

FY2025 BUDGET OVERVIEW

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

- We are still waiting for costs related to general property insurance, worker's comp insurance, and liability insurance. Health insurance increases will not be passed on to the employee.
- The proposed budget includes a 3% wage increase for full-time employees.
- Electric cost increases of 7%.
- Gas utility service increase of 6%.
- Various substantial chemical increases.

ENTERPRISE REGULATIONS:

- The State of Iowa regulates water service from companies serving 2,000 or more people. All public utility regulations are outlined in Iowa Code.
- At the federal level, the Public Utilities Regulatory Practices Act (PURPA) at section 210 (16 U.S.C. §824a-3) prohibits discrimination against customer-owned generation and requires rates to be "just and reasonable...and in the public interest."
- Iowa Code section 388.6 prohibits discriminatory rates for all city utility types, including gas, water, and telecommunications.
- Water service deposits may not exceed the usual cost of 90 days of service under Iowa Code §384.84(4)(d).
- The applicable rules for the disconnection of water are found in Iowa Code § 384.84 which contains provisions relating to hearings, notice to landlords, and placing liens on property for nonpayment.
- Iowa Code § 8A.504 provides for the Income Offset collection program. Under this program, a municipal utility can certify to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) the debt owed by a customer, which the utility would otherwise likely write off.

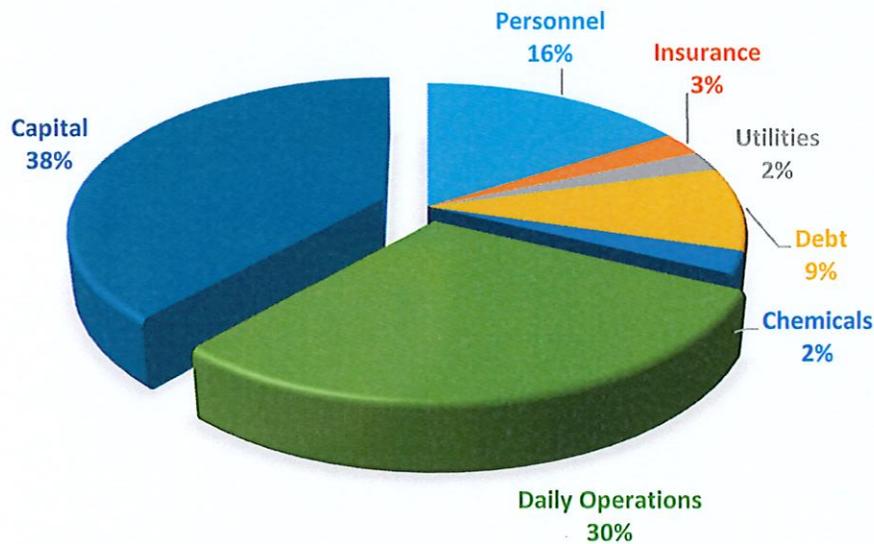
FY2025 COUNCIL GOALS

Below is a list of goals set by City Council during the 2023 Strategic Planning Retreat held on December 6th, 2023 and adopted via resolution 25-R-2023-2024. City Staff has implemented these goals in the FY2025 budget accordingly:

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 OVERALL BUDGET:

Personnel	\$ 7,460,205	15.91%
Insurance	\$ 1,197,603	2.55%
Utilities	\$ 1,042,989	2.22%
Debt	\$ 4,199,664	8.96%
Chemicals	\$ 1,161,236	2.48%
Daily Operations	\$13,828,521	29.49%
Capital	\$17,996,709	38.38%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$46,886,928	

TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION



FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 COUNCIL GOALS:

