



City of Belleville, Illinois

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**of the**

## **ANNUAL BUDGET**

Fiscal Year 2025/26

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To: City Council**

**From: Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor**

**Date: May 1, 2025**

**Re: Fiscal Year 2025/26 Budget**

**This is the City of Belleville's 2025/26 budget. Please note that the city operates under a fund accounting system. Under this system, the most meaningful analysis is accomplished on a fund-by-fund basis rather than a total fund bottom-line approach.**

**At 211 years old, the City of Belleville continues to work diligently to grow and prosper. Belleville is the largest city in Southern Illinois and is the county seat for St. Clair County. Belleville's current population is 42,404.**

### **Debt Limits and Bond Cap**

**The City of Belleville operates under home rule authority and therefore has no legal debt limit. The General Assembly has not limited the indebtedness that home rule municipalities may incur, nor has it required referendum approval of debt to be incurred by home rule municipalities. Consequently, home rule municipalities may legally incur indebtedness without limitation and referendum approval. However, any municipality which is overburdened by indebtedness would have difficulty marketing its general obligation bonds. Our sewer bonds are paid from user fees, and the TIF bonds are paid from sales and property tax, as is the bond issued for the General Fund for stormwater separation and road projects.**

### **General Overview**

**The City of Belleville has numerous funds which fall into the following categories: the General Fund, in which all operating expenses are generally included; Utility Funds, where costs and revenues for our sewer operations and debt service are incurred; Tax Funds, which receive property taxes that are used for specific purposes; Tax Increment Financing Funds, which receive revenues from the city's TIF Districts; Special Revenue Funds, which receive monies from specific revenue sources and must be used for particular purposes; and finally, Pension Funds, which are maintained for employee retirements.**

**The General Fund includes expenses for such services as police, fire, streets, parks, sanitation, and administrative activities. FY 2025/2026 General Fund requested expenses total \$38,989,850. Projected 2025/26 revenues equal \$38,992,969. This represents a surplus budget of \$3,119.**

### **General Fund Revenues**

**General Fund income is projected to be \$38,992,969. Of this, the following are the four major revenue sources: sales tax, estimated to be approximately \$9,200,000, utility tax anticipated to be approximately \$3,700,000, Belleville's portion of the income tax received from the State at approximately \$7,600,000, and trash collection fees are anticipated to be \$3,960,000.**

**The General Fund revenues are projected using a conservative approach.**

One revenue source worth mentioning is the inter-fund operating transfers which represent 8.5% of the revenue received in the General Fund for the upcoming year. \$330,000 will be transferred from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund to the General Fund as reimbursement for street department salaries and materials. There is also an inter-fund transfer in FY 2025/26 from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District 3. This is an administration fee that covers costs such as personnel, as well as a reimbursement on road work paid for by the general fund and reimbursed by the TIF fund. This transfer amounts to \$950,000 for the current fiscal year. The current year's total transfer also includes over \$2 million of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that are allowed to be transferred to our General Fund to spend on general government services, most specifically for engineering and construction of infrastructure, as well as demolitions. These are the remaining ARPA funds the City designated as lost revenue that can be spent on such services.

### **City Program Priorities**

The city's fiscal policies recognize the following hierarchies of priorities for the allocation of revenues. The first and most important priority is to appropriate adequate monies for general operations in order to continue to provide quality essential services and maintain day-to-day operations to the community. The second priority is funding for necessary capital equipment to provide essential services to city residents. Third, to fund essential capital improvement projects to maintain and improve the integrity of the current infrastructure. Fourth, to maintain the city's contingency reserves to provide monies in the event of a major revenue shortfall, natural disaster, or any unanticipated expenditure requirement. Please note that the second and third priorities not only provide funding for capital equipment and improvement programs but also are necessary to decrease the city's liability exposure. The City is also focused on trying to reduce our pension obligation debt. Over the last few years, the Council voted to contribute over 2.2 million dollars more than what was required.

### **Capital Equipment & Major Projects**

The city has budgeted for capital equipment in 2025/26. Major capital equipment and projects expenditures include the following: Purchase of Land, \$423,000, Building Improvements, \$15,000, Equipment, \$1,168,567, Vehicles, \$2,050,310, Infrastructure, \$11,087,000, Streets, \$7,539,672, Furniture and Fixtures, \$8,600, Books and Periodicals, \$181,300, and Other Improvements, which includes upgrading parking lots, road improvements, park improvements, street patching, sidewalks, etc., total \$7,811,165. The grand total for all capital outlay is \$30,284,614. Capital Expenditures represent approximately 20% of the total budget. Some of the revenue required will come from grants as well as reimbursements from IDOT and TIF funds. Capital Projects are budgeted within their respective fund. The bulk of capital funds are going to street projects and State-mandated sewer upgrades.

### **Utilities Fund**

The Sewer Operations & Maintenance Fund revenues for 2025/26 are estimated at \$15,838,000. These revenues not only support the day-to-day operation of the city but also go to meet the debt service that is required of the Sewer Fund. Capital Improvement projects are budgeted in the Sewer Construction Fund 24. The city is expanding the sewer plant and is currently in Phase VI of the sewer separation project. These projects will be funded by user fees, tap-on fees, transfers to Sewer Construction from the operating account, and TIF 3.

### **Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Funds**

The City TIF Districts encompass most of the main street corridors and downtown Belleville. Portions of increased real estate taxes generated within each TIF District are returned to the area and are to be invested in the district's infrastructure. Important TIF projects include street improvements, demolitions, sidewalk and parking lot repairs, bike trails, park improvements, stormwater separation street repairs, and

renovating public buildings. These projects, as well as others, will be funded by property tax received in the TIF Funds. About 50% of TIF revenues will be returned to the taxing districts. Business incentives will also be provided from these funds. A transfer of \$950,000 is budgeted to the General Fund to cover expenses incurred by the General Fund including administrating the TIF area. It will also transfer monies required for the various bond issues as well as \$900,000 this fiscal year to the Sewer Construction Fund for the Long-Term Control Plan improvements and sewer projects.

### **Library Fund**

The Belleville Public Library will again offer many valuable services to residents of Belleville during 2025/26. The 2025/26 Library revenues are projected at \$1,863,895 – 84% of which is property taxes. The 2025/26 Library expenses are budgeted at \$1,856,525. Important Library expenditures in 2025/26 include the addition of \$180,000 in new books, audiobooks, and periodicals, as well as \$18,000 for other equipment.

### **Motor Fuel Tax Fund**

The Motor Fuel Tax Fund has projected expenses of \$3,093,200, with a projected income of \$2,000,000. The Motor Fuel Tax Fund has adequate reserves to fund the Capital Improvement Program for the fiscal year 2025/26, as well as ReBuild Illinois funds received in prior years that will be spent this fiscal year. The Motor Fuel Tax Fund will have a favorable effect on all residents who use Belleville streets. The city is continuing to take an aggressive approach to upgrade streets during 2025/26. Some of the funds for street improvements will come from the TIF funds when the streets are located in a TIF area. The 70/30 sidewalk program, concrete and asphalt patching program, as well as pavement markings, are included in this year's budget. Of course, the city will continue its traditional street maintenance program by scarifying some streets, striping, and curb improvements, as well as the 70/30 Sidewalk Replacement Program. The City of Belleville is proud of its investment in our roads and thoroughfares as well as our Sidewalk program. The City hires a contractor and will pay 70% of the cost for sidewalk improvements both in our business community as well as our residential areas. The City of Belleville also has a grant opportunity for sidewalk improvements for those who are disabled or who have low income and meet the qualifying criteria.

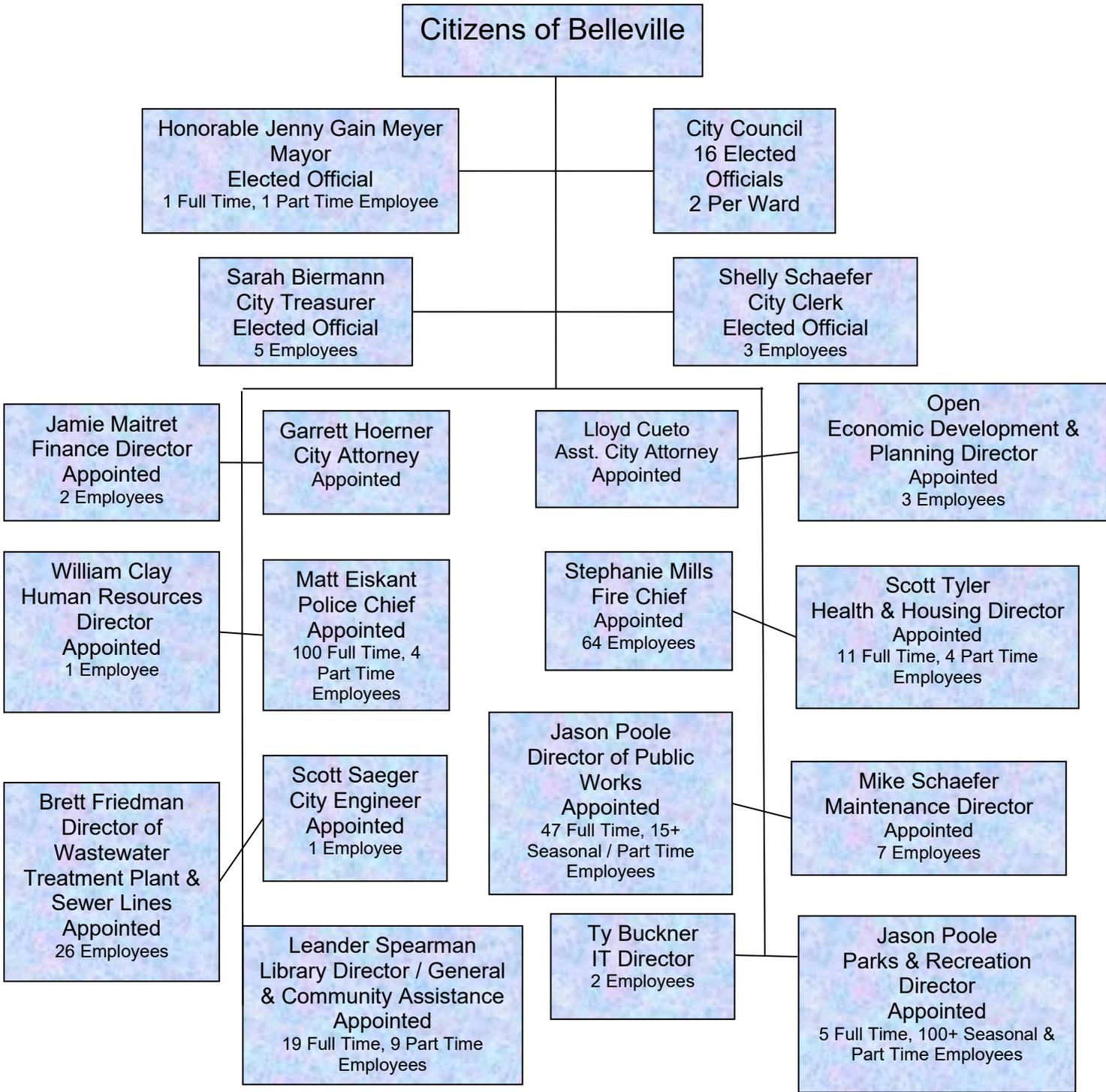
### **Summary**

Through the guidance of the City Council, the efforts of our employees, and input from residents, the City has not incurred deficit spending. We are seeing an increase in certain City revenues that we believe will continue through the year.

Thank you for your commitment to Belleville and the efforts you make to ensure our continued success. I would also like to thank Jamie Maitret, our Finance Director, for her continued hard work and leadership.

No doubt we will continue to face challenges in the future. But we will meet those challenges through a spirit of cooperation and unity. Thank you all for the work you do to make Belleville the great city it is.

# CITY OF BELLEVILLE ORGANIZATION CHART



**OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS**

**ELECTED:**

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Jenny Gain Meyer</b>
<b>City Clerk</b>	<b>Shelly Schaefer</b>
<b>City Treasurer</b>	<b>Sarah Biermann</b>

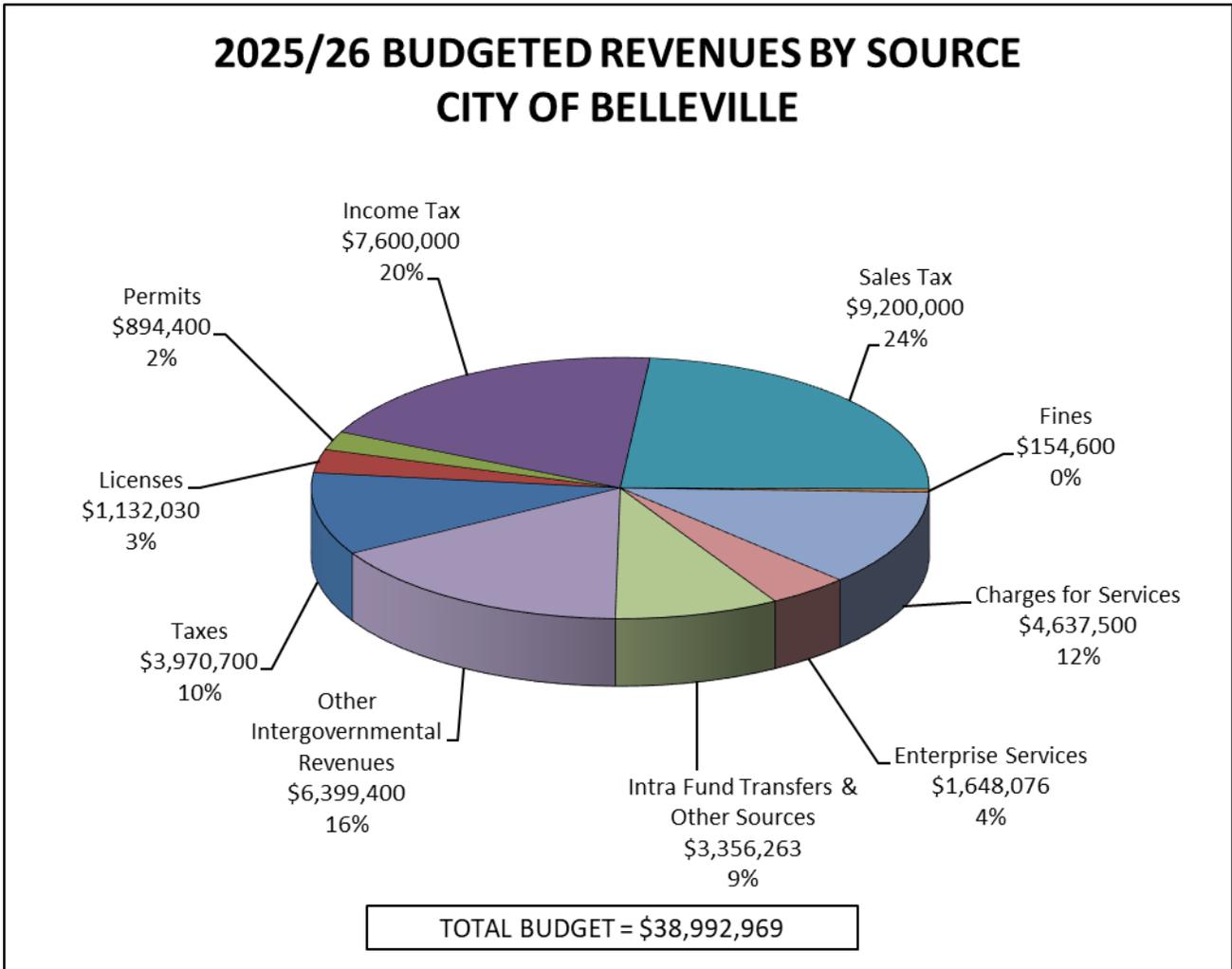
**CITY COUNCIL**

**Bryan Whitaker  
Lillian Schneider  
Carmen Duco  
Gigi Dowling Urban  
Kent Randle  
Scott Ferguson  
Johnnie Anthony  
Raffi Ovian  
Kathy Kaiser  
Edward Dintelman  
Chris Rothweiler  
Dr. Mary Stiehl  
Dennis Weygandt  
Phillip Elmore  
Nora Sullivan  
Kara Osthoff**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS:**

