

Fairfield Town Council
2023-2024 Final Budget Public Hearing
Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Mayor Loren Tacke called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those Present: Mayor Loren Tacke; Council Members: Ron Dauwalder, Carmen Staigmiller, Scott Hoyt and Chuck Brown; and Clerk/Treasurer, Tammy Comer.

Also Present: Attorneys, Bill Bieler, Travis Kenzler, and Guy Rogers

There was no one from the public in attendance

Mrs. Comer asked council if they had any questions about the budget or the additional moneys added to the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget as listed below:

Revenues:

1. \$22,500 for Capital Improvement Plan – CDBG Grant Reimbursement.
2. \$20,000 hope to receive from Swim Day Committee for extra repairs @ pool: Sand filters mat/labor, canvas covers, pool pump repairs, small chemical booster pump, backflow preventer, VFD, paint to repaint pool, 2 lifeguard chairs and umbrellas.
3. \$36,367.98 for one time BarSAA gas tax closeout.
4. \$86,893.27 for one time SB 536 gas tax allocation.
5. \$50,000 projected for Water PER update grant funding.
6. \$80,000 projected for Wastewater PER (fix) grant funding.
7. \$2,412,789 projected for completion of water project phase one grant funding.

Expenses:

1. \$4,035 balance for Capital Improvement Plan.
2. \$2,359,152 for balance of Water Project.
3. \$10,000 for installation of LED lights at town office.
4. \$3,000 for Mayor's display ads.
5. \$11,010 for codification of ordinances.
6. \$16,841 for snow pusher for Mongo, roller for skid steer, bucket truck preventative maintenance, saws, drills, bits, tools for public works dept.
7. \$3,000 for picnic tables/benches in park.
8. \$500 for installation of LED lights in shop.
9. \$4,500 for police training – pass through – didn't receive money until after June meeting for 22/23.
10. \$10,000 to replace sprinklers in north park.
11. \$39,000 transfers to Capital Improvement Funds-Pool/Sidewalks/Tennis Courts/Parks/Equipment
12. \$250,000 gas tax/BaRSAA funds to chipseal (town's portion) entire street in the water project.
13. \$20,000 for Great West work – planning for sidewalk project phase 2.
14. \$4,500 camera, meters, internet at well sites.
15. \$10,000 for well 6 or 7 pump repair. Put in budget until all well pumps are repaired/replaced.
16. \$15,000 final payment on telemetry installation.

Lighting and Street Maintenance Assessments have no increase for the 23/24 fiscal year.

Mrs. Comer explained that the 153.79 mills for this fiscal year was down from last year's 174.76 mills due to the value of one mill increasing from \$1,467.60 in fiscal year 22/23 to \$1,722.56 in fiscal year 23/24. Per the determination of proposed property tax increase form, a decrease in property taxes due to (§15-10-420 MCA calculation), permissive, [and/or] voted levies of \$28.31, \$84.93, and \$169.86, respectively for a home valued at \$100,000, \$300,000 and \$600,000 is included in this fiscal year budget.

With no questions from the council or public, Councilor Dauwalder made a motion seconded by Councilor Hoyt to close the budget hearing. The motion carried by a vote of 4 ayes and 0 nays.

Loren B. Tacke, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tammy L. Comer, Clerk/Treasurer