1. Daycare: \$100,000

- Daycare Incentives \$ 100,000

2. Housing: \$100,000

- Housing Study Update \$ 25,000
- Condemned Housing Enforcement \$ 75,000

3. Infrastructure: \$14,031,082

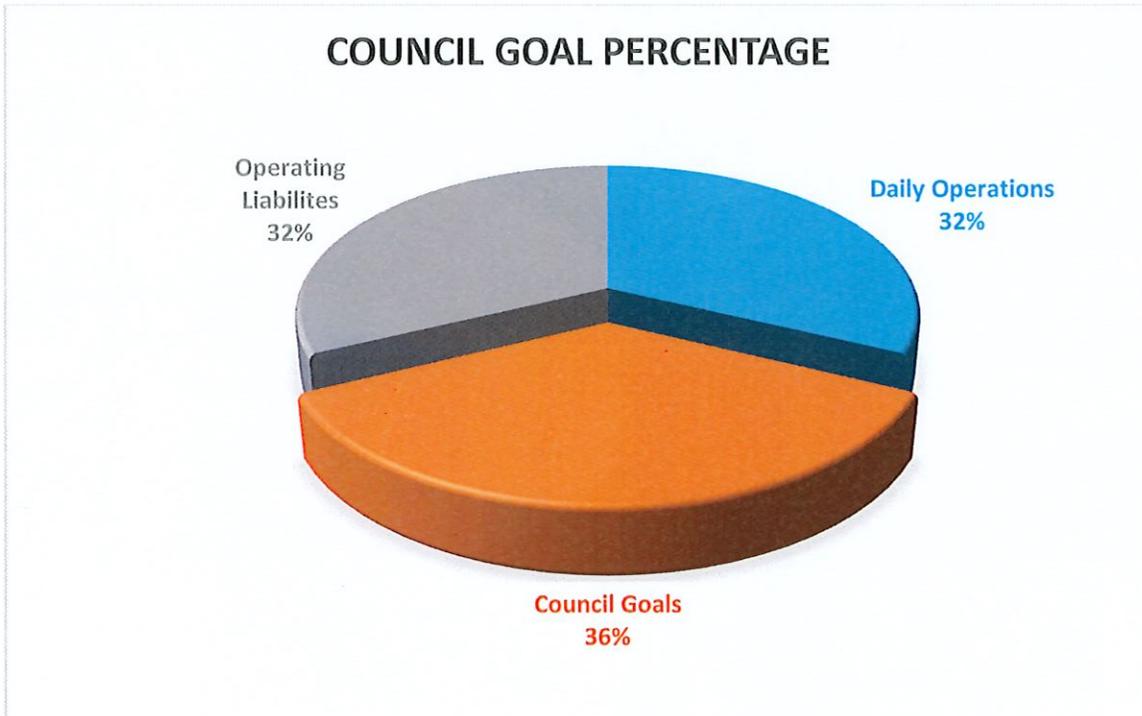
- Airport Apron Expansion \$ 270,000
- Lake Ave Sidewalk \$ 300,000
- Sewer Televising & Inspection \$ 100,000
- Storm Water Site Improvements \$ 120,000
- Street Signal Light Battery Backup \$ 70,000
- Scout Park Lift Station Replacement \$ 174,000
- Ice House Lift Station Replacement \$ 126,000
- College & 3rd Lift Station Rep. \$ 972,000
- WWTP Water Line Replacement \$ 65,000
- WWTP Protective Coating \$ 85,000
- Water Line Replacement \$ 52,000
- Water Tower #5 \$7,937,117
- Well 15 Replacement \$2,236,465
- Well Rehab \$ 260,000
- Test Well Exploration \$ 65,000
- Well 23 Planning & Design \$ 255,000
- Well Land Acquisition \$ 225,000
- Infrastructure Management Plan \$ 250,000
- Campground Park Flood Mitigation \$ 40,000
- UV Bulb Bank Replacement \$ 41,000
- Plant Water Line Installation \$ 65,000
- Additional DNR Testing \$ 18,000
- Memorial Lift Station Upgrades \$ 21,000
- WWTP Upgrades \$ 12,500
- VFD Pump \$ 90,000
- Clear Well Maintenance \$ 50,000
- HSP Replacement \$ 60,000
- Storm Water Grates \$ 2,500
- Rain Gardens \$ 20,000
- Street Sweeper Services \$ 23,500
- City Wide Cleanup \$ 25,000

4. Recreation/Economic Development: \$2,553,431

• Lake Ave Blade Signs	\$ 65,000
• Spoil Site Development	\$ 450,000
• Downtown Holiday Lights	\$ 40,000
• KP Improvements	\$ 186,250
• Park Trails	\$ 25,000
• Spoil Site- Site Restoration	\$ 885,000
• Park Equipment	\$ 45,000
• Outside Agency Funding	\$ 97,650
• Economic Development	\$ 372,731
• Community Recreation	\$ 252,700
• Lake Ave Development	\$ 7,100
• Park Recreation Upgrades	\$ 100,000
• Park Amenities	\$ 5,000
• Scout Park Upgrades	\$ 22,000

FY2024-2025 BUDGET RECAP:

Operating Liabilities:	\$15,061,698	32.12%
Council Goals:	\$16,784,513	35.78%
Daily Operations:	\$15,040,717	32.10%



OUTSIDE AGENCY FUNDING

Each year the City of Storm Lake takes requests from tax-exempt organizations throughout the community to award grant money the City has available on an annual appropriation basis. This year, the City received 8 requests totaling \$97,650.

REVENUES:

Revenues to support the outside agency funding will come from the general fund.

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET:

Outside Agency Requests

Applications were received by:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Request</u>
Imagine the Possibilities	Waterpark Passes	\$ 500
PFLAG Storm Lake	Education Material	\$ 500
SALUD	Int'l Women's Day Event	\$ 650
BV Historical Society	Kitchen/Storage Upgrades	\$ 3,000
NCI Small Business Dev	Essential Services	\$ 5,000
Witter Gallery	Fine Arts	\$18,000
Upper Des Moines	Emergency Assistance	\$20,000
SLU Development	SLU Mission Fulfillment	\$50,000

Notes:

***Awardees must be willing to enter, or have already entered, into a 28E agreement with the City of Storm Lake pursuant the State Auditor's Office.

***Awardees must provide a mid-year update to the City Council on project status.

***Awardees are required to account to the City the use of the public funds to determine that the public purpose is met.

***Awardees are not permitted to use public funds for salaries.

Council to come to a consensus on amounts (if any) of Outside Agency funding.

