycle

Shift from short-term reactive approach to a strategic long-term financial outlook

- Plan and save for large capital purchases (fleet, equipment, infrastructure)
- Implement a 5- to 10-year financial forecast
- Reduce unexpected emergency costs through proactive planning
- Allocate resources more efficiently with long-term goals in mind



CAPITAL ASSET REPLACEMENT PLAN

- 117 vehicles over 100,000 miles
- FY26 Replacing 35 (All Funds)
- Marijuana Tax \$795,790

Capital Asset Replacement Plan Summary FY2026 - FY2030																				
Division	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Total	ODOMETER	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	VIN	PLATE	DEPT	ASSET	AGE	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Building Development	0	0	29,203	0	0	29,203	98,862	Nissan	Rogue	2018	JN1BJ1CROJW264911	3R6A54	Building Dev	200001	7			\$ 29,203.20		
Civic Facilities	0	0	0	0	62,003	62,003	-	Dodge	ram	2000	2B7JB21Y2YK118009		Civic Facilities		25				\$ 62,002.50	
Engineering	53,000	53,000	53,000	0	0	159,000	122,000	Chevrolet	F250 Crew 4x4	2006	1FTSW21P96EB70366		Engineering			0	\$ 52,000.00			
Fire	53,000	0	236,870	178,853	0	468,724	59,378	RAM	1500 ST 4X4	2018	1CGRR7XT1JS108422		Fire	180015	7			\$ 57,324.80		
Health	106,000	29,000	0	59,618	0	194,618	94,700	Ford	F150 Crew 4x4	2008	1FTPW14V48FA84924		Fire	080022	17			\$ 57,324.80		
Landfill	289,000						69,192	Ford	F150 Crew 4x4	2008	1FTWW31R88EE59525		Fire	080023	17			\$ 57,324.80		
Parking							6,750	Ford	F350 Crew 4x4	2008	1FTWW31R88EE59525		Fire	090011	17			\$ 64,896.00		
Parks	166,000	282,880	122,221	326,211	124,005	1,021,316	26,140	RAM	SILVERADO 1500	2019	1C6RR7XT1KS751273		Fire	200018	6				\$ 59,617.79	
Police							119,545	Chevrolet	Quad 4x4	2019	1C6RR7XT3KS751274		Fire	200019	6				\$ 59,617.79	
Property Maintenance	53,000	139,360	0	0	62,003	254,363		Tahoe	2009	4GNFK03049R229510		Fire	090051	16				\$ 59,617.79		
Sewer Line Maintenance	675,000	681,200	248,768	980,881	444,546	3,030,396						Fire	090055	16						
Streets	567,000	1,297,920	890,157	755,909	1,386,282	4,897,268														
Transit																				
Water Protection	0	312,000	118,976	61,868	368,505	861,349														
TOTAL	1,962,000	2,483,360	1,580,219	2,301,472	2,078,839	\$10,116,889.61														

CAPITAL PURCHASE PLAN: MARIJUANA TAX

Funded by Marijuana Tax	Cost	Purpose	Source Fund/Program	Recurring
Property Maintenance Inspector Vehicle	\$35,000	Replacing older fleet - 2000 Nissan Frontier	Property Maintenance	No
Chevy Silverado 1500 Double Cab	\$40,790	Short on vehicles - reduce paying mileage	Engineering	No
Transit Van for Animal Services	\$51,000	Replacing non-operational mini van over 300,000 miles	Animal Control	No
Truck for Animal Services	\$53,000	Replacing 2016 truck with over 192,000 miles	Animal Control	No
Unibody for Animal Services Trucks	\$20,000	Truck boxes deteriorating beyond repair	Animal Control	No
1-ton 15-Passenger Van	\$70,000	Replace existing 2005 van	Parks Maintenance	No
4x4 3/4-ton pickup #1	\$53,000	Replace existing 1998 truck	Parks Maintenance	No
4x4 3/4-ton pickup #2	\$53,000	Replace existing 2001 truck	Parks Maintenance	No
(3) 1/2 ton pick-up's	\$165,000	Pickup trucks for inspectors	Street Maintenance	No
3/4 ton pick-up	\$55,000	Replacing foreman truck	Street Maintenance	No
Dump truck with plow & spreader	\$200,000	Streets improvement/repair program	Street Maintenance	No
TOTAL	\$795,790			