<b>City Attorney</b>	<b>Garrett Hoerner</b>
<b>Assistant City Attorney</b>	<b>Lloyd Cueto</b>
<b>Police Chief</b>	<b>Matt Eiskant</b>
<b>Fire Chief</b>	<b>Stephanie Mills</b>
<b>City Engineer</b>	<b>Scott Saeger</b>
<b>Director of Finance</b>	<b>Jamie Maitret</b>
<b>Director of Wastewater Plant &amp; Sewer Lines</b>	<b>Brett Friedman</b>
<b>Director of Economic Development &amp; Planning</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Director of Health &amp; Housing</b>	<b>Scott Tyler</b>
<b>Director of Human Resources</b>	<b>William Clay</b>
<b>Maintenance Director</b>	<b>Mike Schaefer</b>
<b>Director of Public Works / Director Parks/Recreation</b>	<b>Jason Poole</b>
<b>Library Director / Director of Community Development/GCA</b>	<b>Leander Spearman</b>
<b>Director of IT</b>	<b>Ty Buckner</b>

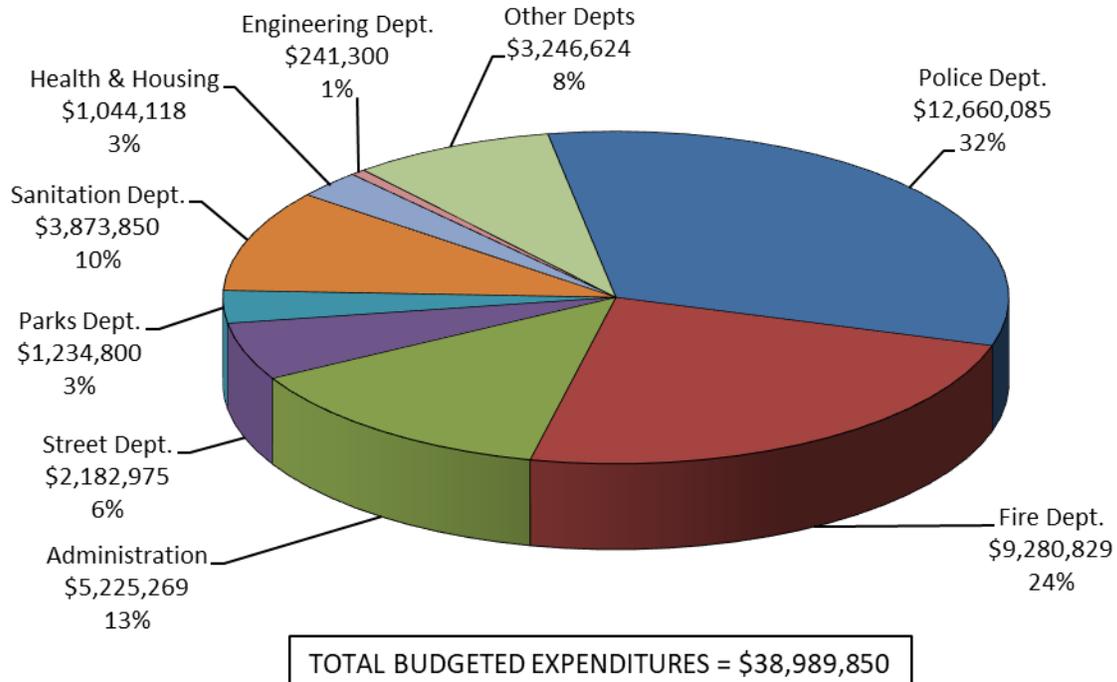
# GENERAL FUND



## TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES

	FY 2021/22 Actual	FY 2022/23 Actual	FY 2023/24 Actual	FY 2024/25 Actual	FY 2024/25 Budgeted	FY 2025/26 Estimated
<b>Total Taxes</b>	3,719,275	3,795,426	3,597,145	3,910,960	3,611,000	3,970,700
<b>Total Licenses</b>	768,457	971,015	1,202,203	1,099,234	1,145,030	1,132,030
<b>Total Permits</b>	724,129	679,479	823,477	870,261	773,750	894,400
<b>Total Intergovernmental</b>	20,832,123	21,752,312	22,434,847	22,346,006	23,171,350	23,199,400
<b>Total Fines</b>	120,638	113,121	111,947	139,844	88,200	154,600
<b>Total Charges for Services</b>	3,898,228	4,069,537	4,005,964	4,469,263	4,474,000	4,637,500
<b>Total Enterprise Services</b>	501,659	820,186	1,311,751	1,657,381	1,194,200	1,648,076
<b>Total Other Sources</b>	322,215	1,854,078	2,030,531	2,815,491	5,322,525	3,356,263
<b>Total Revenue</b>	30,886,724	34,055,154	35,517,865	37,308,440	39,780,055	38,992,969

## 2025/26 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES BY DEPARTMENT CITY OF BELLEVILLE



### TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Account Description	FY 2021/22 Actual	FY 2022/23 Actual	FY 2023/24 Actual	FY 2024/25 Actual	FY 2024/25 Budgeted	FY 2025/26 Requested
Total Personnel	21,714,615	24,541,853	24,363,351	25,503,829	26,019,290	27,079,530
Total Contract Services	4,404,243	5,038,014	6,433,031	6,036,322	6,917,921	6,798,939
Total Commodities	1,031,972	1,309,374	1,348,852	1,316,745	1,554,325	1,547,720
Total Debt Service	339,608	444,424	431,917	716,802	717,100	603,000
Total Capital Outlay	215,968	696,160	550,082	262,762	386,930	317,567
Total Other Expenditures	1,597,024	1,649,229	1,821,663	2,649,449	4,400,111	2,643,094
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>29,303,430</b>	<b>33,679,054</b>	<b>34,948,896</b>	<b>36,485,909</b>	<b>39,995,677</b>	<b>38,989,850</b>

# ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-50

All expenditures made from this department are for the basic operations of the City Council, Boards, and other elected officials. Belleville operates under a strong Mayoral/Aldermanic form of government. The City Council consists of two aldermen from each of eight wards elected every four years. Their terms are staggered so that half are elected every two years. The Mayor performs all of the duties prescribed by law, including Belleville ordinances, and is charged with seeing that the laws and ordinances are faithfully executed. The Council establishes the policy and legislation necessary for the continued progressive development of the City.

There are many items that are used Citywide that cross over Department boundaries. These types of crossover expenses are charged to this department. Examples would be copiers, cash registers, the annual audit, network programming, postage, public hearing notices, dues for professional organizations such as the Illinois Municipal League, city directories, utilities for most City-owned buildings, street lighting, etc.

The City pays a portion of the debt service for the 2020 G.O. Refunding Bonds through this department.

Boards and Commissions whose expenses are paid through this department with revenue collected in the form of donations and grants include the Historical Preservation Committee and the Labor Museum.

Account Description	ADMINISTRATION EXPENDITURES					
	City Administration	City Administration	City Administration	City Administration	City Administration	City Administration
	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Requested
<b>Department Number</b>	<b>01-50</b>	<b>01-50</b>	<b>01-50</b>	<b>01-50</b>	<b>01-50</b>	<b>01-50</b>
Total Personnel	663,776	796,404	730,643	714,765	728,100	777,750
Total Contract Services	1,080,031	1,158,063	1,458,092	1,529,767	1,559,210	1,693,525
Total Commodities	25,273	13,895	91,625	19,183	25,000	20,000
Total Debt Service	124,741	128,379	133,471	138,811	139,000	132,000
Total Capital Outlay	43,769	21,629	147,581	14,463	31,500	5,000
Total Other Expenditures	1,581,709	1,633,497	1,781,572	2,581,254	4,322,576	2,596,994
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>3,519,299</b>	<b>3,751,867</b>	<b>4,342,984</b>	<b>4,998,243</b>	<b>6,805,386</b>	<b>5,225,269</b>

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-51

The Belleville Police Department provides services for approximately 42,404 residents, as well as those who visit and work in the City. The department is comprised of seventy-five sworn officers and twenty-nine civilian employees.

The Police Department is organized into three divisions. Administrative, Investigations, and Patrol, which provide several police services and protection for the community and the citizens. The Revised City Ordinances of the City of Belleville have vested authority in the Chief of Police to adopt policies and procedures governing the control and direction of the Police Department and the members thereof. The Chief is also responsible for the department's strategic goals, priorities, initiatives, and code of ethics essential to the Good Order and operation of the department. The Assistant Chief assumes the duties of the Chief in his absence, is second in command, and assists the Chief in the day-to-day operations of the department.

The Administrative Division reports directly to the Chief of Police and is comprised of a Lieutenant, Master Sergeant, Executive Secretary, and an Administrative Civilian Supervisor. The Administrative Supervisor oversees the secretarial staff, completes background checks for the city, NIBRS reporting, assists the Chief in preparing the department's annual budget, COPS, and other grant requests and reporting. The Administrative Supervisor assists in maintaining the department's website, Facebook, and preparing various releases for these pages. The Administrative Lieutenant supervises the Dispatch Center which provides that vital link of communication between those that call for assistance in both emergency and non-emergency situations and the police officers on the street. The department's telecommunicators are trained and certified in response to 9-1-1 calls, emergency medical dispatching, and the Law Enforcement Automated System (LEADS). In addition to the Police Department, they dispatch fire calls for the Fire Department. The Administrative Lieutenant submits department grants. The Lieutenant is responsible for ordering, purchasing, and the maintenance of more than 100 police vehicles.

The Administrative Master Sergeant ensures all employees are properly equipped with uniforms and police gear. This Sergeant supervises the Community Service Officers/Animal Control Technicians who are responsible for parking enforcement, animal control, and nuisance abatement. The Administrative Lieutenant and Master Sergeant conduct tours and correspond with neighborhood groups and organizations requesting seminars or other informational meetings. They ensure all annual and state-mandated training for all department employees is completed. In addition, these officers establish parade routes, funerals, and other motorcade escorts. The Administrative Master Sergeant assists the Administrative Lieutenant in day-to-day activities.

The Investigations Division is commanded by a Captain. This Division oversees Detectives, Special Response Team, Code Enforcement, School Resource Officers, Drug Tactical, and DEA.

The Investigations Unit is supervised by a Master Sergeant and one Sergeant. The Master Sergeant assigns and oversees the handling of cases by detectives, and coordinates with the State's Attorney's Office. The Sergeant is assigned to the US Marshal's service and oversees fugitive apprehension and special enforcement details. Detectives are responsible for maintaining their caseload and presenting each case for consideration and successful prosecution to the State's Attorney's Office or Grand Jury. The Crime Scene Unit is staffed by three sworn officers and one Master Sergeant who receives extensive specialized training in forensic crime scene processing, photography, collection, protection, and preservation of evidence. Code Enforcement is staffed with one Master Sergeant and two sworn officers. They are responsible for enforcement of housing code in the city. The Special Response Team (SRT) is responsible for tactical entry in search warrants, drug raids, armed or barricaded situations, and hostage negotiations. A Lieutenant acts as the commander of the team and reports to the Chief of Police. They are called when the police need the police.

The Patrol Division is commanded by a Captain and assisted by Lieutenants and Sergeants. Patrol consists of uniformed officers who are the first responders to all calls for service. These officers conduct marked vehicle patrols, prepare all initial reports, enforce traffic laws, and arrest subjects who violate Federal, State, and local laws within their assigned patrol districts.

In 2025/2026, The Department will continue its efforts in building stronger ties with the community and particularly the area schools by assisting with the training of school staff and security. We will work with businesses, churches, homeless organizations, and neighborhood associations through our policing efforts to be more effective and responsive to their needs. The Police Department remains committed to working with the Mayor, City Council, and other City Departments to enhance and improve the quality of life for the people we serve. The Department has placed significant emphasis on pro-active quality of life enforcement activities for all of Belleville’s citizens and visitors. The department values the partnership of the community and continues to encourage any assistance that fosters a better Belleville.

POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES						
Account Description	Police Department FY 2021/22 Actual	Police Department FY 2022/23 Actual	Police Department FY 2023/24 Actual	Police Department FY 2024/25 Actual	Police Department FY 2024/25 Budgeted	Police Department FY 2025/26 Requested
Department Number	01-51	01-51	01-51	01-51	01-51	01-51
Total Personnel	8,576,885	9,766,743	9,719,939	10,311,280	10,353,250	10,846,000
Total Contract Services	779,417	930,072	1,334,555	1,280,694	1,590,958	1,337,055
Total Commodities	243,683	359,016	306,231	342,930	405,900	405,800
Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	61,612	298,001	88,248	40,682	67,780	54,580
Total Other Expenditures	13,295	13,615	19,300	45,965	46,350	16,650
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>9,674,892</b>	<b>11,367,447</b>	<b>11,468,273</b>	<b>12,021,551</b>	<b>12,464,238</b>	<b>12,660,085</b>

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-52

Fire Chief Stephanie Mills heads up the Belleville Fire Department which is divided into two basic divisions, fire suppression and prevention. The staff consists of 60 full-time firefighters, including 4 Battalion Chiefs, 16 Captains, 16 Engineers, and 24 Firefighters. Three Chief Officers, along with an Office Manager and a Database Administrator make up the office staff. In 2024, the Fire Department responded to 2,495 emergency calls from the citizens of Belleville and surrounding areas for Mutual Aid, including structure fires, vehicle rescues, and calls to assist ambulance services. Additionally, our department provided 2,759 other public service calls including fire protection inspections, in-services, fire drills, E.S.C.A.P.E. programs, car seat installations, and other activities. The Belleville Fire Department maintains an ISO rating of 2, which falls in the top 2% of our Country's Fire Departments.