Administration

General Fund

The General Fund is the primary ledger accounts that record all assets and liabilities of the City which are not assigned to a special purpose. The primary divisions of the General Fund include: Public Safety, Code Enforcement, Airport, Library, Parks, Campground, Golf Course, Economic Development, Finance, Administration, Cottages, and Outdoor Water Park.

Airport:

Revenues- \$402,000
Expenses- \$400,091

Transit System:

Operating Expense- \$8,000
In-Kind Support includes parking location and use of electricity.

Municipal Band:

Operating Expenses- \$8,000

Community Education:

Operating Expenses- \$115,250

Mayor & City Council:

Payroll- \$60,709

Franchise Fees:

Revenues- \$964,000

Administration:

Revenues- \$426,950
Payroll- \$117,389
Operating Expenses- \$474,477

Cottages:

Revenues- \$167,400
Operating Expenses- \$61,725

Local Option Sales Tax

Local Option Sales Tax is the 1% voter approved specific purpose tax that is returned to the City for streets, buildings, debt retirement and capital improvements.

Estimated Revenues: \$1,848,000
Debt Expenses: \$ 400,600
Capital Expenses: \$1,539,750

Hotel Motel Tax

Hotel Motel Tax is the tax generated and returned to the community from recreation. Per Section 422A.2(4)(a) of the Code of Iowa, 50% of this revenue must go back into the community for recreation, culture and tourism ,and related debt.

Estimated Revenues:	\$432,600
Debt Expenses:	\$129,900
Community Recreation:	\$252,700
Tourism:	\$ 50,000

Sales Tax Increment Financing Fund

As part of our flood mitigation projects, the State enacted a STIFF program to assist with offsetting costs for flood mitigation projects. These funds are used to repay bonds incurred by flood mitigation projects.

Estimated Revenues:	\$249,960
Debt Expenses:	\$249,960

Tax Increment Financing

Tax Increment Financing is a public financing method used as an incentive for redevelopment, infrastructure, and other community improvement projects. TIF is a way for the City to divert future property tax revenue increases from a defined area (Urban Renewal Area) toward an economic development or public improvement project in the community. The City currently has 5 Urban Renewal Areas:

Industrial Park URA

Projected Revenues:	\$2,724,939
Debt Repayment Expenses:	\$2,724,939

Bargloff URA

Projected Revenues:	\$379,714
Debt Repayment Expenses:	\$379,714

LMI #3 URA

Projected Revenues:	\$15,922
Debt Repayment Expenses:	\$15,922

LMI #4 URA

Projected Revenues:	\$20,219
Debt Repayment Expenses:	\$20,219

Donations

The City of Storm Lake maintains several donation funds which are earmarked for specific purposes. These funds are collected and disbursed accordingly per the use of the funds.

Crime Prevention

Estimated Revenues: \$3,500

Projected Expenses: \$3,500

Parks

Estimated Revenues: \$1,000

Projected Expenses: \$1,000

Memorial Funds

The City maintains several memorial funds. Each are limited per a contractual agreement on what the funds are used for.

Library Memorial Funds

Estimated Revenues: \$9,535

Projected Expenses: \$8,330

Law Enforcement Funds

The City maintains evidence funds for the Public Safety Department which are held for a judge's ruling.

Law Enforcement

Estimated Revenues: \$5,500

Projected Expenses: \$5,500

Evidence

Estimated Revenues: \$0

Projected Expenses: \$0

***Note: Transfers between funding sources are not included to get a clear picture of revenue vs expenses per division. Transfers were approved during the CIP process.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Our economic development strategies are based on the needs, assets, and goals of the Storm Lake community. The Economic Development Department seeks to improve economic well-being and quality of life by encouraging business investment opportunities and supporting business retention, expansion, attraction, and job creation to maintain a healthy economy and increase our tax base.

The City of Storm Lake through the Development Services Specialist is committed to promoting and sustaining a strong, successful business climate by providing assistance and support with grants, loans, business and financial planning, apprenticeship programs, retail recruitment, expansion, retention, succession planning and development opportunities.

Comprehensive Economic Development requires the support of elected officials and partner organizations. The Development Services Specialist works closely with City Council, Iowa Economic Development Authority, Small Business Development Center, Iowa Lakes Corridor Development, Iowa Workforce Development, The Retail Coach, NW Iowa Planning and Development, Buena Vista University (The Foundry) and Iowa Central Community College.

Economic Development Highlights:

- Conducted 35 Business Retention and Expansion Visits (BRE) In collaboration with ILCDC.
- During BRE visits identified business owners with no succession plan in place. Provided direction and assistance with succession planning resources that connect business owners planning to sell, retire or transition out of a leadership role with entrepreneurs looking for an acquisition or expansion opportunity.
- Met with 15 local entrepreneurs and provide strategic business planning assistance prior to them opening their businesses.
- Created a “Where Do I Start” information packet for startups/entrepreneurs that includes a business plan template, 10-step guide to start a business, a business entity chart, IA business tax registration form, a list of funding options and insurance information. Created a database of available buildings and properties.
- Built an Economic Development page on the city website to provide online access to topics such as: Starting a New Business, Business Tool Kit, Funding, Site Selection, Workforce, Housing, Childcare, Webinars and Workshops, Development News, Retail Coach Reports and Retail Site Development Opportunities, Downtown Master Plan and ADA information.
- Worked with The Retail Coach to establish our Community Retail Profile, Demographic Snapshot and identified our Primary Retail Trade Area for retail recruitment. Created a webpage on city website so reports are available to our business community.
- Secured a Rural Child Care Market Study Grant through the IEDA and formed a child care steering committee for analysis and strategic planning.

