

# 2026 Proposed Budget

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First Reading and Public Hearing Consideration to Approve



## General Fund

- Overall 7.79% increase
- General inflation increase of 3%
- New operation: Dickinson Motor Vehicle Branch Office
- Salaries
  - 3% COLA & 2% merit
  - 15.2% health insurance increase



## 2026 General Fund Budget Recap Comparison of the Expenditures by Department

	2025 Ordinance	2026 Ordinance	Increase (Decrease)	
Administration	866,240	990,250	124,010	14.32%
Animal Control	360,545	335,300	(25,245)	-7.00%
Assessing	797,530	685,200	(112,330)	-14.08%
Buildings and Codes	663,440	702,200	38,760	5.84%
Buildings and Sites	1,961,533	1,626,500	(335,033)	-17.08%
City Commission	195,895	230,200	34,305	17.51%
Community Development Admin	374,065	388,200	14,135	3.78%
Contingency/Reserves & Transfers Out	2,392,947	1,411,710	(981,237)	-41.01%
DMV Branch Office	-	369,550	369,550	100.00%
Engineering	701,445	858,300	156,855	22.36%
Finance	541,165	917,700	376,535	69.58%
Fire	3,364,525	3,676,800	312,275	9.28%
Forestry	244,225	255,400	11,175	4.58%
Human Resources	527,945	415,650	(112,295)	-21.27%
Information Technology	1,119,440	1,262,800	143,360	12.81%
Marketing	219,715	219,200	(515)	-0.23%
Municipal Court	665,230	834,650	169,420	25.47%
Museum	780,925	906,500	125,575	16.08%
Planning	159,810	177,200	17,390	10.88%
Police Department	8,287,860	9,537,450	1,249,590	15.08%
Public Works Administration	553,809	613,800	59,991	10.83%
Risk Management	-	160,950	160,950	100.00%
Street	2,487,140	2,801,350	314,210	12.63%
Utility Billing	290,920	326,350	35,430	12.18%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27,556,349</b>	<b>29,703,210</b>	<b>2,146,861</b>	<b>7.79%</b>

## General Fund

- Mill levy increase of 3%
- No transfer from Oil Impact Fund
  - Use cash on hand instead
  - Leave balance in fund for capital projects



## 2026 General Fund Balancing

General Fund Revenue	\$ 12,269,000
General Fund Expenses	\$ 29,703,210
	\$ (17,434,210)
1% Sales Tax Transfer	\$ 5,000,000
1/2% Sales Tax Transfer	\$ 2,500,000
Hospitality Transfer	\$ 1,500,000
Future Fund Transfer	\$ 280,000
Highway Tax Transfer	\$ 1,100,000
Interest Rev Transfer	\$ 2,000,000
Oil Impact Transfer	\$ -
Trails Transfer	\$ 1,582,400
	\$ (3,471,810)
Use of Cash on Hand	\$ 3,471,810
	\$ -

## All City Funds

- Overall increase of 7.54%
- General inflation increase of 3%
- Salaries
  - 3% COLA & 2% merit
  - 15.2% health insurance increase
- **Special Revenue Funds:** Library, Museum, & Airport expansion projects
- **Enterprise Funds:** using cash on hand for several projects
- Moved SRF debt from Waste Water to a Debt Service fund



## 2026 Budget Recap Comparison of the Total Budget Expenditures by Fund

	2025 Ordinance	2026 Ordinance	Increase (Decrease)	
<b>General Fund</b>	27,556,349	29,703,210	2,146,861	7.79%
<b>Special Revenue Funds</b>				
1% Sales Tax	8,895,770	14,870,100	5,974,330	67.16%
1/2% Sales Tax	3,350,000	3,750,000	400,000	11.94%
Cemetery	90,500	186,750	96,250	106.35%
Downtown Streetscape	50,000	25,000	(25,000)	-50.00%
Emergency Medical Services	3,383,633	2,660,350	(723,283)	-21.38%
Future Fund	280,000	280,000	-	0.00%
Highway Tax	1,486,000	1,100,000	(386,000)	-25.98%
Hospitality Tax	1,084,000	1,873,500	789,500	72.83%
Legacy Square	474,390	521,900	47,510	10.01%
Library	1,378,145	1,450,650	72,505	5.26%
Oil Impact	28,000,000	24,792,000	(3,208,000)	-11.46%
<b>Debt Service Funds</b>				
General Capital Lease	485,000	-	(485,000)	-100.00%
SRF Debt Service	-	5,700,000	5,700,000	100.00%
WRCC Bond	2,080,600	-	(2,080,600)	-100.00%
<b>Enterprise/Proprietary Funds</b>				
Solid Waste	5,329,631	8,095,650	2,766,019	51.90%
Storm Water	227,315	285,700	58,385	25.68%
Waste Water	9,713,700	5,172,700	(4,541,000)	-46.75%
Water Distribution	8,341,758	8,366,150	24,392	0.29%
Water Reclamation Facility	1,189,545	3,967,750	2,778,205	233.55%
<b>Other Funds</b>				
Internal Service (Fleet)	915,958	615,050	(300,908)	-32.85%
Interest Revenue	3,235,000	2,235,000	(1,000,000)	-30.91%
<b>Totals</b>	107,547,294	115,651,460	8,104,166	7.54%