CAPITAL PURCHASE PLAN: GENERAL FUND*

General Fund Capital	Cost	Purpose	Source Fund/Program	Recurring
Fire Inspector Truck 3 - 1 Ton Pickup	\$75,000	For emergency response with emergency equipment	General Fund/Fire Maintenance	No
Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Fill Station	\$100,000	Replacing a 17 year old trailer	General Fund/Fire Maintenance	No
Ball Field Infield Material	\$100,000	Engineered material for various ball fields throughout the city	General Fund/Softball & Baseball	No
Horace Mann Building Vinyl Floor Covering	\$12,000	Protect gym floor when hosting community events	General Fund/Parks Maintenance	No
Horace Mann Floor Machine	\$10,000	Floor scrubbing machine for floors occupied by the Bartlett Center	General Fund/Parks Maintenance	No
JRP Center Elevator Replacement	\$202,330	Replace existing elevator	General Fund/Senior Center	No
Nature Center Automatic (ADA) Door Openers	\$5,500	Automatic door non-functioning and must be replaced ADA compliant	General Fund/Nature Center	No
Remington Nature Center Well Repair	\$40,000	Repair the failed wells that service the outdoor natural water feature	General Fund/Nature Center	No
FY26-SRO Vehicle Purchase	\$100,200	Cooperating mutual agreement with the SJSD	General Fund/Police Maintenance	Yes
Parks Parking Lot Resurfacing & Repairs	\$100,000	Resurface various parking lots throughout park system	General Fund/Parks Maintenance	No
12" Asphalt Planer	\$14,000	Streets improvement/repair program	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
(3) Replacement plows	\$50,000	Replacing plows that have been in operation of excess of thirty years	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
1/2 Street Sweeper (shared with Sewer Maint)	\$175,000	Replace 2009 Elgin mechanical sweeper	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
Culvert re-new Ajax Rd.	\$300,000	Cross road culvert rehab on between Pickett Road and Pear Street	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
Enclosed trailer	\$15,000	For prison work crew	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
Garfield Bridge Repairs	\$165,000	Repairs necessary to prevent further damage	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
Lover's Lane Bridge Repairs	\$65,000	Repairs necessary to prevent further damage	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
Motor Grader	\$200,000	Streets improvement/repair program	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
On-Call signal repair	\$50,000	Replacement/repair following knockdown/damage	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
Rubber Track Excavator	\$150,000	Streets improvement/repair program	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
Street material fund increase	\$101,700	Streets improvement/repair program	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
Tracked skid steer	\$40,000	Streets improvement/repair program to replace wheeled unit	General Fund/Street Maintenance	No
TOTAL	\$2,070,730			

*Purchases in Street Maintenance and Parks Maintenance will be completed in those funds; however, those funds are subsidized by the General Fund.

CAPITAL PURCHASE PLAN: POLICE TAX

Police Tax Capital	Cost	Purpose	Source Fund/Program	Recurring
FY26-Marked Patrol Police Vehicles	\$701,400	Seven patrol vehicles & outfitting	Police Tax	No
Communications Center Radio	\$103,884	Addition of communications console	Police Tax	No
FY26 Marked Police Vehicles	\$901,800	Nine patrol vehicles & outfitting	Police Tax	No
FY26 Un-Marked Police Vehicles	\$141,665	Four vehicles with setup	Police Tax	No
Police Drone	\$10,000	Replace outdated unit	Police Tax	No
Policy & Accredidation Software Request	\$78,170	Software to assist in policy management	Police Tax	No
TOTAL	\$1,936,919			

CAPITAL PURCHASE PLAN: CIP

CIP Project or Program	Projected Amount	CIP Project or Program	Projected Amount
City Hall Masonry	\$61,218	Urban Trail	\$773,250
City Hall Elevators	\$29,665	Concrete Street Improvements	\$625,000
Vehicle Radios	\$350,950	Safe Routes to School - Sidewalks	\$500,000
Body/Dash Cameras	\$202,500	22nd Street Sidewalks	\$435,120
911 Phone System	\$82,850	36th Street Sidewalks	\$422,652
New Southside Fire Station #10	\$3,969,200	Bridges Final Phase	\$277,500
City Hall/Civic Center Park Improvements	\$1,000,000	Sidewalk Grant Program	\$180,000
Pickleball Courts - Corby Grove	\$500,000	Airport Capital Funds	\$200,000
Parks Restrooms	\$131,800	Aviation FBO Gate Replacement	\$18,000
Wyeth-Tootle Mansion Repairs/Renovations	\$86,697	Aviation Plow for 1-Ton	\$11,000
Patee Market Sidewalks	\$192,500	Aviation Runflat Tires for Mowers	\$5,500
Patee Market Doors	\$105,000	Aviation Skid Steer Tracks & Brushcat	\$20,000
Patee Market Parking Lot	\$30,000	TOTAL	\$13,485,877

CAPITAL PURCHASE PLAN: PARKS TAX

Parks Tax Project or Program	Projected Amount	Parks Tax Project or Program	Projected Amount
Bode Ice Arena Roof	\$588,000	Native Planting	\$10,000
College Hill Park Renovations	\$350,000	Noyes Complex Building Renovations	\$600,000
Corby Pickleball Complex	\$300,000	Park Shelters	\$80,000
Fairview Golf Course Ponds & Bridges Renovations	\$1,575,000	Park Sidewalk Repair & Replacement	\$375,000
Fairview Maintenance Equipment Lease Agreement	\$149,852	Phil Welch Stadium Outfield Fence	\$35,000
Parks Rolling Stock and Equipment	\$350,000	Phil Welch Stadium Seat Replacement	\$400,000
Felix Street Square - Stage/Park	\$900,000	Parks Maintenance Mechanic Bldg	\$55,000
Hyde Park Field 6 Renovations	\$750,000	Civic Arena Roof	\$400,000
Hyde Park Tennis Court Lighting*	\$110,000	Bartlett Park Upper Field Lighting	\$165,000
John Lucas Park Restroom/Concess Bldg Renovation	\$380,000	Hochman Field Lighting	\$247,500
Lion's Field Building Replacement	\$300,000	Indoor Aquatic	\$1,000,000
Lion's Field Lighting Replacement	\$165,000	Lap Pool Demo	\$700,000
TOTAL		\$9,985,352	