FACTORS AFFECTING THIS BUDGET YEAR

There were no unforeseen expenses in the current year.

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Iowa Lakes Corridor Membership-	\$37,600
NW IA Planning & Dev Member-	\$ 7,325
Land Options-	\$20,000
Housing Study Update-	\$25,000
Retail Coach-	\$25,000

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Expenses- \$372,731

BUILDING & CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Storm Lake Building Department consists of two full time employees who inspect and enforce national and local building codes for new construction and remodels. Additionally, the Building Inspector and Building and Code Compliance Director are responsible for storm water inspections, rental housing inspections, enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, working with the Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment, dangerous building inspections, and coordinating with the other City Departments on areas of overlap. Working closely with the Building Department, the City's Code Enforcement Officer assists with inspections and enforcement of the City Property Maintenance Code, scheduling of rental inspections, inspecting sidewalks, storm water inspections, rental inspections, and scheduling of building inspections, as well as setting up Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Adjustment meetings.

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

Increase in Condemned Housing Costs- \$75,000
Site Plan Review Device & Screen- \$6,000

New Position: Electrical Maintenance Engineer

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Revenues-	\$46,000	
Expenses-	\$341,714	
Personnel-	\$161,174	47% of the total expenses
Operations/Maintenance-	\$160,540	53%

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Storm Lake Police Department provides 24-hour law enforcement services to the City of Storm Lake. The department currently consists of 20 sworn Police Officers, 1 Community Service Officer, 2 Civilian Office staff members and 3 Civilian Volunteers (two chaplains and one tactical team medic).

The Storm Lake Police Department Patrol Division is made up of 4 Lieutenants and 14 patrol officers. Each Lieutenant oversees a patrol shift consisting of two to three patrol officers and one Community Service Officer.

The patrol division is primarily responsible for answering calls for service which include:

- Responding to emergency calls
- Taking criminal complaints
- Enforcing traffic laws
- Addressing quality of life issues
- Investigating vehicular accidents
- Preliminary Investigation of crimes
- Community Policing
- Networking with other community service providers
- Enforcing city and state criminal laws
- Animal Control

The Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is made up of 2 detectives supervised by the Assistant Chief.

The investigation division is responsible for major case crimes and follow up investigations. SLPD Detectives provide the highest quality criminal investigations by conducting timely and thorough investigations using advanced investigative techniques and forensic equipment.

The Community Service Officer (CSOs) is a civilian officer that works under the umbrella of the patrol division. The CSOs primary responsibilities are interpretation, translation, and community outreach. CSOs further assist with performing city code enforcement, house watch, security checks, funeral escorts, parking enforcement and fingerprinting.

The Police Department Special Services Division has specially trained officers in the following areas:

Tactical Entry Team (E-Team)
Hostage Negotiators
Clandestine Drug Lab Response Team
Underwater Search and Recovery Dive Team
Sexual Assault Response Team (SART)
Drone Pilots
K-9 Unit
Narcotics Unit
Community Engagement / Community Outreach

REVENUES:

The operations for the Storm Lake police department budget are covered by the City's general fund with other revenue coming from fines and fees outlined in the City's fee resolution.

CURRENT FEE RESOLUTION

<u>Fee</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Code Reference</u>
Administrative Fee	\$30.00	
Alarm Business Permit Application	\$75.00	4-7-6
Alarm Business Permit Renewal	\$75.00	4-7-9
False Alarm Equip Malfunction (after 3)	\$75.00	4-7-16
False Alarm	\$75.00	4-7-16
Building Escorts (per car)	\$75.00	5-1-3
Cat License – Not Neutered/Spayed (per year)	\$20.00	8-4-2
Neutered/Spayed (per year)	\$10.00	
Dog License – Not Neutered/Spayed (per year)	\$20.00	8-3-2
Neutered/Spayed (per year)	\$10.00	
Fingerprinting	\$10.00	
Impound/Storage Fee (per day)	\$30.00	8-6-5
Impound Storage Fee – felony related (per day)	\$50.00	
Parking Fine	\$15.00	9-11-4
Report Copies	\$ 5.00	
Police Escort Fee – per hour, per unit	\$75.00	5-1-3
Emergency Response and/or Cleanup of Material (per hour)		
Police Vehicle (per vehicle)	\$75.00	

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTEMENTS:

Furniture at the Station-	\$26,000
Fire Alarm Rehab-	\$10,000
Parking Lot Rehab-	\$10,000
Surveillance Equipment-	\$ 2,000
SMART board-	\$ 6,500
Training Mat-	\$ 2,500

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Revenues-	\$30,500	
Expenses-	\$2,350,719	
Personnel-	\$1,711,969	73% of the total expenses
Operations/Maintenance-	\$638,750	27%

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Storm Lake Fire Department is a mix of 2 full time employees and 24 volunteer fire fighters. These individuals work with 8 emergency vehicles. The Storm Lake Fire department covers approximately 90 square miles within Grant, Hayes, and Washington Townships which encompass the City of Storm Lake, City of Lakeside, and Truesdale. These surrounding areas enter into a fire service agreement with the City of Storm Lake for services.