The Belleville Fire Department continues to expand our continuing education training program under the supervision of Deputy Fire Chief Curt Lougeay. The training program prepares firefighters for the new challenges we face each day. Every fire personnel must average 20 hours of training and testing per month. There are 48 subject areas to be covered and documented through the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the Illinois Department of Labor. Some examples of these subject areas are blood-borne pathogens, hazardous materials, drivers' training, vehicle extrication, fire suppression, and rescue.

The Belleville Fire Department currently maintains 3 Special Response Teams: Hazardous Materials, Technical Rescue and Water Rescue. Each team has been assigned a Team Lead. The Team Lead works closely with the Deputy Fire Chief to plan and implement quarterly training for each team.

- Each member of the Belleville Fire Department is trained to the operations level in Hazmat. 15 of those members are trained to the technician level and make up the Belleville Fire Department Hazmat Team. All 15 members are deployable with Illinois Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) and St. Clair County Special Services.
- The BFD's Technical Rescue Team consists of 16 certified members with 4 members in training in the following areas: Rope Operations and Technician, Trench Rescue Operations and Technician, Confined Space Operations and Technician, and Structural Collapse Operations and Technician. The goal of this team is to prepare for any specialty rescue assignment within our city, however there are 16 firefighters that are at deployable status. A deployable response team can be called in the event of a large-scale technical rescue.
- We have 30 members that are trained in water operations, 13 of which are Swift Water Technicians. Additionally, 34 firefighters are trained as Ice Technicians. In 2025, 10 additional firefighters will attend water operations training. It is the goal of the department to continue to send firefighters to various swift water rescue and ice rescue schools as they become available.
- The Belleville Fire Department has 10 Certified Fire Investigators, trained to the Office of the State Fire Marshal standards, and an accelerant K9, Sadie. The Belleville Fire Department is responsible for a cause and origin investigation of all fires. In 2024 a FIU Team Lead was implemented. The Team Lead is charged with assisting in training and quality control of investigations and reporting writing. The investigators receive annual training in cause and origin, photography, report writing, and interviewing techniques. In 2024, the Belleville Fire Investigation Unit investigated 26 fires.
- Our department currently has 8 Federally Certified Child Car Seat Installers. The car safety seat checks are conducted free of charge at the fire stations. Car seat checks can be scheduled by contacting the Fire Administration office. In 2024, 48 car seats were installed by the Belleville Fire Department.

- The Belleville Fire Department has 28 Rapid Intervention Technician (RIT) firefighters trained to conduct rescues of injured or trapped firefighters. Additionally, 2 Battalion Chiefs attended RIT Chief at Illinois Fire Service Institute in 2024. 7 members are scheduled to attend RIT training, and 2 members are scheduled to attend RIT Chief in 2025.

The Fire Prevention Bureau functions under the direction of Assistant Fire Chief Jesse Garnica. Duty crews perform inspections to reduce threats by fire and life safety hazards. Assistant Chief Garnica is responsible for all fire code plan reviews of commercial new construction, and businesses renovating existing commercial occupancies in the City of Belleville. New businesses in Belleville may not legally open until they have been inspected and approved by the Fire Department. During 2024, the Fire Prevention Bureau enforced the 2015 International Fire Code and the NFPA 101 Life Safety Code for new construction and existing buildings. We work closely with the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal for underground storage tanks, elevators, large boilers, and other areas handled by the State Fire Marshal.

Fire crews made an intensified effort to perform fire code inspections of Belleville businesses. Crews managed to complete 2,604 life safety inspections. This is an increase of over 1,000 inspections performed over the previous year and is the highest number of inspections conducted in the last 5 years. Inspections also give crews an opportunity to learn buildings within the various districts. Floor plans, utility locations and special hazards are examples of valuable information gleaned from the inspection program.

During the fall the Belleville Fire Department conducts fire drills at all schools and daycare facilities within the city. October is National Fire Safety Month. During this month fire crews visit all elementary schools to conduct a fire prevention and safety lesson. This includes the use of the E.S.C.A.P.E. trailer which is used to simulate a home filled with smoke. Students are taught to stay low and to exit safely. Other valuable lessons such as Stop, Drop, and Roll and calling 9-1-1 are also covered.

By request, we offer fire prevention and safety education to businesses, civic groups, and neighborhood associations. Presentations include fire extinguisher training, cooking safety, holiday fire safety, and almost any other safety topic. Presentations can be tailored to various age groups, and organizational needs. Fire crews and chief officers did fire safety presentations at PSOP, Our Lady of the Snows, St Clair County Housing and various neighborhood watch meetings. Fire crews have performed extinguisher training for Kettler Casting, Illinois American Water and other large businesses.

Public tours of the engine houses are also scheduled on a regular basis. This is a great opportunity for fire crews to teach fire prevention and safety. It also gives firefighters an opportunity to showcase our engine houses, apparatus, equipment, and gear.

Every home to which we are called is checked for working smoke detectors. If they are not present or are not in working condition the BFD replaces the detector. Smoke detectors are installed for senior citizens as well as low-income families and disabled citizens.

The Belleville Fire Department continues to work with our mutual aid partners to assist each other's agencies. The BFD responded to 14 calls this year when surrounding departments needed our help. We rely on our mutual aid partners often to assist us by standing by their engine houses to protect our citizens when all the Belleville Fire Department's resources are committed to another emergency.

The Belleville Fire Department continues to respond to an ever-expanding array of emergency calls. Consistent up to date training coupled with knowledge of Belleville buildings and infrastructure ensures that we can continue to provide swift and reliable customer service to the citizens of Belleville.

Description of calls	2022	2023	2024
EMS Assist	551	522	456
Excessive Heat, Scorch Burns with No Ignition	4	12	6
Fire	180	183	171
Fire Alarms	511	601	653
Good Intent Calls	140	161	198
Hazardous Conditions	242	405	297
Motor Vehicles	402	337	370
Public Service Calls	210	150	170
Smoke/Odor	117	84	24
Special Services	10	19	27
Unauthorized Burning	79	105	123
	2,446	2,579	2,495

	2022	2023	2024
Injuries to firefighters	13	4	10
Deaths to firefighters	0	0	0
Death Civilians	2	1	6
Victims pulled from fires	3	0	0
Number of inspections	1,064	1,563	2,604
In services/fire drills/car seat installs	221	204	155
Mutual aid given	30	13	14

<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Fire Department</b>					
	<b>FY 2021/22</b>	<b>FY 2022/23</b>	<b>FY 2023/24</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2025/26</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<b>Department Number</b>	<b>01-52</b>	<b>01-52</b>	<b>01-52</b>	<b>01-52</b>	<b>01-52</b>	<b>01-52</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>6,484,983</b>	<b>7,773,275</b>	<b>7,127,115</b>	<b>7,552,954</b>	<b>7,559,050</b>	<b>7,914,400</b>
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	<b>591,107</b>	<b>613,099</b>	<b>860,675</b>	<b>787,708</b>	<b>928,780</b>	<b>952,822</b>
<b>Total Commodities</b>	<b>129,969</b>	<b>130,061</b>	<b>155,898</b>	<b>211,072</b>	<b>228,700</b>	<b>268,720</b>
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>22,893</b>	<b>239,026</b>	<b>144,880</b>	<b>72,171</b>	<b>85,500</b>	<b>115,437</b>
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>2,021</b>	<b>2,117</b>	<b>20,790</b>	<b>22,230</b>	<b>31,185</b>	<b>29,450</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>7,230,973</b>	<b>8,757,578</b>	<b>8,309,358</b>	<b>8,646,135</b>	<b>8,833,215</b>	<b>9,280,829</b>

# STREET DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-53

The Street Department, garaged at 801 Royal Heights Road is responsible for maintaining approximately 560 lane miles of roadway, 260 center turn lanes, and 60 miles of alleys. The Street Department consists of a Director of Public Works, an Assistant Director, an Office Manager, and sixteen full-time Teamster/Laborers.

Duties include sign replacement, snow and ice control, concrete repairs, installing guardrails and concrete barriers, crack sealing, repairing road edges, litter control, right-of-way mowing and weed spraying, street sweeping, right-of-way tree trimming and removal, and pothole repairs. Additionally, the Street Department is the 'Emergency Response Department', responding to Police and Fire when asked to assist with barricades to block areas for various emergency purposes, and performs clean-up measures following vehicle accidents, fires and severe weather incidents.

The Street Department is responsible for flood control. Ditching or re-establishing ditches that have silted in or creating additional ones, as well as culvert repair and replacement, in addition to catch basin and detention basin cleaning and repairing. The Department also hauls and supplies rip rap, dirt and rock for erosion and flood control.

This department oversees traffic control, which includes signs and street markers, replacing or repairing damaged, missing and old signs. Stolen, lost or found bicycles and other property are picked up, tagged and stored by the Street Department. Further assistance to the Police Department is given by transport of large evidence and other stolen merchandise.

The Street Department assists with detours, traffic control, and clean-up, related to various organizations, civic groups, and schools for picnics, parades, and field days; downtown festivals, events and associated promotional activities in the downtown area; miscellaneous block parties, fundraisers, 5-K runs and other charitable events held throughout the City. Banners promoting events, and noting anniversaries of various organizations, schools, etc. are hung by the Street Department. The Street Department also hangs the Christmas decorations and assists with other holiday-related set-ups. (e.g., Santa House, Christmas Chalets, etc.)

The Street Department has been able to obtain some new equipment and vehicles in the past few years and will continue to work on maintaining the new and aging equipment and vehicles.

## SUMMARY OF WORK HOURS

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Banners/Special Events	44	89	346	468	457
Blacktop	1697	1855	1946.50	1875	2587.50
Catch Basins	1097	736	893	864	779
Central Crew	1578	1663.5	1372.50	1162.25	1043.50
Christmas Decorations	421.25	480	488	565	524
Concrete	273	160	957	1638	1135.50
Crack Seal	300	8	0	0	0
Culvert Replacement/Ditching	948	968	1301	2021	1063
Election Supplies	160	52	96	48	48
Emergency	1687	1752	1746	1785	1364.50
Litter	286	469	157	174	292
Miscellaneous	1629	1388	2182	2126.25	2076.50
Mowing	1436	1553	1412	1975.75	1830.80
Oil & Chip	0	255	380	508	685
Oil & Chip Overtime	0	121.25	97.50	144.50	143
Rock/Dirt	1323	1479	1325	1266.50	2590.50
Shop	1694	1893	1718.50	1924	1738.50
Snow/Ice	400	419	520	200	336
Snow/Ice Overtime	411.75	953.25	943.50	115	397.25
Sweeping	982	1238	930	1686	774
Training	0	0	0	0	24
Trees/Stump Removal	764	1428	960	1617.25	1700
Vehicle Preparation	144	388	420	140	351.75
Weed Spraying	36	76	142	176	205
Mt. Hope Cemetery	2100	1843.5	924	1043	575.50

### STREET DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

Account Description	Street Department					
	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Requested
	Department Number	01-53	01-53	01-53	01-53	01-53
Total Personnel	1,277,355	1,394,056	1,464,478	1,422,679	1,624,450	1,580,100
Total Contract Services	206,727	249,953	283,272	235,943	304,810	343,125
Total Commodities	188,819	226,186	272,484	244,460	293,000	241,000
Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	2,847	6,912	5,340	5,392	17,000	18,750
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,675,748</b>	<b>1,877,107</b>	<b>2,025,574</b>	<b>1,908,474</b>	<b>2,239,260</b>	<b>2,182,975</b>

# PARKS DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-54

The Belleville Parks Department is charged with the responsibility of maintaining all parkland within the city limits of Belleville, an area covering approximately 16 square miles and consisting of approximately 250 acres of park land. The department also maintains about a dozen ball diamonds at schools and parks that are used for programs.

Bicentennial Park is one of our newest parks featuring natural trails and 5 fishing ponds totaling 43 acres. The Park is conveniently located off the 17<sup>th</sup> Street corridor, at 4811 Belleville Crossing. The “Kimball Plaza” development includes a wedding-like gazebo, ADA fishing pier, a “tree” themed playground, a spectacular motioned art sculpture “Whimsical Palm”, a restroom facility and a lighted parking lot. A second entrance is located off South 21<sup>st</sup> Street and includes a unique themed large playground, pavilion, restroom, trail expansion, and a lighted parking lot. A pond was recently dredged, regraded, and stocked with fish for future enjoyment here as well. A splash pad was added to the area and opened in May 2023.

The Belleville Dog Park in Rotary Park, 110 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, has accepted over 1500 members since its inception twelve years ago. This premiere park includes agility equipment for both small & large dogs in the fenced area, totaling 2.5 acres.

Our Parks & Recreation Department philosophy is “To plan a parks and recreation system that provides a balance of active recreation, passive recreation, conservation facilities and cultural arts; to design a park system that will evolve into a regional benchmark; to provide a guide for land use as it relates to parks, trails, open space and opportunities for future recreational facilities.” We take pride in our park system, and with the five full-time Parks employees and seasonal part-time employees, we strive to provide the proper maintenance of these areas and enhance and improve the quality of life for the people of Belleville.

<b>PARKS DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Parks Department</b>					
	<b>FY 2021/22</b>	<b>FY 2022/23</b>	<b>FY 2023/24</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2025/26</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<b>Department Number</b>	<b>01-54</b>	<b>01-54</b>	<b>01-54</b>	<b>01-54</b>	<b>01-54</b>	<b>01-54</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	602,882	641,067	674,001	694,303	718,200	739,800
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	191,890	253,927	278,197	284,489	327,260	320,300
<b>Total Commodities</b>	123,956	141,967	127,087	109,670	156,000	151,500
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	2,087	26,623	31,507	37,276	50,000	23,200
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>920,815</b>	<b>1,063,584</b>	<b>1,110,792</b>	<b>1,125,738</b>	<b>1,251,460</b>	<b>1,234,800</b>

# WALNUT HILL CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-55

Walnut Hill Cemetery, owned and operated by the City of Belleville, is conveniently located in the southeast quadrant of the City off IL Route 177. Walnut Hill has faithfully served Belleville families since 1850. Staffing includes three full-time maintenance workers, six part-time workers in the summer months, and one clerical position.

When the big cholera epidemic hit Belleville in 1849 the citizens did not want the victims of cholera to be buried nearby in family plots. As a result, our officials sought a municipal burial plot and thus Walnut Hill was born.

Comprised of 85 acres of gently rolling grounds, Walnut Hill Cemetery is one of the last area cemeteries to permit above ground monuments and headstones. One of the oldest and most historic public cemeteries, Walnut Hill is also the site of a Civil War Memorial, Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial, Lawn Crypts and numerous significant ground monuments. Providing a remarkable source of history and beauty, Walnut Hill Cemetery offers a tranquil sanctuary for remembrance of loved ones. A recent addition in 2021 are two columbaria to house cremains in individual niches. This adds 96 locations to the Cemetery with the capability for two additional columbaria with the current layout.