# Personnel Requests

Department	Position	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Notes
Building and Codes	Building Inspector II by Internal Promotion - Not backfilled	3,000	3,000	
Building and Grounds	Building Foreman by Internal Promotion - Not backfilled	3,000	3,000	
Community Dev Admin	Reclass of Comm Dev Admin Admin Assistant to technician	4,000	4,000	Grade 11 to Grade 12
Engineering	NEW GIS Tech	82,000	82,000	Grade 14 Step 3
	Reclass (2) Engineering Technician Positions	6,000	6,000	Grade 12 to Grade 14
Fleet (Internal Services)	Mechanic by Internal Promotion - Not backfilled	7,500	7,500	Grade 15
Forestry	NEW Forestry Operator I	76,000	-	Grade 13
Municipal Court	NEW Deputy Clerk of Court I	66,000	66,000	Grade 11
Police	NEW (2) PS Telecommunicator I's - Cost share with Stark County	165,000	165,000	Grade 14
Public Works Admin	New Operations Manager (If not approved in 2025)	122,000	-	Grade 19 Step 3
Risk Management	New Risk Management Generalist	95,500	-	Grade 16
Stormwater	Reclass of Environmental Compliance Specialist to Manager	3,000	3,000	Grade 17 to Grade 19
Water Reclamation Facility	NEW Facility Manager	-	130,300	Grade 19 Step 3
<b>Total Staff Change Requests</b>		<b>\$ 633,000</b>	<b>\$ 469,800</b>	
	By Promotion and Reclass	26,500	26,500	
	NEW Positions	606,500	443,300	



# Capital Requests

Department	Description	Amount Requested	Amount Approved	Department	Description	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
Animal Control	Repaint and Waterproofing of Interior area of Kennels	5,000	5,000	Police	Police Interceptor Cars (4)	322,800	322,800
Assessing	Disto Laser Measurer Replacement	1,500	1,500		MOS Project Completion	35,000	35,000
Building & Sites	Zero Turn Mower (Old Unit Transfer to WRF)	20,000	20,000		Rifle-Rated Ballistic Plate Inserts for Patrol Vests	35,000	35,000
	Computer System for Spraying Weeds (2)	10,000	10,000		Axon Interview Room (2nd year of contract)	18,000	18,000
	New Lights for B&G Shop and Old Water Shop	12,000	12,000		Surveillance Van Maintenance/batteries	12,000	12,000
	Building Roof Contract Inspection/Duct Cleaning	48,000	48,000		CCTV Access in Records (Env Design)	2,000	2,000
EMS	Type II Ambulance	200,000	-		Faro	70,000	-
	Ferno Cot	28,000	28,000		Roll Call Room Conference Camera	700	700
	Ferno Power Load System	28,000	28,000		Conference Room TV Upgrade	1,000	1,000
	Ferno Power Stair Chair	14,000	14,000		CID Camera	800	800
	Ventilators (2)	76,000	76,000		Emergency Egress Door Dispatch (Env Design)	10,000	10,000
	Monitor	55,000	55,000		Emergency Egress Door Records (Env Design)	10,000	10,000
Finance	Financial Software Replacement	250,000	250,000		Increase Cameras - PSC and Safe Transfer Zone (Env Design)	7,500	7,500
Fire	New Engine to Replace Engine 2; \$1,600,000	500,000	500,000		Axon Project Reserve + Taser 10 Transition	85,000	85,000
	Hose & Nozzle Replacement	20,000	20,000		PSC Hallway Revamp	45,000	-
	Cascade Fill Station for Station 1	60,000	60,000		Chair Rotation (50/50 w/ FD for Training Room) 25%/4 year Rotation	10,000	-
	Structural Fire Gear (15 sets)	50,000	50,000		Building Beautification/Upgrades	5,000	-
Fleet*	Replace Tahoe with Similar Unit for City Pool	60,000	60,000		Pergola Project	5,000	-
Information Technology	Phone System - 5 Year Renewal/Replacement	200,000	200,000	Risk Management	Vehicle Lease	55,500	-
	SQL 5 Year Replacement/Upgrades	35,000	35,000				
Legacy Square*	Additional Stage Risers (4)	3,000	3,000	Solid Waste - Collections*	Roll Off Truck (RB Replacement) \$300,000 Lease	60,000	60,000
Museum	South Heart Depot - Remove Deteriorating Wood Platform	12,000	12,000		Container Inventory	60,000	60,000
				Solid Waste - Disposals*	Replacement of Bomag Compactor (R-55) 7-Year \$750,000 Lease	107,145	27,500
					Chain Link Fencing at Land Fill, approx. 850ft	45,000	45,000
				Storm Water*	Drone Sprayer for Weeds	50,000	-
				Street	Replacement 924 Loader; 5-Year \$270,000 Lease	54,000	54,000
					32' Gooseneck Tiltbed	38,000	-
				WRF*	Magnum 380 Tractor; 5-Year \$525,000 Lease (approved buyout)	72,000	245,000
					<b>Total Capital Requests</b>	<b>\$ 2,903,945</b>	<b>\$ 2,518,800</b>