FACTORS AFFECTING THIS BUDGET YEAR:

- Increased costs for uniform replacements: Helmets, Boots, Jackets, etc - \$4,954
- Increased costs for equipment & supplies: Hose Replacements, SCBA Replacements - \$20,547

REVENUES:

The operations for the Storm Lake fire department budget are covered by the City's general fund with other revenue coming from the surrounding service area governing bodies.

PROPOSED FEE CHANGES:

There were 79 call outs stemming from 20 separate commercial (including apartments & multi-occupant dwellings such as dorms) locations that had more than one false alarm.

There were 9 call outs stemming from 3 separate residential (single family dwellings, mobile homes, & condo buildings) locations that had more than one false alarm.

With an average 12 person response per call, the total personnel cost per call is \$180.00 not including the cost of fuel, vehicle maintenance, and wear and tear on vehicles and equipment.

The following is the current City Code regarding false alarm callouts:

The False Alarm fee is outlined in City Code 4-7-16. "The subscriber or proprietor utilizing a fire alarm system shall be liable to the City for the sum, in the amount set by Council Resolution, for each false fire alarm in excess of one (1) in any twelve (12) month period, whether intentionally activated by any person whether known or not, or due to equipment malfunction. Failure to pay the charge for false alarms within fifty (50) days after notice thereof shall be grounds for revocation of the alarm permit."

It is recommended to remove the false alarm fee from the City's Fee Resolution and amend the City Code to allow the enforcement of the violations through the municipal infraction process. The current schedule of Civil Penalties as outline in code 1-20-2(A):

First Offense	\$ 75.00
Second Offense	\$125.00
All Other Repeated Offenses	\$200.00

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

There are several items that have been placed for deferred maintenance, those items have now reached a point where dereferences are no longer an option. Regular maintenance for an aging facility and normal fleet maintenance and repair of some of the older vehicles are also placing strains on the budget. This increased expense coupled with the steadily rising costs for anything fire service related have continued to place strain on the fire department budget. Routine supplies and equipment costs for items that are used by fire department members have also increased drastically across all manufacturers. This is equipment used on almost every call for service and are requirements. The NFPA is constantly releasing and updating recommendations and codes that are set to protect the health and welfare of firefighters. This has resulted in additional costs for testing and inspections of outside services to verify and document the safety and preparedness of equipment and occasionally adding new static equipment to units. Over the last two years the fire department has made significant strides in upgrading, improving, and maintaining firefighter and department equipment. Within the next 5 years all serviceable equipment will have been replaced in a rotation schedule that will allow for staggered lifespans, replacement schedules and less budgetary strain.

Additional Part-Time Inspector position: \$30,000

City code section 7-1-2 Establishment And Duties Of Bureau Of Fire Prevention addresses the responsibilities and establishment of the FPB. Commercial locations can change ownership, design, or undergo other changes that the fire department may not be aware of. With the hiring of a part time fire inspector, not to exceed 30 hours per week unless special circumstances exist, the opportunity will now exist to enter, inspect, and document all commercial establishments within the City of Storm Lake.

In 2023 we launched the Community Connect program through our response software First Due. One of the many capabilities of the platform is the ability to create highly detailed pre-plans of a structure or location. When the inspector is conducting the inspection, information will be simultaneously gathered about alarm systems, entry and exit points, fire department connections and other information as well as site photos and drawings. All this information will be entered into the specific address to create a detailed pre-plan. While our firefighters are familiar with several larger commercial locations, it is impossible to know everything about every location. Each fire department vehicle is equipped with a vehicle mounted iPad. As the pre-plans are entered, they will be available to firefighters responding to an incident on our software, allowing them to access critical information about a specific address.

Annual fire inspections are a simple and effective way to enforce adopted fire codes, ensure compliance, and reduce risk and potential loss. The goal of the FPB is to build a relationship of understanding, knowledge sharing and increased safety with business owners. Their loss is our loss, and the goal of the fire department is to have a zero-fire loss community due to inspection and education initiatives.

With the hiring of a part-time fire inspector the City of Storm Lake will become a safer community and build a stronger relationship with its business establishments. This inspector will also be available for emergency response calls while completing duties, reducing the response time of fire department units.