WALNUT HILL CEMETERY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES						
Account Description	Cemetery Department	Cemetery Department	Cemetery Department	Cemetery Department	Cemetery Department	Cemetery Department
	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Requested
Department Number	01-55	01-55	01-55	01-55	01-55	01-55
Total Personnel	197,362	211,502	300,522	290,682	321,650	349,900
Total Contract Services	17,222	24,100	27,499	38,127	40,080	31,550
Total Commodities	29,024	29,066	28,304	26,450	29,600	28,200
Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	10,846	16,401	14,216	355	400	1,000
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>254,454</b>	<b>281,069</b>	<b>370,541</b>	<b>355,614</b>	<b>391,730</b>	<b>410,650</b>

# SANITATION DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-56

The Sanitation Department is located at 2115 Freeburg Avenue. The department consists of a Director, an Assistant Director, a foreman, 16 drivers and 1 secretary. This department has many responsibilities. They enforce the City’s sanitation ordinances and regulations with the help of two Belleville Code Enforcement Officers.

The full-time staff offer refuse, yard waste, and recycle pick-up. Residents of the city receive a weekly pick-up at their home. The Sanitation Department has 6 trash trucks, 3 yard waste trucks and 3 recycling trucks that go out each day.

Trash fees are billed along with the sewer bill every month. The cost is \$22.00 per month. Senior citizens receive a discounted price of \$17.00 per month. The City also offers a large item pick-up for a minimum \$70.00 fee.

While the City encourages recycling, it is not mandatory. In 2010, the City began single-stream recycling in which the different types of recyclables are no longer separated. This program made recycling easier for the residents and the City. The City collects from approximately 14,600 residential customers on a weekly basis.

Our goals remain the same: We do our part to keep our City clean and beautiful, and encourage our residents to do the same.

## ITEMIZED VOLUME REPORT

	2019 Pounds Collected	2020 Pounds Collected	2021 Pounds Collected	2022 Pounds Collected	2023 Pounds Collected	2024 Pounds Collected
Yard Waste	5,404,800	6,249,600	4,490,700	4,448,400	7,121,000	3,986,400
Refuse	25,889,660	30,102,980	32,666,840	25,260,600	26,540,860	24,771,840
Commingled Recyclables	2,121,480	2,192,600	1,966,020	1,988,460	1,878,840	1,876,800

SANITATION DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES						
Account Description	Sanitation Department	Sanitation Department	Sanitation Department	Sanitation Department	Sanitation Department	Sanitation Department
	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Requested
Department Number	01-56	01-56	01-56	01-56	01-56	01-56
Total Personnel	1,093,555	1,123,116	1,225,742	1,262,822	1,300,350	1,387,100
Total Contract Services	1,254,443	1,389,108	1,490,798	1,479,223	1,552,230	1,600,050
Total Commodities	239,453	351,716	311,825	301,048	339,700	338,700
Total Debt Service	214,867	316,045	298,446	577,991	578,100	471,000
Total Capital Outlay	64,894	84,928	109,121	55,291	85,000	77,000
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>2,867,212</b>	<b>3,264,913</b>	<b>3,435,932</b>	<b>3,676,375</b>	<b>3,855,380</b>	<b>3,873,850</b>

# MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-57

Mt Hope Cemetery, 9401 West Main Street, was acquired by the City of Belleville on July 25, 2024. It is 132.70 acres of both rolling grass and wooded hills. Staffing includes one Laborer foreman, one Cemetery clerk, and up to six seasonal employees.

Mount Hope Cemetery was founded in 1897 by Immanuel Evangelical Church (later, Immanuel United Church of Christ) administered by a board. March 31, 1897, marks the first burial in Mount Hope Cemetery Burial Book for Mr. Lorenz Ferber. As the years progressed, Mount Hope Cemetery changed hands a number of times until 2012 when it went into receivership.

Mount Hope Cemetery has about 30,000 people buried within the facility. It is our mission to repair and preserve the history of Mount Hope Cemetery. Current plans are in place for the installation of a solar array to help generate some much-needed income to support the facility.

MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES						
Account Description	Cemetery Department	Cemetery Department	Cemetery Department	Cemetery Department	Cemetery Department	Cemetery Department
	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Requested
Department Number	01-57	01-57	01-57	01-57	01-57	01-57
Total Personnel	0	0	0	39,029	39,600	176,300
Total Contract Services	0	0	0	2,692	3,550	15,800
Total Commodities	0	0	0	7,894	8,500	29,400
Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	0	0	0	35,062	38,000	14,500
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84,677</b>	<b>89,650</b>	<b>236,000</b>

# FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION

Department Number: 01-58

The Fire and Police Commission consists of three members appointed by the Mayor for a three-year term. The Chiefs of the Fire and Police Departments are not covered by the rules and regulations of the Board, as they are subject to the Mayor and/or City Council as defined by ordinance.

The duties of the Commission are to participate in oral examinations for appointments and promotions to the Fire and Police Departments. The Board also handles all of the hearings of charges, removals, suspensions, discharges and leaves of absence.

<b>FIRE &amp; POLICE COMMISSION EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Fire &amp; Police Commission</b>					
	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Requested
Department Number	01-58	01-58	01-58	01-58	01-58	01-58
Total Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Contract Services	0	8,300	1,143	758	11,000	4,000
Total Commodities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8,300</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>

# LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-60

The City’s legal department is made up of the City Attorney and the Assistant City Attorney. The City Attorney acts as corporate counsel to the City and serves as the attorney for the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners. As such, he provides legal advice to all departments of the City. His duties also include attending Council meetings, drafting ordinances or other legal documents that the City might need, and handling any litigation filed by the City or against the City.

The Assistant City Attorney acts as attorney for the Zoning Board. His duties also include prosecuting ordinance violations and handling demolition cases for the City.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES						
Account Description	Legal Department					
	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Requested
Department Number	01-60	01-60	01-60	01-60	01-60	01-60
Total Personnel	192,015	195,050	200,954	206,938	207,125	213,330
Total Contract Services	220	6,148	225	1,330	7,500	4,500
Total Commodities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>192,235</b>	<b>201,198</b>	<b>201,179</b>	<b>208,268</b>	<b>214,625</b>	<b>217,830</b>

# HEALTH & HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-61

The Building, Health & Housing Department is located in the Public Services Building at 2300 West Main Suite M113. Business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The department has one director, four secretaries, six full-time inspectors, three part-time inspectors, and two officers, assigned to the department from the Belleville Police Department.

Any improvements to private property within the corporate limits of Belleville do require appropriate permits to be obtained through the Building, Health & Housing Office. The fees for the permits vary as to the size and scope of the project. Applications for permits and information on building codes can be The City of Belleville is made up of nearly 41% rental units and therefore is making a concerted effort to encourage single family homes.

As noted above, all construction in Belleville must conform to the adopted codes and ordinances and appropriate permits obtained before work commences. Residents are advised to contact the Building, Health & Housing Office before any work of this nature is contracted, to determine if a permit is required and if the contractor is licensed or bonded by the City.

Residents moving into Belleville are advised that a “Certificate of Occupancy” is required to be obtained before the residence can legally be occupied. An inspection of the dwelling unit is conducted by the City to ensure that there are no substantial defects and violations of the “Property Maintenance Code” that must be corrected before occupancy is permitted. Critical areas of inspection include the electrical and plumbing systems, exterior and interior structural elements, and other areas that are readily visible.

Complaints regarding derelict properties are handled through the Building, Health and Housing Department with the assistance of the Belleville Police Department to enforce nuisance ordinances and regulations. The Building Health and Housing Department is helping to clean up the City of Belleville. Our property values will increase as our citizens take more pride in their neighborhoods.

The Housing Department implemented the Crime Free Housing Ordinance on November 1, 2013. 1,950 landlords/owners have been certified and 7,740 rental units have been registered under this program.

Goals for 2025-2026: Ensure fair and consistent inspections, welcome new residents to our city, to be friendly and helpful to each person that walks through our doors. To encourage residents to be proud of their homes and their neighborhoods by compliance instead of penalty. One of the City of Belleville’s highest priorities is to improve the quality of neighborhoods through enforcement of maintenance standards as well as pursue the demolition of sub-standard, vacant structures.

<b>HEALTH &amp; HOUSING DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Health &amp; Housing</b>					
	<b>FY 2021/22</b>	<b>FY 2022/23</b>	<b>FY 2023/24</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2025/26</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<b>Department Number</b>	<b>01-61</b>	<b>01-61</b>	<b>01-61</b>	<b>01-61</b>	<b>01-61</b>	<b>01-61</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	738,128	746,483	818,323	825,289	850,350	878,250
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	55,563	72,213	387,531	69,972	168,830	144,668
<b>Total Commodities</b>	14,178	15,639	13,105	16,292	20,700	19,700
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	2,052	491	1,200	375	5,500	1,500
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>809,921</b>	<b>834,826</b>	<b>1,220,159</b>	<b>911,928</b>	<b>1,045,380</b>	<b>1,044,118</b>

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING & ZONING

Department Numbers: 01-62

The Department of Economic Development, Planning & Zoning of the City of Belleville has two (2) primary focuses, both of which are designed to enhance the City's opportunities and overall quality of life. They are the expansion or creation of additional and diverse economic bases, and creating a pro-development posture via pro-active development controls with preservation and growth having equal importance. Specifically, the City Staff divides its efforts equally between the two major focuses.

Accomplishments in the past year include:

## **Happenings in Belleville 2024**

1. City of Belleville Economic Development Strategic Plan is adopted.
2. Belleville District #201 begins expansion of the Center for Academic & Vocational Excellence (CAVE).
3. City of Belleville issues 94 Commercial Occupancy Permits.
4. City of Belleville is awarded \$1,161,167 in grant funding:
  - a. \$200,000 in Rebuild Illinois fund the Bicentennial Park Spillway Improvements.
  - b. \$100,000 in SCCPGC funds for stormwater improvements at Bicentennial Park.
  - c. \$99,200 in IDNR/OSLAD funds for improvements at Citizens Park.
  - d. \$350,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds for improvements at the Koerner House Museum.
  - e. \$200,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds for improvements at Laderman Park
  - f. \$181,167 in USDA funds for a tree inventory/management plan and planting of 200 trees.
  - g. \$30,000 in SCCPGC funds for new parks maintenance equipment.
5. Aldi opens on Carlyle Ave.
6. Belleville Books opens at 20 E. Main St.
7. Charlie's Off Main opens at 200 Mascoutah Ave.
8. O'Reilly Auto Parts relocates into Belleville at 110 Carlyle Plaza Dr.
9. DG Market opens at 2100 W. Main St.
10. Club Car Wash opens at Belleville Crossing.
11. Club Car Wash opens a 2<sup>nd</sup> location at Green Mount Crossing.
12. Bellevue Park improvements are completed, including new playground equipment, fitness stations, pickleball courts and band shell renovations.
13. Citizens Park improvements begin including new concession stand, restrooms, bleachers and ballfield improvements.

14. Justitia’s opens at 18 E. Main St.
15. Busy Body Meals opens at 609 S. Illinois St.
16. Chelar Tool & Die completes 15,000 square foot expansion at 1300 East ‘A’ St.
17. Mystic Greenz cannabis dispensary nears completion at 360 S. Green Mount Rd.
18. New cannabis dispensary/craft grow facility begins improvements at Rt. 15 & South 74<sup>th</sup> St.
19. St. Clair County begins \$21 million renovations and expansion of Belle-Clair Fairgrounds.
20. Trolley Circle independent senior living begins construction on South 74<sup>th</sup> St.
21. George Renner & Sons Funeral Home completes expansion on North High St.
22. Immuno Tek nears completion at 5700 North Belt West. When completed, it will provide 40 new medical jobs, including doctors and technicians.
23. 13 derelict structures demolished.
24. SWIC continues a \$2 million renovation on the former Lynx Lodge at the SIJWD Campus (former Lindenwood campus).
25. Bike & Pedestrian Plan nears completion.
26. ADA Transition Plan nears completion.
27. Updates to the City’s Historic District Design Guidelines begin.
28. Ollie’s announces new location in Carlyle Plaza.
29. George Renner & Sons Funeral Home completes expansion and crematorium on North High St.

<b>PLANNING &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Econ. Dev &amp; Planning</b>					
	<b>FY 2021/22</b>	<b>FY 2022/23</b>	<b>FY 2023/24</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2025/26</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<b>Department Number</b>	<b>01-62</b>	<b>01-62</b>	<b>01-62</b>	<b>01-62</b>	<b>01-62</b>	<b>01-62</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	263,842	264,625	300,934	350,211	353,565	351,550
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	18,738	74,416	55,940	78,173	85,400	52,150
<b>Total Commodities</b>	3,079	2,717	4,568	3,091	3,800	3,800
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	1,540	813	78	18	200	1,000
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>287,199</b>	<b>342,571</b>	<b>361,520</b>	<b>431,493</b>	<b>442,965</b>	<b>408,500</b>

# MAYOR'S OFFICE

Department Number: 01-82

Belleville operates under a Mayor-Council form of municipal government. The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the City and performs all duties prescribed by law. The Mayor is elected to a four-year term, as are the City Clerk and City Treasurer. The Illinois Liquor Control Act commissions the Mayor as the local liquor control commissioner with the power to enforce all laws relating to the subject. In addition to these duties, the Mayor also appoints members to various boards within the City, as well as Department Heads, with the advice and consent of the City Council, except where specifically provided by ordinance. In addition to these duties, the Mayor also attends numerous community functions, represents the City with various civic organizations, and serves on several local boards.

The Mayor works with the members of the City Council to establish policies, procedures, and goals for Belleville. Goals for 2025-2026 include continued enhancement and enforcement of the housing ordinances, continued efforts to expand commercial and residential development in the City, the rehabilitation of our aging sewer system, extensive road repairs and development, an intensified effort to market our community, more beautification projects for the City, creating more efficient and responsive City departments, working towards an expedited business assistance program and the continued modernization of our record-keeping capabilities, and the ongoing effort to promote public safety.

Belleville is a home rule municipality and may pass ordinances regulating the areas of building, zoning, sanitation, nuisance, civil disturbance, and all other matters of public health, safety, morale, and welfare unless specifically restricted by state law or other provisions of the constitution. It may supplement state law as long as the ordinance does not try to reduce minimum standards or provide for a lesser penalty than state law imposes.

