



**Town of Mantua Council Meeting Minutes
Final Approval of 2025-2026 Adopted Budget Meeting
for
June 18, 2025
Location: Town Hall, 409 North Main, Mantua, Utah**

Council Members Present: Mayor Terry Nelson, Karen Nelson, Ken Jones, Matt Jeppsen, Jared Jeppsen
Sherita Schaefer – Recorder

Audience Present for Final Approval of 2025-2026 Adopted Budget: Karen Hudson, Will Ross, Darla Jones, John Hurd, Nate Martinez, Sheri Munns

Meeting was opened by **Mayor Terry Nelson**, with the invocation also given by **Mayor Terry Nelson**

Final Approval of 2025–2026 Adopted Budget Meeting – Ronald Wallace, Financial Clerk

General Revenue:

1. Taxes:

Ronald Wallace discussed the General Property Taxes, noting slight adjustments made after reviewing the figures. The Certified Tax Rate for FY 2026 has been confirmed.

2. License and Permits:

The council members noted that revenue from Licenses and Permits is projected to increase, particularly in Buildings and Permits, based on positive trends observed in FY 2025.

3. Charges for Services Revenue:

The council discussed that cemeteries revenue is expected to remain low until additional land or plots become available for sale.

4. Fines and Forfeitures:

Concerns were raised regarding the low projection for Fines and Forfeitures for FY 2026. The council acknowledged challenges faced in FY 2025 and decided not to adjust the FY 2026 projection due to uncertainties regarding Police Department personnel.

5. Intergovernmental Revenue:

The council reiterated expectations for revenue from State and Federal grants, emphasizing that these funds will support the general fund rather than be restricted to park expenditures.

The anticipated Main Street Reconstruction Grant and the increase in the BE Tourism Grant for Main Street Projects (MSP) from \$15,000 in FY 2025 to \$25,000 in FY 2026 were highlighted.

6. Miscellaneous Revenue:

Discussion included projected Interest Earnings and expected Expired Revenue, which is anticipated to be higher due to the ability to write off more Landscaping Deposits.

Impact Fees for Roads and Parks are projected to rise, anticipating an increase in housing developments.

7. Contributions and Transfers:

The council discussed transferring previously accrued Road Impact Fees from the General Fund to help fund the Town's portion of the Main Street Reconstruction Grant.

General Expenses:

1. General Government:

The need for additional funding for General Administrative expenses was discussed, particularly for upgrading outdated computers for Town Council members and employees.

Expenses for enhancing security at the Town Hall through Surveillance and Wiring improvements were also addressed, along with an increase in the budget for Elections to accommodate two elections scheduled for the year.

2. Public Safety:

Concerns were raised about the allocation of funds to the Police Department, considering the limited revenue generated from Fines and Forfeitures.

3. Highway and Public Improvements:

The council focused on the accuracy of projected wages related to the B&C Road program and discussed the adequacy of funds for the Main Street Reconstruction Grant, noting that these funds should derive from Impact Fees and ARPA Funds that must be utilized this fiscal year 2026.

4. Parks, Recreation, and Public Property:

Additional funds were allocated for efforts to improve and potentially expand cemetery facilities. The council emphasized prudent park spending, noting a decrease in expenditures as large projects near completion.

Water Budget:

The Water Budget figures remained largely unchanged, with minimal discussion. Concerns were expressed about potential overcharging by contractors involved in the Water Tank project, emphasizing the need for oversight.

Sewer Budget:

1. Operating Revenue:

Revenue amounts were confirmed as reasonably accurate.

2. Operating Expenses:

The council verified the correctness of Contractual Services figures for FY 2025, following updates from Brigham City. A discussion on Repairs and Maintenance costs highlighted the decision to perform maintenance annually rather than every four years, which will lead to lower costs moving forward.

Garbage Budget:

No adjustments were necessary at this time.

Karen Nelson made a motion to adopt the ensuing year's budget for 2025-2026 as reviewed during this meeting; **Matt Jeppsen** seconded.

Adjourn

Karen Nelson made a motion to adjourn the budget meeting; **Matt Jeppsen** seconded.

Yes votes: Mayor Terry Nelson, Matt Jeppsen, Karen Nelson, Jared Jeppsen, Ken Jones

No votes: None

Abstained: None

MOTION PASSED

Adjournment Time: 6:30 P.M.