Increased operational costs for repairs fire engines: \$6,000
Fire Hose & Fitting Replacements: \$25,000
Portable Vent Fan: \$5,600

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Revenues- \$152,185

Expenses- \$762,281

Personnel- \$399,312

52% of the total expenses

Operations/Maintenance- \$248,238

33%

Emergency Management- \$13,881

2%

Fire Truck Debt- \$100,850

13%

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

The Storm Lake Public Library has 3 full-time employees and 4 part-time employees. Operations are governed by City administration and actions of Council-appointed members of the Storm Lake Public Library Board of Trustees. The longest serving Trustee is the Board President with over 20 years of continuous service. The library has been associated with the Friends of the Storm Lake Public Library since 1998, a fundraising non-profit corporation run by volunteer members. The Friends have purchased furniture for the children, teen, and main reading room, while providing all programming expenses.

The library serves 10,961 current card account patrons.

The library participates in a statewide interlibrary loan program with requests from public and academic libraries. Besides maintaining Storm Lake's library collection for a very diverse community; there are education and outreach programs, in-house public computers, hotspots or laptops for check out. The library is proud to offer a telemedicine video conference room to the public and is the only public library in Iowa to offer this service. The County Supervisors acknowledge the library's partnership with Linn Grove and Rembrandt Public Libraries. Also, in partnership with Salud and University of Iowa, Community Service Navigators meet on Monday afternoons at the library to help people find resources they need (food stamps, housing assistance, transportation).

REVENUES:

The operations for the Storm Lake library budget are covered by the City's general fund with other revenue coming from late fees and services outlined in the City's fee resolution. The library also requests funding from Buena Vista County on an annual basis for support.

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

Accreditation for salaries- \$30,000
Drainpipe installation (roof)- \$5,000
Additional print/media materials- \$10,000

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Revenues-	\$31,477	
Expenses-	\$413,148	
Personnel-	\$209,466	51% of the total expenses
Operations/Maintenance-	\$203,682	49%

PUBLIC SERVICES

The public services department is made up of the City's Street, Parks, Golf, Campground, and Street Sweeping divisions.

STREETS:

The Road Use Tax Fund is funds eligible for street reconstructions, street maintenance, street lighting, and snow removal for Storm Lake's 109 lane miles of streets and 10 lane miles of gravel streets & alleyways.

The Road Use Tax Fund is a special revenue fund with support from the State of Iowa through Fuel Taxes. The State disburses funds on a per capita basis (FY2025 estimate is \$133) via the last census. A Street Finance Report is completed and submitted to the State each year.

FACTORS AFFECTING THIS BUDGET YEAR:

Major vehicle repairs (3)- \$76,097

Increased price for concrete & other supplies- \$18,478

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

Electrical Upgrades-	\$ 5,000
Overhead Door Replacement-	\$ 10,000
Shop Light Upgrades-	\$ 5,000
Lake Ave Flower Pots-	\$ 3,500
Lake Ave Green House-	\$ 3,600
Rear Tine Tiller-	\$ 2,000
Road Grader Repairs-	\$ 50,000
Infrastructure Mgmt Plan-	\$250,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• W 10th Street between Lake Ave and Vestal Street• Irving Street between Lakeshore Dr and 3rd Street	

BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Total Revenues- \$1,602,541

Expenses- \$1,663,382

Personnel- \$699,652 42% of the total expenses

Operations/Maintenance- \$713,730 43%

Infrastructure Mgmt Plan- \$250,000 15%

PARKS:

The Parks Department is a mix of 1 full time employee and 3 to 5 part time employees. These individuals maintain 145 acres of parks including King's Pointe green areas. They also maintain 11 playgrounds, 4 bathrooms, 3 ballfields, 2 tennis courts, 1 beach, Chautauqua Shelter, and other open shelters. They are heavily involved in the Star Spangled Spectacular, Wood Wine and Blues, and other community events.

FACTORS AFFECTING THIS BUDGET YEAR:

Tool Cat Controller Replacement- \$8,477
Park Restroom/Building Repairs- \$15,358
Snack Shack Repairs- \$2,043

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS:

Park Building Roof Replacements- \$80,000
Awaysis Light House Staining- \$20,000
Increased Cost to Vehicle Repair- \$ 6,000
Flood Mitigation (CG Shelter Area)- \$40,000
New Trash Cans/Lids- \$ 5,000
Play Surface Tile- \$ 5,000
Frank Starr Park Security Equip- \$12,000
Scout Park Security Equip- \$10,000

BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Total Revenues- \$15,695
Expenses- \$489,837
Personnel- \$197,637 40% of the total expense
Operations/Maintenance- \$292,200 60%

GOLF:

This 100+ year old (1917) 9-hole golf course is located adjacent to King's Pointe Resort and Pirate's Pointe Miniature Golf. The senior citizens call the club house their senior center and offers the community another event location.

The golf course maintenance crew consists of 1 full time employee and two part time employees, down one from previous years, who work with 4 mowers, 2 utility vehicles, 2 sprayers, 1 aerator, 1 fertilizer, and 1 golf cart.