<b>MAYOR'S OFFICE EXPENDITURES</b>						
Account Description	Mayor's Office	Mayor's Office	Mayor's Office	Mayor's Office	Mayor's Office	Mayor's Office
	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Requested
Department Number	01-82	01-82	01-82	01-82	01-82	01-82
<b>Total Personnel</b>	198,672	196,900	201,954	204,537	218,300	202,800
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	5,924	4,350	4,350	1,314	5,100	5,100
<b>Total Commodities</b>	2,794	508	343	430	500	500
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	400	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>207,790</b>	<b>201,758</b>	<b>206,647</b>	<b>206,281</b>	<b>223,900</b>	<b>208,400</b>

# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-83

The Finance Department is responsible for the financial and accounting functions of the City. Principal functions include coordination of budget preparation and budget monitoring, preparation of the tax levy, working with the City’s auditors, maintenance of revenue and expenditure accounts, processing of all cash disbursements, dissemination of monthly financial reports, and payroll. The Finance Department receives all invoices, verifies receipt of goods or services Citywide, and processes all payments. The Director of Finance is also responsible for adherence to Federal and State regulations to ensure compliance with proper accounting regulations.

The Finance Department consists of three employees; a Finance Director, a Payroll Manager, and an Accounts Payable/Assistant Payroll Clerk. The Department processes approximately 7,000 accounts payable checks annually. The Finance Department works in conjunction with the Finance Committee and records all minutes of meetings. The Finance Department maintains a filing system that keeps two years of invoices maintained in the office. They also handle all payroll functions and issue approximately 10,000 payroll checks/direct deposits annually. The City has approximately 300 full-time employees who are paid 26 times per year. The City’s payroll is over \$21,000,000 annually. This Department is responsible for the City’s participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, and filing of all monthly, quarterly, and year-end tax reports, as well as issuance of W-2’s for all employees.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES						
Account Description	Finance Department					
	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Requested
Department Number	01-83	01-83	01-83	01-83	01-83	01-83
Total Personnel	202,701	211,208	219,998	233,824	235,250	243,450
Total Contract Services	2,645	1,278	1,616	1,904	3,400	1,850
Total Commodities	491	470	480	676	800	700
Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>205,837</b>	<b>212,956</b>	<b>222,094</b>	<b>236,404</b>	<b>239,450</b>	<b>246,000</b>

# HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-84

The Human Resources Department oversees processes related to personnel. These include:

- Job analysis and job description development/maintenance - works with City directors to ensure that job descriptions accurately reflect assigned duties.
- Hiring – advertises, processes and evaluates employment applications and may participate in the interview and selection process (for all positions except Police Officers and Firefighters). Oversees criminal background screening and drug testing requirements.
- Onboarding - provides, collects, and processes new hire paperwork and delivers new employee orientations.
- Record Management – develops and maintains records and files for all City positions, except Police Officers and Firefighters.
- Personnel Policies – develops and administers personnel and employment-related policies throughout the City.
- Training and Development – provides employee training to enhance skills and comply with legal requirements.
- Union Relations – interprets union contracts, assists with negotiations and grievances, and ensures compliance.
- Performance Management – assists with disciplinary issues, the development of employee skills, and business process improvement.
- Human Relations – facilitates processes and practices to improve interpersonal relationships within City departments and to citizens served.
- Legal compliance – Ensures legal compliance in City processes and serves as liaison to City attorney. Oversees ADA, EEO, Ethics, VESSA, OSHA and FMLA requirements and processes.
- Risk Management – minimizes loss from exposure to property, liability, and personnel risks to include workers’ compensation and unemployment claims. Serves as liaison between the City and the insurance providers to expedite all claims.
- Community Development - encourages, supports, and provides City resources to Belleville Neighborhood Partnerships, and assists with Community Development Network meetings to promote a safer community.
- Fleet Management – oversees processes for proper fleet management to include licensing, insurance, liability claims, and license requirements.
- Offboarding - assists employees with processes for separating from employment/retirement.

<b>HUMAN RESOURCES EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Human Resources</b>					
	<b>FY 2021/22</b>	<b>FY 2022/23</b>	<b>FY 2023/24</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2025/26</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<b>Department Number</b>	<b>01-84</b>	<b>01-84</b>	<b>01-84</b>	<b>01-84</b>	<b>01-84</b>	<b>01-84</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>154,797</b>	<b>126,757</b>	<b>154,733</b>	<b>162,369</b>	<b>162,650</b>	<b>169,150</b>
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	<b>7,998</b>	<b>11,540</b>	<b>13,578</b>	<b>18,994</b>	<b>45,765</b>	<b>46,116</b>
<b>Total Commodities</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>1,127</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>163,120</b>	<b>138,818</b>	<b>169,438</b>	<b>181,864</b>	<b>209,740</b>	<b>216,266</b>

# CLERK'S OFFICE

Department Number: 01-85

The Municipal Clerk along with the Tax Collector is the oldest of public servants. The Clerk is the direct link between the citizens and their government. The Municipal Clerk attends at least 24 meetings annually of the City Council and keeps a full journal of its proceedings. The Clerk is responsible for filing all city records. The Clerk is accountable for the issuance and record keeping of over 500 city licenses, 2,000 fire inspections, several city leases and yard sale permits.

The Municipal Clerk is the custodian of the municipal seal. Since certified copies of municipal documents are evidence in the court of law, one of the Clerk's duties is to prepare copies of documents in their custody and certify as to their correctness. The Freedom of Information Act, the Open Meetings Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Right to Privacy Act, the Truth in Taxation Act are all adhered to strictly by the Municipal Clerk for the municipality. The Clerk is also the Freedom of Information Officer for the City of Belleville.

Another important function of the Clerk's Office is managing the city's health insurance program.

You can visit our website at [www.belleville.net](http://www.belleville.net) to view the latest City Council Meeting agendas and minutes. Other documents are also available along with the revised Code of Ordinances. The Illinois State Archives has microfilmed 24 volumes of city council minutes from 1846-1951, Belleville City Ordinances from October 1877-June 1927, Belleville Township Minutes 1935-1971, Motor Fuel Tax Meeting Minutes 1938-1979, Burial records 1878-1888, Death Records 1888-1923, Justice of the Peace Dockets 1901-1925, and Belleville Board of Local Improvements Minutes 1897-1932. All records are available at the library.

The Clerk's Office streamlined the event process in the City prior to Council approval. New event guidelines, applications and processes are now in place to assist City Staff and event organizers in planning a successful event. All event information can be found at [www.belleville.net](http://www.belleville.net). Additionally, the Clerk's Office assists the Alderpersons, Ordinance & Legal Review Committee with agendas, minutes, and the ordinance adoption process, as well as Police and Fire Committee agendas and minutes. The Clerk's Office continues to update and improve the information available on the City's website.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE EXPENDITURES						
Account Description	City Clerk's Office  FY 2021/22  Actual	City Clerk's Office  FY 2022/23  Actual	City Clerk's Office  FY 2023/24  Actual	City Clerk's Office  FY 2024/25  Actual	City Clerk's Office  FY 2024/25  Budgeted	City Clerk's Office  FY 2025/26  Requested
Department Number	01-85	01-85	01-85	01-85	01-85	01-85
Total Personnel	249,585	271,493	276,558	264,345	288,350	288,350
Total Contract Services	15,363	13,385	15,969	16,555	17,575	17,575
Total Commodities	529	601	577	326	600	600
Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	362	0	363	210	500	500
Total Other Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>265,839</b>	<b>285,479</b>	<b>293,467</b>	<b>281,436</b>	<b>307,025</b>	<b>307,025</b>

# TREASURER’S OFFICE

Department Number: 01-86

The Treasurer is the custodian of all City Funds and is elected for a four-year term, as are the Mayor and the City Clerk. The Treasurer is responsible for two departments: the Treasurer’s Office and the Sewer Billing and Collections Department.

The Treasurer’s Office receives all monies belonging to the City of Belleville, pays all warrants signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the City Clerk, and keeps a separate account of each fund or appropriation. All monies received by the Treasurer’s Office are deposited within 48 hours as part of a checks and balances policy. All bank reconciliations are done in the Treasurer’s Office, while all checks are produced in the Finance Department.

After the annual audit is completed by no later than six months from the start of the fiscal year (May 1), or by October 31, the annual Treasurer’s Report is generated in the Treasurer’s Office, published in the local newspaper, and filed with the County Clerk.

By state statute the City Treasurer is the custodian of both the Police and Fire Pension Funds. A local bank holds enough to cover three to five months for pension benefits and expenses. The Fire Pension Fund is managed by Firefighter’s Pension Investment Fund, and the Police Pension is managed by Illinois Police Officers’ Pension Investment Fund, both through the state.

<b>CITY TREASURER’S OFFICE EXPENDITURES</b>						
Account Description	Treasurer's Office	Treasurer's Office	Treasurer's Office	Treasurer's Office	Treasurer's Office	Treasurer's Office
	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Requested
Department Number	01-86	01-86	01-86	01-86	01-86	01-86
<b>Total Personnel</b>	111,654	124,153	131,656	117,384	118,350	123,650
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	3,584	5,227	4,597	8,730	9,760	11,420
<b>Total Commodities</b>	125	394	328	158	500	500
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	157	0	266	0	300	100
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>115,520</b>	<b>129,774</b>	<b>136,847</b>	<b>126,272</b>	<b>128,910</b>	<b>135,670</b>

# MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-87

The City’s Maintenance Department provides a variety of services to City owned property. Buildings are constantly being updated, making them more energy efficient and saving the City money. One Director and a staff of seven personnel take care of approximately twenty-four buildings, the beautiful Veterans Memorial Fountain, and the Gateway Fountain on North Illinois Street.

The Maintenance Department performs duties such as plumbing, electrical, painting, repairs, roofing, heating, cooling, moving and placement of offices, computers, and telephone lines. We also assist other departments in emergency problems like power outages, accidents, heavy item pick up, and many other recycling activities.

<b>MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Maintenance Department</b>					
	FY 2021/22	FY 2022/23	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budgeted	Requested
<b>Department Number</b>	<b>01-87</b>	<b>01-87</b>	<b>01-87</b>	<b>01-87</b>	<b>01-87</b>	<b>01-87</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	519,703	518,086	601,874	631,340	639,300	660,000
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	144,402	211,342	186,219	181,749	223,863	184,233
<b>Total Commodities</b>	28,162	33,944	32,106	30,850	34,100	34,100
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	1,234	371	88	1,278	2,250	2,000
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>593,501</b>	<b>763,743</b>	<b>820,287</b>	<b>845,217</b>	<b>899,513</b>	<b>880,333</b>

# ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Department Number: 01-88

The Engineering Department is responsible for the planning, design, construction and long-term maintenance of roadways, storm sewers, and bridges in the City of Belleville. The Department is further responsible for administering the City’s Capital Improvement Program. This consists of preliminary investigations of known and purported problems, assessment of alternatives to resolve the problem, coordination of project design and finally, management of the project construction. The Department also acts as an internal consultant to advise and assist the other departments of the City in engineering related problems, which they may become involved.

The department is presently made up of two individuals. The City Engineer, a licensed engineer under the laws of the State of Illinois, and a secretary.

The department is responsible for millions of dollars in capital improvements. Some key projects in various stages of design and construction for FY 2025/26 include; Ditching, Storm Sewer Infrastructure, Asphalt, Sidewalks, Pavement Markings, Traffic Signals and Concrete Patch, Development of a Storm Sewer GIS layer, N 28<sup>th</sup> St Culvert Replacement, Cool Valley Dr and Belle Valley Dr Flood Mitigation, W Main St Repaving and Road Diet from 28<sup>th</sup> St to 49<sup>th</sup> St, State St sidewalk from Lakeshore Dr to Rosevelt School, West Washington St repaving from Centerville Ave to S Illinois St South Belt East Freeburg Ave Roundabout, N 17<sup>th</sup> St Repaving, B St at Sherman Repaving, Downtown Repaving, Abend St Resurfacing from E Grant to E McKinley, S Church Repaving from E Garfield to E Main, and Foley Dr Bike Trail.

<b>ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>Engineering Department</b>					
	<b>FY 2021/22</b>	<b>FY 2022/23</b>	<b>FY 2023/24</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2024/25</b>	<b>FY 2025/26</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Requested</b>
<b>Department Number</b>	<b>01-88</b>	<b>01-88</b>	<b>01-88</b>	<b>01-88</b>	<b>01-88</b>	<b>01-88</b>
<b>Total Personnel</b>	186,718	180,935	213,926	219,078	301,400	201,700
<b>Total Contract Services</b>	28,971	11,492	28,774	18,201	32,850	33,100
<b>Total Commodities</b>	2,112	2,675	2,764	1,715	5,600	3,500
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>	1,274	965	7,195	189	3,000	3,000
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>219,075</b>	<b>196,067</b>	<b>252,659</b>	<b>239,183</b>	<b>342,850</b>	<b>241,300</b>

# PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fund 04

The City of Belleville is home to the oldest continually operating library in the State of Illinois. Guided by Director Leander Spearman, the main Carnegie library building, and the satellite facility have been structurally enhanced, maintained and upgraded to ensure the safety and comfort of patrons, staff and community members. The library and its satellite have had technological updates to assure today’s youth and adult population the most modern tools available to enhance education, career and social opportunities. A redesigned interior space accommodates ever growing electronic reading and research needs with high-speed internet connection, public access computers, public fax service and a media lab housing 3-D printers and a recording studio are available. Job seekers are served by providing internet access to job search programs. Also, the library provides telescopes and wireless internet “Hot Spot” technology that patrons may borrow for private use. The library has expanded its service to the community by adding 2 mobile library vans that will be deployed throughout the community. The main Belleville Public Library is located at 121 East Washington Street. The West Branch is located at 3414 West Main Street. Both are fully accessible to the Belleville community who either “stop in” or choose to access services via the internet.

The improved library is an educational and cultural hub of the city. Overseen by a nine-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Mayor, it provides a forum for public speaking events, public meetings, genealogical and historic research, and a variety of free programs for adult enrichment. In 2018 the library also started processing applications for U.S. Passports, and this has become one of our most popular services. In late 2023 we installed a solar array to help offset electric utility costs. We also installed two Electric Vehicle (EV) charging ports and launched a community ride share program allowing adult patrons the opportunity to checkout an electric car. Belleville Public Library is also a Fine Free Library. An administrative assistant and twenty-five staff members assist the Library Director to maintain the daily operation of the library.

