



June 2026 Treasurer's Update

FY 2026-2027 Budget Development

Work on the FY 2026-2027 budget continues to move forward. Departments have submitted their preliminary budget requests, and I have been reviewing revenues, expenditures, personnel costs, capital improvement needs, and operational priorities. Discussions with department heads are ongoing to ensure budget requests align with the City's financial goals while continuing to meet the needs of our community.

Employee Evaluations

Annual employee evaluations have been completed by supervisors, with a focus on reviewing performance, recognizing accomplishments, and establishing goals for the coming year. This process provides an opportunity for employees and supervisors to discuss expectations, professional growth, and ways to continue improving services to the public.

Permit Tracking Improvements

I am working with FM/BI Rasmussen on improvements to our permit tracking and reporting processes. The goal is to create a more consistent and efficient system for tracking permits through the review and approval process, improving accessibility of information, and enhancing reporting capabilities for administration. These improvements will help strengthen recordkeeping, development monitoring, and customer service.

Fiscal Year-End Closing

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, a significant amount of time is being devoted to year-end closing activities. This includes processing journal vouchers, reviewing outstanding purchases and invoices, and ensuring expenditures are properly recorded in the correct fiscal year. These efforts help maintain accurate financial records and support a smooth transition into the new budget year.

Training and Professional Development

Interim CAO Chamberlin, Mayor Norby and I will be attending the 2026 Municipal Summit in Wolf Point on June 16. The summit provides valuable opportunities to learn about current municipal issues, share ideas with other communities, and bring back information that can benefit the City of Sidney.

I will also be attending the Montana State Fund Safety Workshop, *Employee Health and Wellness*, in Sidney on June 17. Continuing education opportunities such as these help us better support our employees and organization.

City Hall Updates

The City of Sidney is an equal opportunity provider.

City Hall remains busy as we move into the summer construction and recreation season. Street paving projects, water tower improvements, manhole cover replacements, building permits, and park improvement projects have all contributed to an increase in public inquiries and activity at the front counter.

One exciting update is that pool pass sales have been very strong this year, with more than 540 individuals registered for the season so far. It has been great to see so much enthusiasm from the community as we head into summer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karmen Lange
Interim Clerk/Treasurer