FACTORS AFFECTING THIS BUDGET YEAR:

Increased Chemical Costs- \$5,547

PROPOSED FEE CHANGES:

The following fees are proposed for the 2024 season:

<u>Fee</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
New Member Single Pass	\$150.00	(Remove Pass)
Cart Rental 9 Holes	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.00
Cart Rental 18 Holes	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.00
Yearly Cart Rental	\$325.00	\$350.00

Fees subject to applicable taxes

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS:

Increased Chemical Costs- \$5,000

BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Total Revenue	\$293,090
Total Expense	\$284,042
Clubhouse Exp-	\$168,499
Grounds Exp-	\$115,543
Personnel-	\$31,593
Operations-	\$83,950

CAMPGROUND:

The campground offers 101 camping sites, onsite campground hosts receive hourly wage for hours worked and a free full hook up site. There are 4 hosts usually consisting of 2 couples. The campground does have firewood, ice and other items for sale.

An increase in long term guest requests and the need for larger sites has been noted. The campground has a large area mower, a weed eater and a utility vehicle for the hosts to use.

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS:

Building Gutters & Downspouts-	\$1,500
Fire Ring Replacements-	\$5,000
Picnic Table Replacements-	\$5,000
Fencing Replacement-	\$4,000

BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Total Revenues-	\$195,000
Expenses-	\$109,389
Personnel-	\$27,619
Operations/Maintenance-	\$81,770

****Note: Transfers between funding sources are not included to get a clear picture of revenue vs expenses per department****

WATER FUND

The Water Fund is one of the City's enterprise funds. Enterprise funds are self-supporting used to account for goods and services for which user fees and charges are paid in exchange for services provided. The Water Fund includes the following divisions: Administration, Water Plant, Distribution, and Water Meters.

Number of Water Accounts- 4,002
Average Water Daily Flow- 3.5 MGD
Highest Peak Flow- 4.9 MGD
Number of Wells- 10 (Only 8 are in service)
Number of Water Towers- 3
Number of Clear Wells- 2
Miles of Water Pipe- 90.7
 Water Mains: 82.4 mi
 Irrigation: 4.19 mi
 Raw Water Line: 4.11 mi
Number of Hydrants- 540

FACTORS AFFECTING THIS BUDGET YEAR

The skid loader at the water plant required significant repairs to maintain operations in the amount of \$4,395. This unit is included in the current CIP to be replaced.

Due to increased water demand and peak flows:

- The amount of lime sludge removed from the plant is higher than previous years resulting in increased costs \$8,792 year to date over last year.
- Chemical cost increases exceed projections for FY2024. For example, a load of lime in February of 2022 cost \$238.41 per ton whereas the price in February of 2024 is \$377.72 per ton, a 58.4% increase.

A truck for the water distribution team has been on backorder since 2022 arrived in 2024 in the amount of \$75,446.

At the end of this fiscal year, projects will run over fiscal years which will affect the FY2025 budget:

- Water Tower #5 Construction
- Well #21 Construction

REVENUES

The Water Fund is operating in good financial health maintaining the Council desired 40% fund balance. Anticipated ending fund balance for fiscal year 2023-2024 will be \$3,997,767. The fund balance includes balances earmarked for project carry overs.

Estimated operating revenues are projected to be \$6,320,552, which includes a 7% increase to our water rates. This will result in an increase of water service charges by roughly \$2.16 per month for residential users.

Water revenues generated by residential users for 2023 were \$1,365,300, commercial users were \$683,632, and industrial users were \$3,593,679.

According to the City of Ames, Iowa 2022 annual Water & Sewer Rate Study, the City of Storm Lake is at \$28.92 for bill amounts at 600 cubic feet of use. This ranks the City of Storm Lake in the bottom 3rd of cities with 10,000+ population. The current median bill is \$32.48, \$3.56 more than the City's current rate.

PROPOSED FEE CHANGES:

The following fees are proposed for July 1, 2024:

<u>Fee</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Shut Off Fee	\$25.00	\$30.00
Turn On Fee	\$25.00	\$30.00
Bulk Water Sales	----	\$15.00 Min & Com Rate / 1,000 Gal
Urgent/Elective Shut off Fee	----	\$500.00

(This fee would apply when customers are unable to solicit services from a private business. Rate determined to not compete with private businesses.)

****Fees subject to applicable taxes****

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

A \$350,000 increase in cost of various chemicals for water treatment.

Additional sample stations for mandatory DNR reporting for \$10,000

Clear well maintenance in the amount of \$50,000

High Service Pump 4 Replacement for \$60,000

With the implementation of the FlexNet Meter Reading System, we have cut the number of meters needing to be read manually to 575 (575, 13.44%, of 4,278 active meters). This line item will continue to reduce the number of meters needing manual interaction.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Revenues- \$6,320,552

Expenses- \$6,256,714

Personnel- \$1,272,177	20% of the total expenses
Operations/Maintenance- \$1,767,205	28%
Chemicals- \$1,050,366	17%
Debt Service- \$868,966	14%
Capital Expenditures- \$1,298,000	21%

SEWER FUND

The Sewer Fund is one of the City's enterprise funds. Enterprise funds are self-supporting used to account for goods and services for which user fees and charges are paid in exchange for services provided. The Sewer Fund includes the following divisions: Administration, Wastewater Plant, and Collection

Average Influent Daily Flow- 2.347 MGD

24.20% of the flow comes from residential users

75.80% of the flow comes from commercial and industrial users

Average Effluent Daily Flow- 2.211 MGD

Rain Events Daily Flow- We have seen up to 5 MGD

Sludge Hauled- 96.7 Dry Metric Tons in 2023

Miles of Sewer Pipe- 62.85

Force Main: 12.73 mi

Gravity Main: 50.12 mi

Lift Stations- 16

FACTORS AFFECTING THIS BUDGET YEAR

Vehicle repairs for lime truck and skid loader were higher than expectations in the amount of \$4,244.