LIBRARY – FUND 04 - REVENUE						
Account Description	FY 2021/22 Actual	FY 2022/23 Actual	FY 2023/24 Actual	FY 2024/25 Actual	FY 2024/25 Budgeted	FY 2025/26 Estimated
Total Taxes	1,153,603	1,290,207	1,352,469	1,599,720	1,450,000	1,560,000
Total Licenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Permits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Intergovernmental	250,454	281,201	222,652	187,545	233,000	171,045
Total Fines	22,716	28,150	30,862	27,475	30,850	28,850
Total Charges for Services	22,158	53,526	51,506	55,171	45,000	53,000
Total Enterprise Services	26,950	36,940	65,481	72,254	65,000	51,000
Total Other Sources	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,475,881</b>	<b>1,690,024</b>	<b>1,722,970</b>	<b>1,942,165</b>	<b>1,823,850</b>	<b>1,863,895</b>

LIBRARY – FUND 04 - EXPENDITURES						
Account Description	FY 2021/22 Actual	FY 2022/23 Actual	FY 2023/24 Actual	FY 2024/25 Actual	FY 2024/25 Budgeted	FY 2025/26 Requested
Total Personnel	1,158,997	1,200,970	1,212,997	1,230,404	1,277,900	1,333,100
Total Contract Services	254,757	237,392	259,506	332,120	342,184	307,725
Total Commodities	17,057	11,397	13,279	18,461	19,000	15,200
Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	209,082	222,887	189,792	231,620	232,386	198,000
Total Other Expenditures	1,703	2,041	2,583	1,874	2,500	2,500
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,641,596</b>	<b>1,674,687</b>	<b>1,678,157</b>	<b>1,814,479</b>	<b>1,873,970</b>	<b>1,856,525</b>

## **SEWER OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**

### Fund 21

The Sewer Operation and Maintenance Fund is divided into three departments; Collections, Sewer Lines and Sewer Plant. The City provides sewer services to a great majority of its residents and certain surrounding communities as well. All revenues generated from sewer charges are deposited in this fund. Transfers are made to fund the Bond Issues and IEPA Loans. The balance is used for the operations of the plant, lines and administrative departments. All capital improvements are budgeted through the Sewer Construction Fund.

Design of Phase 6 of the LTCP has begun. Other EPA mandated projects, totaling approximately \$15,000,000 are also under construction and are funded by a federal 75%-25% grant this year.

### **SEWER COLLECTIONS**

#### Department 21-75

The Sewer Billing & Collections Department generates the monthly sewer/trash bills for the City of Belleville. Sewer bills are based on the amount of water usage. In a debt collection effort, the City has an agreement with the Illinois American Water Company to disconnect water service, upon the City's request, for non-payment of the sewer/trash customers. Liens are filed on the property for delinquent accounts unable to be disconnected. Small Claims actions are taken if a lien cannot be filed. These actions have increased the City's ability to secure payment for service.

The money collected for trash service is transferred to the General Fund each month and pays all bills for the Sanitation Department, including salaries and landfill fees.

Acceptable forms of payment include cash, check, money order, credit card, and automatic withdrawal. The City continues to strive both for improved collection as well as efficiency and accuracy in processing payments all the while providing excellent customer service.

### **SEWER LINES**

#### Department 21-77

The Sewer Lines department is staffed with 6 employees that operate and maintain 300 miles of sewer lines owned by the City. This department is responsible for repairing and replacing any sewer line that might collapse or tearing out old lines and replacing them with newer PVC f(polyvinyl chloride) lines. This department owns and operates video inspection equipment to inspect and assist cleaning sewer lines, a vactor truck for flushing and clearing sewer line clogs and a rodder truck for root cutting in areas where sewer lines are susceptible to root intrusion. This department is also responsible for J.U.L.I.E. locates, which is the location and marking of any City owned sewer lines due to construction projects or emergencies.

Because this system is a combined sewer system, during heavy rains most of the Sewer Lines Department, including management, are answering calls dealing with basement back-ups and flooding.

Major storm water and sanitary sewer separation projects have solved some severe flooding problems. However, much more still needs to be done to separate this combined sewer system. The City has eliminated many back-up problems in the East Creek sewer shed with the completion of a surge storage tank and pump station project. Engineering is being completed for several more I & I projects in this area, and various construction projects should have begun.

A concentrated effort will be placed on removing as much storm water and infiltration from this collection system as possible. Therefore, this department will conduct more smoke testing of problem areas that will lead to the disconnection of roof drains, foundation sump pumps and catch basins that are connected to the sanitary sewer system. Removing rain water, ground water and any other unpolluted water from the sewer system will reduce pumping and treatment costs.

The Sewer Lines department continues to take a proactive approach to sewer line cleaning by continuing our sewer line collection system cleaning program. This proactive approach will reduce back-up calls and keep the City compliant with our NPDES permit. The IEPA has approved our Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) mandating elimination of combined sewer overflows. The construction of the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth phases are complete. Design of the Sixth phase is underway.

## **SEWER PLANT**

Department Number 21-78

The City owns and operates a treatment plant that is permitted to treat and discharge 12.4 million gallons per day and excess flow capacity of 27 million gallons per day. The treatment plant operates 24 hours, 365 days per year and has at least one operator on duty at all times. This department operates and maintains 56 satellite stations that pump sewage from different parts of the City into approximately 300 miles of sewer lines. Some parts of the sewer collection system are combined sewers that carry both sanitary sewage and storm water. The original wastewater treatment plant was built during the 1930's and went into operation in 1939. Most of the original buildings are still used and some of the original equipment that operated 81 years ago is still operating today. Improvements to the plant in the early 2010s include a 4.4 million gallon per day (MGD) plant expansion, digester upgrade, tertiary filter upgrade, various electrical upgrades and construction of a large combined sewage pump station. Other improvements were made to the head works, concrete structures and electrical control equipment. This publicly owned treatment works, referred to in federal regulations as a POTW, is closely scrutinized by the Environmental Protection Agency. Any violation of the compliance requirements can cost the city \$10,000 per day per violation.

The Pre-treatment program, as mandated by the Federal Consent Decree of 1988, is responsible for sampling, inspecting and enforcing all rules and regulations that pertain to all Significant Industrial Users of the City's sewer system. The Combined Sewer Overflow Program requires sampling and inspecting 2 permitted outfalls throughout the community within 24 hours of each rainfall. The City's EPA mandated Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) is under construction. Phase three of the LTCP is complete and includes a large pump station and sewer piping to remove four permitted combined sewer overflows (CSO's). Phase 4 is complete and has removed another CSO. The phase 5 treated CSO outfall disinfection unit has been completed and has been successfully meeting permit requirements.

Goals for the 2025/2026 fiscal year include continued equipment rehabilitation at the treatment plant, such as rehabilitating our tertiary filter system, 2 sanitary influent bar screens, and 1 CSO influent bar screen.

<b>SEWER OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE FUND 21 - REVENUE</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>FY 2021/22 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2022/23 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2023/24 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2024/25 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2024/25 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2025/26 Estimated</b>
Total Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Licenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Permits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Intergovernmental	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fines	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Charges for Services	10,248,617	12,149,080	12,853,269	14,186,209	13,198,000	15,553,000
Total Enterprise Services	67,010	103,164	255,008	274,607	220,000	280,000
Total Other Sources	3,721	17,223	12,125	9,650	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>10,319,348</b>	<b>12,269,467</b>	<b>13,120,402</b>	<b>14,470,466</b>	<b>13,423,000</b>	<b>15,838,000</b>

<b>SEWER OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE FUND 21 - EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>FY 2021/22 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2022/23 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2023/24 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2024/25 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2024/25 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2025/26 Requested</b>
Total Personnel	2,408,053	2,447,924	2,478,554	2,592,914	2,732,450	2,928,950
Total Contract Services	2,042,213	2,199,361	2,195,931	2,579,082	2,707,280	3,047,900
Total Commodities	314,461	302,894	362,977	385,461	403,000	401,800
Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	78,810	129,029	82,684	26,845	141,800	158,500
Total Other Expenditures	5,342,342	6,062,707	6,954,008	7,377,184	7,383,930	9,256,317
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>10,185,879</b>	<b>11,141,915</b>	<b>12,074,154</b>	<b>12,961,486</b>	<b>13,368,460</b>	<b>15,793,467</b>

# TIF 3 FUND

## Fund 38

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 3 Fund, a special revenue fund, was established in 1986. The District encompasses a large portion of the entire corporate limits of Belleville. The purpose of the TIF was to provide funding support for several commercial projects including the Westfield Plaza development located along 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Old St. Louis Road. Numerous projects located in the Belle Valley Industrial Park (Phase I and Phase II), on Illinois Rt. 177/Mascoutah Avenue, have taken advantage of TIF 3 incentives. The construction of the Richland Creek Office Complex on West Main Street was also assisted through this TIF. In addition, the City has intergovernmental agreements with several of the school districts having properties within the TIF whereas the City rebates the various districts for the loss of property taxes based on a formula of the base year assessment (when the TIF was formed) compared to their tax levy and the current tax base for the entire TIF. The City renegotiated these agreements so that additional funds could be made available for infrastructure improvements. Several other projects have received assistance from TIF 3 such as Carlyle Plaza, the 170,000 square foot Magna (Regions) Operations Center at Route 15 and South 74<sup>th</sup> Street, and Belle Valley Industrial Park (Phase I and Phase II).

There are certain eligible costs that can be paid for with TIF monies. These costs include infrastructure, acquisition and demolition of property, public infrastructure engineering fees, and others as outlined by State law.

TIF 3 funds have been used to assist in the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant, numerous public improvements and several commercial projects.

TIF 3 – FUND 38 - REVENUE						
Account Description	FY 2021/22 Actual	FY 2022/23 Actual	FY 2023/24 Actual	FY 2024/25 Actual	FY 2024/25 Budgeted	FY 2025/26 Estimated
Total Taxes	13,433,633	14,313,699	15,478,558	17,884,971	16,000,000	19,000,000
Total Licenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Permits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Intergovernmental	25,000	3,000,000	0	100,000	551,600	897,624
Total Fines	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Charges for Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Enterprise Services	1,328,123	295,353	1,112,299	788,662	1,002,000	810,000
Total Other Sources	0	0	0	14,535	40,000	37,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>14,786,756</b>	<b>17,609,052</b>	<b>16,590,857</b>	<b>18,788,168</b>	<b>17,593,600</b>	<b>20,744,624</b>

TIF 3 – FUND 38 - EXPENDITURES						
Account Description	FY 2021/22 Actual	FY 2022/23 Actual	FY 2023/24 Actual	FY 2024/25 Actual	FY 2024/25 Budgeted	FY 2025/26 Requested
Total Personnel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Contract Services	5,106,173	5,745,263	10,017,051	10,929,034	12,445,000	13,436,000
Total Commodities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	5,002,900	4,038,301	6,847,446	4,754,792	14,456,250	14,023,060
Total Other Expenditures	1,606,809	1,687,270	1,780,044	1,785,887	2,685,887	2,838,259
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>11,715,882</b>	<b>11,470,834</b>	<b>18,644,541</b>	<b>17,469,713</b>	<b>29,587,137</b>	<b>30,297,319</b>

**BUDGETED REVENUE AND EXPENSE ALL OTHER FUNDS 2025/26**

<b>NAME OF FUND</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
Parks Projects Fund	32,420	30,000
Library-Gift Endowment	1,300	1,300
Playground & Recreation Fund	990,378	932,600
Fire Pension Fund	6,323,168	5,542,150
Police Pension Fund	6,382,396	6,047,150
Capital Projects Fund	1,040,765	2,000,765
TIF 10 Fund	1,972,000	2,450,000
TIF 12 Fund	20,000	724,722
TIF 14 Fund	232,000	484,519
TIF 15 Fund	4,280,000	4,280,000
TIF 16 Fund	545,000	346,000
TIF 17 Fund	220,000	367,000
TIF 18 Fund	229,000	726,000
TIF 19 Fund	3,246,500	3,246,500
TIF 21 Fund	12,200	8,000
TIF 22 Fund	160,000	640,000
Route 15 North Business District Fund	5,100	116,000
2020 Refunding Bonds I & S Fund	365,253	365,428
2014 PD Project Debt Service Fund	718,150	685,850
2015 PD Project Debt Service Fund	610,800	582,925
Retirement Fund	1,245,000	1,235,000
General & Community Assistance Fund	361,800	429,070
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	2,000,000	3,093,200
Fountain Fund	4,650	4,500
Tort Liability Fund	1,396,000	1,395,000
Walnut Hill Future Care Fund	8,000	1,000
ARPA Fund	286,000	2,051,263
Campus Fund	1,813,000	1,913,225
Sewer Repair & Replacement	255,000	255,000
Sewer Construction	8,365,000	9,666,975
Sewer Bond & Interest	6,866,422	6,859,922
Working Cash Fund	15,000	0
Belleville Illinois Tourism	69,400	72,100
Home Rule Sales Tax Fund	1,618,500	2,118,500
Police Trust Fund	2,615	90,681
Narcotics Fund	166,100	155,567
Local Law Enforcement Grant Fund	20,300	70,000
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	51,879,217	58,987,912

## **PARKS PROJECTS FUND**

### Fund 02

This special revenue fund was created to collect donations and proceeds from various fundraising events for park projects. Many donations received in this fund are given for a memorial tree or park bench to be placed in one of our parks in memory of a departed loved one.

This fund also allows the flexibility to accumulate small donations for the future purchase of a large item or project that takes a couple of years to collect the amount needed. In addition to the flexibility, this fund also allows individuals with a special interest to donate assuring that their donation will go to the specified project, such as Sculptures in our Park System and along the Richland Creek Greenway, the Whitey Herzog Field, the Dog Park in Rotary Park, Tour de Belleville and others.

This fund is an excellent means of accepting donations from the business and public sector for support in community-based projects and programs.

Also, this fund is used for some of our smaller grant projects such as the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission and the Metro East Parks and Recreation grant program as well as a Community Garden Project.

## **FIREMEN'S PENSION**

### Fund 05

The City of Belleville levies a tax, as calculated by the State of Illinois, for pensions for firemen. For fiscal year 2025/26, the City will contribute at least \$4,466,918 to the Belleville Fire Pension Fund. This will be achieved by using the tax levy and the replacement tax. By combining these two sources of revenue, the City's contribution to the pension fund will be more than the amount actuarially determined by the State to meet Section 4-118 of the Illinois Pension Code. The 63 firefighters participating in the fund will contribute about \$540,000. Belleville has 82 retirees drawing pensions, and this expense is expected to be about \$5,505,000 for the 2025/2026 year.

The fire pension fund is managed by Firefighter's Pension Investment Fund through the State of Illinois.

## **PLAYGROUND & RECREATION FUND**

### Fund 07

On April 3, 1945, the Belleville Parks and Recreation Department began a proud tradition of community service. It was created to provide the residents of Belleville with wholesome recreational opportunities regardless of race, creed, sex, age, or physical capabilities.

This department serves the City's population of 42,404 residents with approximately one hundred various programs throughout the year for age groups ranging from toddlers to senior citizens. The Recreation Department is constantly offering new programs and expanding on existing programs to meet the community's interest. Visit the Parks & Recreation Department on our webpage: [www.belleville.net](http://www.belleville.net) and

Facebook: Belleville Parks and Recreation. Learn all about the Parks amenities, activities, schedules, volunteering or use our “Online Reservation” to register for programs and facilities.

The Recreation Department is funded by both taxation and user fees. The essence of the Department’s mission is to provide wholesome recreational resources in a fiscally responsible manner, without compromising the health and safety of staff members and park visitors or the beauty of the environment. We are committed to continuing the cooperative working relationships established in the community, especially the usage of the school facilities to provide the residents of Belleville with indoor athletic and leisure programs. After all, it is the community that we are here to serve, while making Belleville a better place to live or work. While the Recreation staff is quite small in the number of employees, their efforts and results stand the test of “We do the Work so you can Play.”