CAPITAL PURCHASE PLAN: TRANSIT FUND

Transit Capital	Cost	Purpose	Source Fund	Recurring
Bus Maintenance Costs	\$50,000	Increase due to rising cost of bus repairs and parts	Transit	No
Cameras at Transfer Centers	\$15,000	For North Walmart and Hyvee locations	Transit	No
Concrete Repairs	\$50,000	Replace concrete parking lot at Admin/Maintenance facilities	Transit	No
Dispatching Software	\$300,000	Upgrade existing and deploy services to a cloud based system	Transit	No
Generator	\$129,989	Administration offices - 80/20 Federal Grant	Transit	No
Refurbish Fuel Island	\$55,000	Refurbish Fuel Island - 80/20 Federal Grant	Transit	No
Relocate Dispatch Department	\$150,000	Move dispatch department to 6th & Angelique transfer center	Transit	No
Repair Restrooms 6th & Angelique	\$15,000	Refurbish restroom facilities transfer center - 80/20 Federal Grant	Transit	No
Replace concrete at Admin/Maint Facility	\$12,000	Repair concrete at Admin/Maintenance Facilities	Transit	No
Replacement of damaged solar bus stops	\$18,000	Repair and replace damage solar bus stops	Transit	No
Transfer Center Construction	\$3,500,000	New transfer facility on east side of city	Transit	No
TOTAL	\$4,294,989			

CAPITAL PURCHASE PLAN: WATER PROTECTION

Water Protection Capital	Cost	Purpose	Source Fund	Recurring
Candy Creek Pump Replacement	\$57,000	Replacing with dry pit submersible pumps	Water Protection	No
Commercial Zero Turn Mower	\$15,000	In place of contracted mowing services	Water Protection	No
SSJSD Force Main Repair	\$1,616,000	Funded by sewer bonds	Water Protection	No
1/2 Aerial Photography (even fiscal years)	\$30,000	Biannual service as part of the CMOM program	Water Protection	Yes
1/2 Sweeper (shared with Streets)	\$173,056	As part of the capital replacement plan in the sewer rate study	Water Protection	No
1/2 Ton Pickup Truck	\$48,672	As part of the capital replacement plan in the sewer rate study	Water Protection	No
3/4 Ton Pickup Truck	\$54,080	As part of the capital replacement plan in the sewer rate study	Water Protection	No
5 Ton Dump Truck #1	\$183,872	As part of the capital replacement plan in the sewer rate study	Water Protection	No
5 Ton Dump Truck #2	\$183,872	As part of the capital replacement plan in the sewer rate study	Water Protection	No
6 Inch Trash Pump	\$27,040	As part of the capital replacement plan in the sewer rate study	Water Protection	No
Air Compressor (2)	\$54,080	As part of the capital replacement plan in the sewer rate study	Water Protection	No
CMOM Consolidated FY26	\$2,500,000	Annual allocation for CMOM program	Water Protection	Yes
Collection System Asset Inventory Management Plan	\$100,000	As part of the long range system plan	Water Protection	No
Collection System Inspect & Management Creation	\$75,000	As part of the long range system plan	Water Protection	No
Domestic Blower Replacement	\$7,161,435	Carried over from FY25 - \$2.8 million grant funded	Water Protection	No
GPS Equipment Services	\$25,000	Annual service as part of the CMOM program	Water Protection	Yes
System Expansion Projects FY26	\$150,000	Annual allocation for system expansion	Water Protection	Yes
Ton Utility Truck	\$97,344	As part of the capital replacement plan in the sewer rate study	Water Protection	No
Water Quality Education FY26	\$25,000	Annual allocation for the program	Water Protection	Yes
TOTAL	\$12,576,451			

CAPITAL PURCHASE PLAN: LANDFILL FUND

Landfill Capital	Cost	Purpose	Source Fund	Recurring
3 Roll-Off Boxes for Landfill	\$30,000	For multi-purpose use	Landfill	No
D8T refurbish	\$650,000	All major components replace and new warranty	Landfill	No
Reese Property New Permit Work	\$200,000	Permitting for new cell	Landfill	No
Service truck	\$232,641	Truck with telescopic crane	Landfill	No
TOTAL	\$1,112,641			

CAPITAL PURCHASE PLAN: AVIATION

Aviation Capital	Cost	Purpose	Source Fund	Recurring
Apron Design	\$250,000	State Grant Funded	Aviation	No
Fuel System Design	\$250,000	State Grant Funded	Aviation	No
ATC Equipment	\$2,000,000	Equipping the radio control tower - State Grant Funded	Aviation	No
Aviation Complex	\$1,400,000	Remaining phase of Aviation complex project - State Grant Funded	Aviation	No
TOTAL	\$3,900,000			