A new odor control approach through State Chemical costs \$3,183 per month.

Projects in progress carried over to FY2025:

- College & 3rd Lift Station Replacement
- UV Building Upgrades

REVENUES

The Sewer Fund has a projected ending fund balance of \$2,058,415 and is operating at the Council desired 40%.

Revenues are projected to be \$4,817,696, which includes a 7% increase to our sewer rates. A 7% increase would result in an average residential bill to increase by \$3.31 per month.

According to the City of Ames, Iowa 2022 annual Water & Sewer Rate Study, the City of Storm Lake is at \$44.47 for bill amounts at 600 cubic feet of use. This ranks the City of Storm Lake in the middle of the pack of cities with 10,000+ population at 600 cubic feet. The median rate according to the study is \$42.19.

PROPOSED FEE CHANGES:

The following fees are proposed for July 1, 2024:

<u>Fee</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
Sanitary Sewer Dump Fee	----	\$75.00 per load
Industrial FOG (Fat, Oil, Grease)	----	\$300.00 per load

Fees subject to applicable taxes

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The City has been awarded a 90% grant from FEMA for the following projects:

	<u>Federal Share</u>	<u>Local Share</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
1. Scout Park Lift Station	\$1,898,412.39	\$207,120.76	\$2,105,533.15
2. Ice House Lift Station	<u>\$ 789,461.91</u>	<u>\$ 86,131.94</u>	<u>\$ 875,593.85</u>
	\$2,687,874.30	\$293,252.70	\$2,981,127.00

- SCADA Technology Rotation (Servers, Devices, Programming)- \$24,500
- UV Bulb Bank Replacement- \$41,000
- Plant Water Line Replacement- \$65,000
- DNR Testing Services increase- \$8,000
- Chemical Cost Increases- \$30,870
- Memorial Lift Station Security Upgrades- \$21,000
- WWTP Security Upgrades- \$12,500
- Variable Frequency Drive Pump Replacement- \$90,000

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Revenues- \$7,505,570

Expenses- \$7,595,339

Personnel- \$1,014,473	13% of the total expenses
Operations/Maintenance- \$1,627,740	21%
Debt Service- \$577,499	8%
Capital Expenditures- \$4,375,627	58%

STORM WATER FUND

The Storm Water Fund is one of the City's enterprise funds. Enterprise funds are self-supporting used to account for goods and services for which user fees and charges are paid in exchange for services provided. The Storm Water Fund includes the following divisions: Administration and Collection.

Lane miles of Streets to be Swept- 96

-All streets were swept 6 times in 2023 (3 times in spring and 3 times in the fall)

-Central Business District was swept as needed- 6 total times in 2023

Number of Storm Intakes-745

Storm Water Quality Controls-64

REVENUES

The Storm Water Fund is not operating at the Council's 40% fund balance. The last increase to storm water fees was in May of 2013 which increased rates for Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) to \$4.00 per ERU.

Estimated revenues are projected to be \$426,000.

FACTORS AFFECTING THIS BUDGET YEAR

Gutter Booms for Street Sweepers doubled in price to \$3,200.

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Storm Water Grate Replacements- \$2,500

Rain Gardens Maintenance- \$20,000

Auxiliary Engine Replacement- \$15,000

Street Sweeper Parts (Including Gutter Booms)- \$8,500

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Revenues- \$426,000

Expenses- \$572,146

Personnel- \$125,328

22% of the total expenses

Operations/Maintenance- \$127,499

22%

Debt Service- \$199,319

35%

Capital- \$120,000

21%

LANDFILL FUND

The Landfill Fund is one of the City's enterprise funds. Enterprise funds are self-supporting used to account for goods and services for which user fees and charges are paid in exchange for services provided.

REVENUES

The Landfill Fund is operating in good financial health and maintains over the Council desired 40% fund balance of \$337,826. This allows us to schedule additional City-Wide Clean-up next fiscal year.

Estimated revenues are projected to be \$480,500, consistent with the last few years.

FACTORS AFFECTING THIS BUDGET YEAR

No unexpected costs this year.

FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Landfill assessment remains \$34 per capita. This assessment rate is determined by the Solid Waste Commission.

City-Wide Clean-Up- \$25,000

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Total Revenues- \$480,500

Expenses- \$568,955

Personnel- \$116,509

21% of the total expenses

Operations/Maintenance- \$44,300

7%

Landfill Assessment- \$383,146

67%

City-Wide Clean-Up- \$25,000

5%