## **POLICE PENSION FUND**

### Fund 08

The City of Belleville levies a tax, as calculated by the State of Illinois, for police officers’ pensions. For Fiscal Year 2025/26, the City will contribute at least \$4,401,146 to the Police Pension Fund. This will be achieved by using the tax levy and the replacement tax. By combining these two sources of revenue, the City’s contribution to the pension fund will be more than the amount actuarially determined by the State to meet Section 3-125 of the Illinois Pension Code. This fund presently has 75 participants which will generate approximately \$665,000 in employee contributions. There are 93 retirees who will draw about \$6,000,000 during fiscal year 2025/2026.

The police pension fund is managed by Illinois Police Officers’ Pension Investment Fund through the State of Illinois.

## **RETIREMENT FUND**

### Fund 11

In 2024/25, the City levied \$349,100 for payment towards non-sworn employees’ pensions in the 2025/26 fiscal year, and \$553,400 towards their Social Security. All IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) and Social Security payments for employees paid from the General Fund are made from this fund. The monies needed for IMRF and Social Security pension payments from the Library, Sewer Fund, General & Community Assistance, Campus Fund, and Playground & Recreation are paid directly from the individual funds.

## **GENERAL & COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FUND**

### Fund 12

Belleville Township was dissolved in May 2017. The City of Belleville assumed all services and responsibilities that had previously been handled by the Township. The main service provided is general assistance to Belleville citizens in need, and community organizations that serve them.

## **MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND**

### Fund 13

The Motor Fuel Tax Fund (MFT) is financed through an Illinois state-wide tax on the sale of petroleum products. The City of Belleville receives a per capita share of these taxes. The City currently receives approximately \$1.9 million per year from this revenue source.

The use of the motor fuel funds is restricted to specific types of projects as allowed by State of Illinois law. Expenditures of MFT funds are as follows: Pavement Markings, Maintenance Traffic Signals, Sidewalk Replacement, Asphalt Patches, Concrete Street Patch, Ditching, Street Department Labor, Infrastructure Repair, Maintenance Materials, Streets, Crack Sealing, and Engineering.

Maintenance Materials include the purchases of ice control materials, asphalt patch materials, gravel of various gradations, storm water culverts, and other road maintenance materials.

## **FOUNTAIN FUND**

### Fund 14

A committee of local business, labor, and civic men and women has been formed with the mission: “To provide a trust fund that perpetuates the Veteran’s Memorial Fountain in Downtown Belleville that will maintain the highest quality standard for the entire area to admire.”

The Veteran’s Memorial Fountain was originally built in 1937, as a memorial to American servicemen. In 1985, a renovation committee was formed to raise funds for much needed repairs. Re-dedication of the renovated fountain occurred on May 3, 1986. Funds secured by the renovation committee in 1985 were then depleted and the City of Belleville then began absorbing current expenses.

On November 11, 1998 the Veteran’s Memorial Monument was dedicated capping off a very successful campaign drive raising money for the upkeep of the Memorial Fountain for years to come. 1,560 Veteran’s names were engraved in granite around an American flag on the southeast quadrant of the public square. The Veteran’s Memorial Trust Fund Committee surpassed their goal by raising \$177,000. It cost approximately \$47,000 to erect the monument. The investment income from the remainder of the trust fund will be used to cover ongoing electrical and water expenses as well as repairs and renovations for the Fountain.

The Fountain Committee generously paid for extensive renovations to the Fountain in 2022/23. Thanks to the Parks Department and Maintenance Department for all of their hard work maintaining the Fountain.

## **TORT LIABILITY FUND**

### Fund 15

The Tort Liability Fund was established in FY 2003/04. It was created primarily due to large increases in the cost of liability and workmen’s compensation insurance. The City opted for a plan that has a higher deductible in order to reduce the premiums. This fund also receives approximately \$1,075,000 in property tax revenue. These monies will be used for the higher deductibles. Any funds remaining will be rolled over

into next year. If the City can reduce claims, the monies accumulating in this fund, will be used to become completely self-insured over time.

### **WALNUT HILL FUTURE CARE FUND**

Fund 18

Walnut Hill Cemetery has a volunteer board that oversees the investments from monies received for endowed care. When a grave is sold, 15% of the cost is put into endowed care. Those monies are transferred annually to the Walnut Hill Future Care Fund and invested. The interest from these investments is used for equipment or specific projects within the Cemetery.

### **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUND**

Fund 19

This fund was created in FY 2021/22 to account for the revenue and expenditures for the City's share of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Federal grant funds. These funds were all obligated by 12/31/2024.

### **CAMPUS FUND**

Fund 20

In September 2021, the City purchased the property that was once the Lindenwood University-Belleville campus at 2300 West Main Street. The City has turned the property into the Southwestern Illinois Justice & Workforce Development Campus, with an emphasis on law enforcement entities using the campus.

### **SEWER REPAIR & REPLACEMENT FUND**

Fund 22

This fund holds revenue transferred annually from the Sewer Operation & Maintenance Fund for the purpose of replacing equipment such as pumps and electrical controls during the year. This is required by the IEPA on any equipment or structure purchased with state revolving loan money. The amount transferred is based on the inventory of replaceable equipment at the sewer plant. The funds are set aside and used when unforeseen repairs are needed to replace equipment. Funds budgeted for this year will go towards control panel upgrades and pump replacement.

### **SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUND**

Fund 24

This project fund is used to pay for all major sewer projects. These projects include major unexpected sewer line repairs, sewer capacity studies, sewer extensions to promote city growth and all phases of the EPA mandated Long Term Control Plan (LTCP).

Goals other than the LTCP projects for the 2025/2026 fiscal year include treatment plant equipment rehabilitation and many improvements to the City's collection system.

## **SEWER BOND & INTEREST FUND**

### Fund 25

This bond fund makes annual payments on eight low-interest IEPA loans received from the State of Illinois for a total of \$4,859,921. This debt service fund receives its funds via the Sewer Operation & Maintenance Fund from the collections of sewer bills, and the Sewer Construction Fund (for the IEPA loan related to the LTCP) from the money transferred into that fund from TIF each year to help pay for the project while keeping residents' sewer rates down. The 2020 GO Refunding Bonds mature in 2028.

## **WORKING CASH FUND**

### Fund 31

This fund represents the City of Belleville's reserve fund. It is to be kept at a minimum of \$400,000. Should the General Fund need to borrow funds which would reduce the balance below \$400,000, it must be voted on by the City Council. The Fund now is valued at \$433,503. These funds could be used in case of an emergency.

## **LIBRARY GIFT ENDOWMENT**

### Fund 32

The Library Gift Endowment Fund was created from public donations to be used by the library. Earnings from this account are used to purchase books, equipment and furnishings to enhance the library collection and patron areas as specified by donors. A portion of interest earned is used to purchase photography, local history and music related materials for the library. This fund is maintained separately from budgeted operating funds.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

### Fund 43

This capital project fund was used to pay for capital projects throughout the City. This fund has been depleted in prior years but the City deposited proceeds from a \$14,450,000 bond issue as well as revenue from grants and some TIF funds during FY 2005/06 to be used for a very aggressive Capital Improvement plan which includes but was not limited to; the Downtown Streetscape, Route 15 West Corridor, Carlyle and 161, 17<sup>th</sup> Street Extension, the Illinois Street garage and the purchase of land to build a salt dome as well as construct a place for the sanitation to move to when the plant expansion begins. In FY 2021/22, the City transferred \$500,000 of funds from the General Fund to this account, to begin building this account for capital projects that don't have other funding sources. In FY 2023/24 a grant was awarded to the City for a new City Market, which will be accounted for in this fund. In FY 2023/24 and FY 2024/25 the Finance Committee approved putting \$500,000 from the 0.25% home rule sales tax fund (Fund 67) into this fund for infrastructure projects with no other funding sources.

## **BELLEVILLE ILLINOIS TOURISM FUND**

### Fund 44

The Belleville Illinois Tourism Fund was created in fiscal year 2007/2008. Prior to that year the hotel motel tax was turned over to the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce, who in turn used it to pay the Tourism Director and associated invoices from those funds. We now reimburse the Chamber for the Director's salary, and all invoices are paid directly from this fund from a portion of the revenue generated through the hotel motel tax.

Belleville Tourism currently has more than 40 volunteers dedicated to greeting tourists who come to our area. Belleville has many attractions such as the Labor and Industry Museum, Historical Districts, Eckert's Country Store and Farm, special events and Festivals year round.

We are continuing an aggressive marketing plan to market our entire City.

## **2015 PD PROJECT DEBT SERVICE FUND**

### Fund 46

This fund was created by bond ordinance to account for the debt service payments associated with the second round of bonds for the police department renovations at 720 W. Main St, police garage construction, and City Hall renovations related to that project. The 2015 bond issue was for \$8,500,000. The bonds will mature on January 1, 2036.

## **TIF 10 (LOWER RICHLAND CREEK)**

### Fund 52

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 10 Fund, a special revenue fund, was established in 2000. The District is approximately 1,800 acres in size and is located in the southeastern quadrant of the city, between Illinois Routes 15 and 159. Several commercial and residential projects are currently being engineered around a floodplain. The base assessed valuation of this TIF was \$583,249.

There are certain eligible costs that can be paid for with TIF monies. These costs include infrastructure, acquisition and demolition of property, public infrastructure, engineering fees and others as outlined by State law. The Reunion mixed-use residential development is currently under construction and includes single-family homes, attached and detached on 95 acres.

## **TIF 12 (SHERMAN STREET)**

### Fund 54

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 12 Fund, a special revenue fund, was established in 2000/2001. The District is located in the east end of Belleville. It runs along Sherman Street/Rt. 161 from Orchard Drive, north to Lebanon Avenue then east along Lebanon Avenue to West Boulevard where it includes Goodall Trucking and Upchurch Concrete. Certain rebates are budgeted in this fund. Improvements to Belle

Avenue were completed in 2009. Improvements to Page Avenue were completed in 2010. Improvements to Belle Avenue and drainage improvements in the area were completed in 2011.

### **TIF 14 (ROUTE 15 EAST)**

Fund 56

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 14 Fund, a special revenue fund, was established in 2003. The District is approximately 200 acres in size and is located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Greenmount Road and Illinois Route 15 and extends west to Jefferson Road.

TIF #14 funds were used to assist in construction of a roadway to accommodate a Tractor Supply store. St. Clair County Event Center will receive property tax rebates through TIF #14 based upon a development agreement.

### **TIF 15 (CARLYLE/GREENMOUNT)**

Fund 57

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 15 Fund, a special revenue fund, was established in 2006. The District is 140 acres in size centered at the northeast corner of Illinois Route 161 and Greenmount Road.

TIF 15 funds were used in the development of a retail complex anchored by Lowe's Home Improvement Center and Super Wal-Mart in 2006 & 2007, as well as a number of out parcels in 2008 & 2009. There was a significant increase in sales tax due to this new development, which totals construction value in excess of \$110,000,000. A Chick Fil-A restaurant was constructed in TIF #15 in FY 2012/2013.

### **TIF 16 (ROUTE 15 CORRIDOR)**

Fund 58

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 16 Fund, a special revenue fund, was established in 2005/2006. The District is approximately 450 acres in size.

TIF 16 funds were used in the development of two (2) car dealerships in the area of Illinois Route 15 and Frank Scott Parkway West, both totaling in excess of \$13,000,000 in private investment, and public investment by the City exceeding \$5,000,000 for street and public works improvements. These dealerships assist in generating an increase in sales tax.

### **2020 REFUNDING BONDS I & S FUND**

Fund 64

In 2020, the 2011 TIF Bonds and the 2009 GO Refunding Bonds were both refinanced and combined into this fund. This Fund receives its revenue from TIF 3 and TIF 14 for the portion related to the 2011 TIF Bonds, and from the General Fund and Sewer Operations & Maintenance Fund for the portion related to the 2009 GO Refunding Bonds. The bonds mature in 2031.

## **2014 PD PROJECT DEBT SERVICE FUND**

### Fund 66

This fund was created by bond ordinance to account for the debt service payments associated with bonds for the original police department renovations at 720 W. Main St, police garage construction, and City Hall renovations related to that project. The 2014 bond issue was for \$9,495,000. The bonds will mature on January 1, 2035.

## **HOME RULE SALES TAX FUND (formerly 2011 BOND FUND I & S FUND)**

### Fund 67

Revenue from this bond issue was used to develop the Route 15 West Corridor, and provide funds for the downtown streetscape project. The payments on this bond issue will come from the ¼% sales tax increase that the City passed in January, 2006. The bond issue was for \$14,450,000. The bonds were set to mature on January 1, 2026, but the City Council decided to pay off the remaining amount of bonds by July 1, 2023. For FY 2024/25 and FY2025/26, the Finance Committee decided to continue collecting the ¼% sales tax and contribute the funds towards infrastructure, financing on a downtown parking garage, and additional contributions to the police and fire pension funds.

## **POLICE TRUST FUND**

### Fund 71

This special fund is revenue from donations by the public to the Police Department. The primary uses for these funds include equipment purchases such as ballistic vests for officers and cameras.

## **NARCOTICS FUND**

### Fund 72

This fund is revenue resulting from narcotic seizures and forfeitures generally obtained from undercover operations. These funds are reinvested and used for other undercover narcotics investigations, which in turn lead to additional seizures and forfeitures. Both the Federal and State government also transfers money from illegal drug operations to local police departments to help in the war against drugs in our communities.

## **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND**

### Fund 73

This fund was established to track revenue from a Block Grant allocated by the Department of Justice for local law enforcement. The Grant can be used to purchase necessary equipment for the Police Department in its effort to curb crime.

## **TIF 17 (EAST MAIN STREET)**

### Fund 75

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 17 Fund, a special revenue fund, was established in 2005. The District is approximately 24 acres in size and is located along East Main Street and is bordered by East 'A' Street on the north, Oak Street on the east, East Washington Street on the south, North Jackson Street on the northwest and the Public Square on the southwest.

TIF #17 funds were used in the downtown streetscape project, including infrastructure improvements. In FY 2015-2016 TIF #17 funds are used for Facade Improvement Grants for downtown businesses, as well as infrastructure improvements and other business incentives. The City has entered into a development agreement with Escape 618 to assist with the remodeling of their facility with TIF #17 funds.

In FY 2018-2019 a development agreement was approved with Tygracon Properties, Inc. for renovations on East Main Street for a mixed-use property. TIF 17 assistance was also approved for renovations to a property on the Public Square that allowed for the relocation of Nester Realty to downtown Belleville.