\*Department is not part of the General Fund



## Subsidy Breakdown

- ARPA must be expended by December 31, 2026
  - Will use remainder to support EMS



	2025	2026
<b>1% Sales Tax</b>		
Domestic Violence Shelter	\$30,000	\$32,500
Stark Development	\$750,000	\$800,000
Stark Devel. City Match Grant	\$150,000	\$150,000
Public Transit / Eldercare	\$250,000	\$252,000
Senior Citizen Grant Program	\$60,000	\$60,000
Southwest Regional Grant Program	\$60,000	\$60,000
United Way Of Dickinson	\$5,770	\$6,000
Sunrise Youth Bureau	\$22,000	\$24,000
TOTAL	<b>\$1,327,770</b>	<b>\$1,384,500</b>
<b>General Fund</b>		
Imagination Library	\$10,000	\$10,000
Community Action Partnership	\$17,500	\$15,000
Dickinson City Band	\$2,500	\$2,500
House of Manna	\$12,500	\$12,500
Western Wellness Foundation	\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL	<b>\$57,500</b>	<b>\$55,000</b>
<b>Hospitality Tax</b>		
Theodore Roosevelt Symposium	\$6,500	\$6,500
Chamber of Commerce	\$12,500	\$12,500
CVB Grant (per municipal code)	\$50,000	\$50,000
Pegasus Fireworks		\$50,000
NDLC Spring Conference		\$4,500
TOTAL	<b>\$69,000</b>	<b>\$123,500</b>
<b>1/2% Sales Tax</b>		
Park and Rec Projects	\$350,000	
WRCC Subsidy	\$500,000	\$1,500,000
TOTAL	<b>\$850,000</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<b>ARPA</b>		
Sign on Bonuses PW/PD/PSCC	\$50,000	
Fire House Assessment Study	\$50,000	
SW Art Gallery & Science Center	\$125,000	\$125,000
Park & Rec Community Center Improvm.	\$100,000	
Ambulance Service	\$500,000	\$588,780
TOTAL	<b>\$825,000</b>	<b>\$713,780</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL SOURCES</b>	<b>\$3,129,270</b>	<b>\$3,776,780</b>

## 2026 Proposed Fee Schedule



# Public Works

## Additions & Changes

- Remove Street Repair items
  - Not completed by City

Asphalt 4"	\$17.40 per sq.ft
Asphalt 6"	\$18.40 per sq.ft
Concrete	actual cost + 20%
Direct Injection Patcher (includes 2 operators)	\$190 per hour
Patching Materials	actual cost + 20%
Pavement Cuts - Asphalt	\$50 per linear ft
Pavement Cuts - Concrete	\$75 per linear ft
Recycled Asphalt/Concrete	\$25 per ton

Equipment & Materials	Current	Proposed
Excavator	N/A	\$200/hr
Roll-Off Truck	N/A	\$150/hr
Wood Chipper	N/A	\$65/hr
Sewer Jet Truck	\$125/hr	\$150/hr
Brine	Actual cost	Actual cost + 30%
Beet 55	Actual cost	Remove
Road Salt	Actual cost	Actual cost + 30%
Ice Control Mixed Sand	Actual cost	Actual cost + 30%



# Solid Waste

## Additions & Changes

Materials for Purchase	Current	Proposed
Wood Chips/Mulch	\$15/ton	Remove
Used Street Chips	\$8/ton	Remove
Asphalt Millings	\$12.50/ton	\$25/ton

Disposal Materials	Current	Proposed
Asbestos	\$100/ton	\$150/ton
Mattresses	N/A	\$5 each
Refrigerated Appliances	\$17.50 each	\$20 each
Tires (Auto/Truck/Tractor)	\$4/\$15/\$30 each	\$6/\$20/\$40 each





# Utility Billing

## Water Rate Changes

Outside City Limits	
Kilwein 1" meter base rate (\$16.50 * 10%)	\$18.15 per month
Residential	Equivalent City Base Rate plus 10%
Non-Residential	Equivalent City Base Rate plus 35%

- Updating to replicate Sewer rate structure
- Covered under contract negotiations



## Water/Sewer

Wastewater	Current	Proposed	Water Meter Size	Flange	Strainer	Meter
Camera Inspection	\$3.50/ft	\$3.50/ft (300 ft minimum)	¾"	N/A	N/A	\$280
Irrigation Water	\$80 per 1,000 gallons	Remove	1"	N/A	N/A	\$385
Reuse Water	\$20 per 1,000 gallons	Remove	1 ½"	\$223	\$839	\$935
Wastewater Operator	\$61/hr	Remove	2"	\$284	\$768	\$1,100
Wastewater Seeding	N/A	\$100 per occurrence	3"	\$560	\$1,239	\$3,520
			4"	\$894	\$2,379	\$4,620
			6"	\$1,866	\$3,249	\$8,135



# Questions/Comments?

Thank you!!

