

City of Sedgwick
City Council Meeting
July 15, 2026

TO: Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: 2027 Proposed Budget

INITIATED BY: Administration

AGENDA: New Business

Background: The 2027 Proposed Budget includes \$3,716,453 in total revenue, which is representative of a 3% increase from the 2026 estimate of \$3,620,117. Proposed expenditures of \$4,146,278 represent a 19% increase from the 2026 estimate of \$3,498,621. The mill levy will remain flat at 74.463.

For the 2027 budget cycle, the City's assessed valuation increased by 4% from \$14,935,393 to \$15,584,270. Increases in personnel are contributed to a 5% COLA + Merit increase as well as the city being fully staffed within all departments for the entirety of the year. Moderate increases in health and retirement benefits are included within the estimate for 2027. Contractual and commodity increases are equivalent to industry averages and reflective of what we have seen over the past three years.

The 2027 Proposed Budget comes with reductions to community programing funding in the following areas: (\$25,000) pause in Historical Society Renovation Funding, (\$10,000) Exterior Improvement Program, (\$61,500) reduction in funding the asset replacement plan. The budget includes a transfer from the ½ cent sales tax fund to provide general mill levy support keeping the mill at a flat rate of 74.463 for 2027. The City continues to operate through utilization of cash reserves to offset potential mill levy increases while fully funding programming.

The 2027 Proposed Budget includes an anticipated utility rate increase for water and sewer users that was voted into effect on August 5, 2026.

The 2027 Proposed Budget can be viewed on our website at:
<https://www.cityofsedgwick.org/administration/page/finance>