## **TIF 18 (SCHEEL STREET)**

### Fund 76

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 18 Fund, a special revenue fund was established in 2008. The District is approximately 85 acres in size and is generally bounded by Scheel Street (north), North Missouri Avenue (west) and Carlyle Avenue (south). The overall plan for the area, as outlined in the City of Belleville 2000-2020 Comprehensive Plan, is for the redevelopment of the area, via an approved developer, to include a residential/commercial mixed-use development. TIF 18 funds are anticipated to be used for infrastructure improvements to accommodate this redevelopment project.

TIF 18 funds were used for demolition of derelict structures in 2010 and 2011. Infrastructure improvements were completed with TIF 18 funds in 2015-2016.

## **TIF 19 (FRANK SCOTT PARKWAY)**

### Fund 77

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 19 Fund, a special revenue fund, was established in 2006. The District is approximately 300 acres in size centered at the northeast corner of Illinois Route 15 and Frank Scott Parkway.

TIF 19 funds were used in the development of a retail complex anchored by Target and a Home Depot home improvement center in 2006 & 2007. Freddy's Frozen Custard was completed in 2023 in TIF 19.

## **TIF 21 (BELLE VALLEY III)**

Fund 79

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 21 Fund, a special revenue fund, was established in 2010. The District is approximately 190 acres in size and is generally bounded by Illinois Route 13 and Green Mount Lane. This TIF district was established to aid in the expansion of Belle Valley Industrial Park Phase III.

TIF 21 funds are expected to be used for infrastructure improvements to accommodate Belle Valley III Industrial Park.

## **TIF 22 (ROUTE 15 NORTH)**

Fund 80

The Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 22 Fund, a special revenue fund, was established in 2015. The District is approximately 33 acres in size and is generally bounded by Illinois Route 15 and DeMazenod Drive. This TIF district was site specific and related to assistance for the development of the Missionary Ventures project to include a convention center, hotels, and restaurants. TIF 22 funds are expected to be used for site development, infrastructure improvements, and possibly police.

## **ROUTE 15 NORTH BUSINESS DISTRICT**

Fund 81

This special revenue fund was created to account for the business district tax revenues and expenditures for the Route 15 North business district.

**BUDGETED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS 2025/26**

<b>NAME OF FUND</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>
General Fund	38,992,969	38,989,850
Parks Projects Fund	32,420	30,000
Library Fund	1,863,895	1,856,525
Library-Gift Endowment	1,300	1,300
Playground & Recreation Fund	990,378	932,600
Fire Pension Fund	6,323,168	5,542,150
Police Pension Fund	6,382,396	6,047,150
Capital Projects Fund	1,040,765	2,000,765
TIF 3 Fund	20,744,624	30,297,319
TIF 10 Fund	1,972,000	2,450,000
TIF 12 Fund	20,000	724,722
TIF 14 Fund	232,000	484,519
TIF 15 Fund	4,280,000	4,280,000
TIF 16 Fund	545,000	346,000
TIF 17 Fund	220,000	367,000
TIF 18 Fund	229,000	726,000
TIF 19 Fund	3,246,500	3,246,500
TIF 21 Fund	12,200	8,000
TIF 22 Fund	160,000	640,000
Route 15 North Business District Fund	5,100	116,000
2020 Refunding Bonds I & S Fund	365,253	365,428
2014 PD Project Debt Service Fund	718,150	685,850
2015 PD Project Debt Service Fund	610,800	582,925
Retirement Fund	1,245,000	1,235,000
General & Community Assistance Fund	361,800	429,070
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	2,000,000	3,093,200
Fountain Fund	4,650	4,500
Tort Liability Fund	1,396,000	1,395,000
Walnut Hill Future Care Fund	8,000	1,000
ARPA Fund	286,000	2,051,263
Campus Fund	1,813,000	1,913,225
Sewer Operation & Maintenance	15,838,000	15,793,467
Sewer Repair & Replacement	255,000	255,000
Sewer Construction	8,365,000	9,666,975
Sewer Bond & Interest	6,866,422	6,859,922
Working Cash Fund	15,000	0
Belleville Illinois Tourism	69,400	72,100
Home Rule Sales Tax Fund	1,618,500	2,118,500
Police Trust Fund	2,615	90,681
Narcotics Fund	166,100	155,567
Local Law Enforcement Grant Fund	20,300	70,000
	<u>129,318,705</u>	<u>145,925,073</u>

**REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES ALL FUNDS 2025/26**

<b>Total All Funds Revenue</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>FY 2021/22 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2022/23 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2023/24 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2024/25 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2024/25 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2025/26 Estimated</b>
Total Taxes	34,402,892	35,785,385	36,769,958	41,487,271	38,921,272	42,699,764
Total Licenses	768,457	971,015	1,202,203	1,099,234	1,145,030	1,132,030
Total Permits	724,129	679,479	823,477	870,261	773,750	894,400
Total Intergovernmental	37,669,351	41,672,574	30,461,134	30,401,228	32,499,193	34,576,112
Total Fines	207,305	331,675	221,490	384,015	229,150	342,550
Total Charges for Services	14,649,760	16,759,385	17,565,952	19,273,954	18,239,000	20,770,500
Total Enterprise Services	-2,225,156	4,794,736	17,716,507	20,391,065	7,140,160	9,330,836
Total Other Sources	10,707,592	11,454,927	13,807,133	14,214,415	16,548,060	19,572,513
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>96,904,330</b>	<b>112,449,176</b>	<b>118,567,854</b>	<b>128,121,443</b>	<b>115,495,615</b>	<b>129,318,705</b>

<b>Total All Funds Expenditures</b>						
<b>Account Description</b>	<b>FY 2021/22 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2022/23 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2023/24 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2024/25 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2024/25 Budgeted</b>	<b>FY 2025/26 Requested</b>
Total Personnel	36,173,128	39,522,601	40,110,022	41,990,997	43,161,240	44,997,775
Total Contract Services	17,641,482	19,551,456	25,589,384	26,722,988	31,163,265	31,915,764
Total Commodities	1,887,631	2,306,122	2,365,608	2,549,629	2,984,625	3,004,068
Total Debt Service	12,232,599	13,105,343	15,164,287	13,033,997	13,552,121	13,298,625
Total Capital Outlay	7,478,819	15,642,798	14,484,299	9,182,719	28,349,902	30,284,614
Total Other Expenditures	10,939,020	13,797,094	15,772,556	17,634,520	22,346,067	22,424,227
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>86,352,679</b>	<b>103,925,414</b>	<b>113,486,156</b>	<b>111,114,850</b>	<b>141,557,220</b>	<b>145,925,073</b>

**CAPITAL EXPENDITURES-ALL FUNDS 2025/26**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	
<b>Administration</b>	Land Purchases	3,000.00
	IT Equipment	2,000.00
<b>Police Department</b>	Vehicle Aircards	900.00
	Drone Equipment	2,000.00
	Radio Batteries	3,400.00
	Dispatch Headsets	1,000.00
	Honor Guard Equipment	3,000.00
	Trauma Med Kits	2,800.00
	AEDs and pads	6,000.00
	Miscellaneous Equipment	380.00
	Safety Equipment (vests, shields, helmets, etc)	15,100.00
	IT/Computer Equipment	15,000.00
	Office Furniture	5,000.00
<b>Fire Department</b>	RIT Pack	7,197.00
	Radios	8,000.00
	SCBAs & Bottles	47,240.00
	Thermal Camera	9,000.00
	Gas Detectors	3,000.00
	AEDs	2,000.00
	Hose/Nozzles	22,000.00
	Miscellaneous Other Equipment	14,000.00
	Office Furniture	3,000.00
<b>Street Department</b>	Zero-Turn Mower	12,000.00
	Dumpsters	2,000.00
	Bandsaw, Chainsaws, Trimmers	4,750.00
<b>Parks Department</b>	Dumpsters, misc. small equip	5,700.00
	Water Fountains	4,000.00
	Aerator	5,000.00
	Pcinic Tables	8,500.00
<b>Walnut Hill Cemetery Department</b>	Trimmers	1,000.00
<b>Sanitation Department</b>	Trash Toters	68,000.00
	Tommy Lift for Pickup	9,000.00

<b>Mount Hope Cemetery Department</b>	Zero Turn Mower	12,000.00
	Small Misc. Equipment	2,500.00
<b>Health &amp; Housing</b>	Miscellaneous Equipment	1,000.00
	Furniture & Fixtures	500.00
<b>Economic Development, Planning &amp; Zoning</b>	Office Equipment	1,000.00
<b>City Clerk's Office</b>	Office Equipment	500.00
<b>Treasurer's Office</b>	Furniture & Fixtures	100.00
<b>Maintenance Department</b>	Small Equipment	2,000.00
<b>Engineering</b>	Locating Equipment	<u>3,000.00</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL – General Fund</b>		\$ 317,567.00
<b>Parks Project Fund</b>	Park Improvements(grant)	30,000.00
<b>Library</b>	Computers/IT Equipment	18,000.00
	Books	180,000.00
<b>Playground &amp; Recreation</b>	Computer/IT Equipment	5,000.00
	Baseball Equipment	5,000.00
	Tent	5,000.00
<b>General &amp; Community Assistance</b>	Computer Software/Case work program	15,100.00
<b>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</b>	Ditching Program	80,000.00
	Infrastructure Program	300,000.00
	Roadway Improvements	556,000.00
	Sidewalk Program	150,000.00
	Pavement Marking	30,000.00
	Concrete Patch	180,000.00
	ADA Ramp Replacements	20,000.00
	Crack Sealing	41,000.00
	Shared Maintenance	10,400.00
	Asphalt Patch	305,000.00
<b>Campus</b>	Sprinkler Improvements	600,000.00
<b>Sewer Collections</b>	Computer Equipment	500.00

<b>Sewer Lines</b>	Vactor/Jetting Equipment	8,000.00
	Camera Equipment	8,000.00
	Pickup Truck	42,000.00
<b>Sewer Plant</b>	Chemical Feed Building	15,000.00
	Pumps/VFDs	40,000.00
	Pickup Truck	45,000.00
<b>Sewer Repair &amp; Replacement</b>	Electrical Controls	30,000.00
	Pump Replacements	130,000.00
<b>Sewer Construction</b>	Land Purchases	10,000.00
	Pumps & Controls	100,000.00
	Sewer Extension Projects	2,750,000.00
	East Creek Project	2,000,000.00
	Sewer Line Emergency Repairs	3,000,000.00
<b>Library – Gift Endowment</b>	Books	1,300.00
<b>TIF 3</b>	Land Purchases	310,000.00
	Street Dept Tractor	75,000.00
	Street Dept Gator	25,000.00
	Street Dept Mini Track Loader	100,000.00
	Street Sweeper	300,000.00
	Street Dept Tandem Truck	250,000.00
	Cemetery Truck with Dump Body	60,000.00
	Street Dept Pickup Truck	55,000.00
	Public Works Yard Tractor	25,000.00
	Street Dept Single Axle Snow/Ice Unit	210,000.00
	WWTP Service Truck	85,000.00
	Fire Dept Staff Vehicle	70,000.00
	FY25/26 Police Vehicles (6)	402,810.00
	Fire Truck Lease Payments	155,500.00
	Rehab Ladder 99	350,000.00
	2025 Ditching Program	70,000.00
	2025 Infrastructure Program	400,000.00
	Cool Valley Flooding Mitigation	440,000.00
	WWTP West Plant Outfall Rehab	250,000.00
	Downtown Overlay Project	489,000.00
	North Illinois Streetscape Match	600,000.00
	6th - 12th St Streetscape Match	530,000.00
	Centreville Ave Match	175,000.00
	Street Repairs	200,000.00
	Freeburg Ave Rdabt Match	1,800,000.00
	East A Street Match	195,000.00

	West Main 17 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> Match	92,000.00
	West Main -12 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup>	
	Streetscape Match	1,400,000.00
	Lebanon Ave Match	300,000.00
	West Washington Match	152,750.00
	N 17 <sup>th</sup> St Repaving	285,000.00
	IL159 Resurface Match	55,000.00
	Engine House #2 Alleyway	20,000.00
	2025 Asphalt Patch	1,000,000.00
	2025 Concrete Patch	150,000.00
	2025 Pavement Markings	100,000.00
	2025 Traffic Signals	150,000.00
	ADA Ramp Replacements	30,000.00
	Pleasant Hill Park Improvements	250,000.00
	Citizens Park Improvements	625,000.00
	Laderman Park Improvements	400,000.00
	Rotary Park Improvements	75,000.00
	6 <sup>th</sup> Street Heritage Park Improve.	100,000.00
	Landscaping	6,000.00
	Façade Improvements/Reimb	
	Development Costs	1,000,000.00
	Other Miscellaneous	10,000.00
	2025 Sidewalks	200,000.00
<b>TIF 10</b>	Sewer Improvements	250,000.00
	Infrastructure Improvements	500,000.00
<b>TIF 12</b>	Dewey Detention Improvements	343,505.00
	Alleyway/B St Improvements	278,417.00
<b>TIF 14</b>	Infrastructure/Sewer Improve.	200,000.00
	TIF Eligible Develop. Reimbs.	200,000.00
<b>TIF 16</b>	Traffic Signals	10,000.00
	Parking Lot/Fence Park Improve.	225,000.00
<b>TIF 17</b>	Downtown Overlay Project	68,000.00
	Land Purchases	100,000.00
	227 E Main Improvements	40,000.00
	Lighting/Signal Improvements	30,000.00
	Development Agmt Eligible Reimb	50,000.00
<b>TIF 18</b>	Sewer Improvements	500,000.00
	Infras./Other Improvements	140,000.00
<b>Capital Projects Fund</b>	Infrastructure Improvements	1,047,000.00

	City Market Improvements	953,765.00
<b>Police Trust Fund</b>	Cameras/Equipment	78,000.00
<b>Narcotics Fund</b>	Police equipment, cameras, etc.	150,000.00
<b>LLE Grant Fund</b>	Computer/Radio/Police Equipment	<u>70,000.00</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$30,284,614.00</b>

## SUMMARY OF FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE POSITIONS

Department	Budget 2024-25	Budget 2025-26
Administration (not including Aldermen)	4	3
Police Department	101	100
Fire Department	65	65
Street Department	19	19
Parks Department	7	7
Walnut Hill Cemetery Department	4	4
Sanitation Department	18	18
Mount Hope Cemetery Department	0	1
Legal Department	2	2
Health & Housing Department	12	12
Economic Development & Planning	4	4
Mayor's Office	2	2
Finance Department	3	3
Human Resources	2	2
Clerk's Office	4	4
Treasurer's Office	3	3
Maintenance Department	8	8
Engineering Department	3	2
Library	18	18
Playground & Recreation	6	5
General & Community Assistance	2	2
Campus	1	1
Sewer Collection	3	3
Sewer Lines	7	7
Sewer Plant	20	20
<b>TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>315</b>

The figures in this summary only reflect the number of full-time employee positions in each department. Many departments utilize part-time employees throughout the year, especially the Street Department, Parks Department, and Playground & Recreation Department.