



FY 2021 Oelwein Budget at a Glance

1. The city's levy decreased as the city takes on less debt obligations. The levy went from 17.71952 to 17.718585. The city is using levy space from the benefits to pay down debt in the debt service levy.
2. Property tax revenues total \$2,861,375
3. The city's valuation increased from FY2020 140,825,674 to FY2021 156,169,512.
4. Expenditures for the general fund decreased to \$2,433,919 in FY2021 from \$2,542,084 in FY2020. The decrease comes as revenues continue to slowly increase for the city. The City Administrator has worked to ensure the general fund is solvent and has a healthy reserve.
5. The city is estimated to bring in \$573,000 from local option sales tax (LOST). LOST is split 70/30 with 70 percent going to Economic Development and 30 percent going to Property Tax Relief. Economic Development allows the city to work with commercial and residential properties. The city uses economic development on commercial and residential property clean up. LOST also pays for the agreement with the school on the Regional Tech Complex.
 - a. The City is using \$125,000 in reserves to address housing needs. How this funding is allocated will be determined by City Council.
6. The City has allocated \$280,000 for tear downs in FY 2021 from unused bond proceeds.
7. The city is estimated to bring in \$730,000 in franchise fees. Franchise fees comes from electric and gas charges. The franchise fee pays for the Police Station loan at the rate of \$250,000 annually. The remaining funding is to fund the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP will replace much needed equipment across many departments in the general fund.
 - a. \$556,000 will go toward the Capital Improvement Program
 - b. The City Council also pledges \$100,000 toward street improvements.
8. The Road User Tax will bring in an estimated \$845,300. This revenue is generated from the state gas tax with allocation based on population. All money from the Road User Tax must be spent on road maintenance, improvements, and personnel. The City will be rehabilitating Wings East Addition and focusing on other small street projects.
 - a. The City has pledged \$575,000 in road improvements for FY2021.
9. The city operates and water and wastewater utility. The water revenues are estimated to be \$1,085,100 with sewer revenues estimated at \$1,468,700. The infrastructure fee is expected to bring in \$198,000.
 - a. The City Council has pledged cash on hand toward the rehabilitation of the water tower and is working on an infrastructure project that was awarded \$500,000 in a Community Development Block Grant.
10. City Council approved a general obligation bond for \$2,325,000
 - a. Street Repair-\$675,000 (Wings East)
 - b. Public Safety Radio Upgrades-\$850,000
 - c. Fire- Pumper and Radios- \$450,000
 - d. Trails- Adding Trails to the City- \$250,000
 - e. Pool- Upgrades to old equipment and new equipment \$100,000