

**City of Sedgwick  
Special City Council Meeting  
July 16, 2025**

**TO: Mayor and City Council**

**SUBJECT: 2026 Proposed Budget**

**INITIATED BY: Administration**

**AGENDA: New Business**

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**Background:** During the July 2, 2025, City Council meeting, staff presented the 2026 Proposed Budget which includes \$3,965,223 available resources with approximately \$3,946,590 proposed expenditures. The mill levy for 2026 is proposed to remain flat. There are two additional personnel positions that are being proposed, one (1) FT Utility Maintenance Worker I, and one (1) FT Certified Police Officer.

During the July 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, questions regarding the COPS Hiring Grant funding were presented. The answer to the funding question is the grant covers \$125,000 of base salary + fringe benefits over a three-year period with grant reporting over a five-year period. This dollar figure is a total and not an annual amount. The estimated cost for one FT officer plus benefits is approximately \$87,065.98.

Council was presented with two items they needed to consider for funding in the proposed 2026 budget: Harvey County EDC Membership (\$12,600) and the second-year funding for the Historical Society Rehabilitation (\$20,000). Currently, both are included in the proposed budget, staff would like to obtain a unanimous decision on the continued funding. What is not included is funding for the Business Façade Improvement Grant, the Sidewalk Replacement Program, and the Christmas Décor Upgrades.