

TOWN OF ALPINE
Fiscal Year 2026 Amended Budget
and
Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget

Treasurer's Report to Town Council

June 23, 2026

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General Fund Budget Report

FY26 Amended Budget and FY27 Proposed Budget Update

Purpose. This brief report summarizes changes made since the June 11, 2026 budget meeting and accompanies the final reading of the FY26 amended budget and FY27 proposed budget.

Budget	FY26 Amended	FY27 Proposed
Total fund revenue	\$2,610,350	\$2,951,500
Total fund expenditures	\$2,399,750	\$3,090,850
Net revenue over expenditures	\$210,600	(\$139,350)

Cash Position

Not reconciled - balance as of April 30, 2026.

General Fund operating	\$2,452,673.50
Escrow account	\$19,000.00
Weeds CD	\$84,008.34
Total	\$2,555,681.84

Changes Since June 11

- Safe Streets for All: updated billing information moved approximately \$93,000 of project expense into the FY26 amended budget. The FY26 project expense line was increased to approximately \$103,000, and the corresponding FY27 amount was reduced.
- Greys River Road design: approximately \$39,000 was added to FY26 for engineering and design work associated with the repaving project.
- Administrative professional services: increased to approximately \$100,000 to provide budget authority for potential wastewater treatment plant litigation costs.
- FY26 capital projects: reduced by approximately \$43,000 based on updated project information.
- Debt service: a broken total formula in the General Fund was corrected.

Greys River Road Repaving

The budget includes the design of the Greys River Road repaving project, and excess FY26 General Fund dollars will be reserved for the future paving project. The Town will continue making the scheduled payment on its existing paving loan, including the next payment due in October. The loan is not recommended for immediate payoff at this time.

Important: there are currently no funds appropriated to complete construction of the Greys River Road repaving project. Construction funding can be addressed through a future budget amendment or other Council action when the design, final cost, and financing plan are available and Council is prepared to proceed.

Land Use and Development Code Rewrite

The FY27 General Fund budget includes \$112,000 under capital outlay for the rewrite of the Land Use and Development Code.

Overall Position

The FY27 negative net revenue over expenditures reflects the planned use and reservation of FY26 excess funds for designated Council priorities rather than an unplanned operating shortfall. The General Fund continues to maintain a strong overall cash position.

Water Fund Budget Report

FY26 Amended Budget and FY27 Proposed Budget Update

Purpose. This brief report summarizes changes made since the June 11, 2026 budget meeting and accompanies the final reading of the FY26 amended budget and FY27 proposed budget.

Budget	FY26 Amended	FY27 Proposed
Total fund revenue	\$922,200	\$2,050,150
Total fund expenditures	\$1,514,250	\$1,223,000
Net revenue over expenditures	(\$592,050)	\$827,150

Cash Position

Not reconciled - balance as of April 30, 2026.

Water Fund operating	\$477,833.16
Water Department reserves	\$162,380.31
Water Department reserves - CLASS	\$687,529.42
Water Department capacity fees	\$21,160.00
Water Department meter fees	\$2,035.16
Total	\$1,350,938.05

Radio Read Project and Grant Timing

The FY26 deficit and FY27 surplus are primarily caused by the timing of contractor payments and grant reimbursements for the Radio Read Project. At the June 23 meeting, Council is expected to approve approximately \$660,000 in project invoices for payment to contractors. Those payments are included in FY26, while reimbursement is expected in FY27.

Accordingly, FY26 shows a deficit of approximately \$592,000 and FY27 shows a surplus of approximately \$827,000. When the two fiscal years are viewed together, the net result is a positive position of approximately \$235,000.

At this time, the Town has not budgeted the expenditure of that approximately \$235,000 balance. It will remain as prior-year fund balance unless Council later appropriates it.

Other Changes

The total debt-service formula in the Water Fund was found to be incorrect and has been corrected. Other than that correction and minor adjustments, there were no substantial Water Fund changes following the June 11 budget meeting.

Wastewater Fund Budget Report

FY26 Amended Budget and FY27 Proposed Budget Update

Purpose. This brief report summarizes changes made since the June 11, 2026 budget meeting and accompanies the final reading of the FY26 amended budget and FY27 proposed budget.

Budget	FY26 Amended	FY27 Proposed
Total fund revenue	\$986,000	\$1,321,000
Total fund expenditures	\$1,546,965	\$1,769,750
Net revenue over expenditures	(\$560,965)	(\$448,750)

Cash Position

Not reconciled - balance as of April 30, 2026.

Sewer Fund operating	\$428,448.02
Sewer Department reserves	\$357,454.14
Sewer Department reserves CD	\$200,000.00
Sewer Department reserves - CLASS	\$3,336.08
Sewer Department capacity fees	\$23,900.00
Total	\$1,013,138.24

Use of Cash and Reserves

The FY27 budget anticipates using approximately \$425,000 from Wastewater Fund operating cash and approximately \$25,000 from Wastewater Fund reserves to cover the projected deficit.

Although the Wastewater Fund has just over \$1 million in total cash, only approximately \$428,000 is held in the operating account. The remaining funds are held in reserves, a CD, CLASS, or capacity-fee accounts.

Melvin Wastewater Lift Station Power

An additional \$25,000 has been included in the FY27 budget to establish independent electrical service for the Town-owned Melvin wastewater lift station. The lift station is owned by the Town, but its power is currently connected through the Melvin property. In anticipation of a potential sale of that property, the Town needs to disconnect the lift station from the Melvin facility and install an independent service to ensure continued operation of the wastewater collection system.

Overall Position

The Wastewater Fund remains the fund of greatest long-term concern. The FY27 budget relies on a substantial use of operating cash and a limited use of reserves. Staff has begun working with Melvin Brewing to identify opportunities to reduce pretreatment facility operating costs, and the Town should continue evaluating long-term solutions and outside funding opportunities for wastewater system needs.