

**WOODS CROSS CITY COUNCIL MEETING- TRUTH IN TAXATION
AUGUST 4, 2026**

The minutes of the Woods Cross City Council Truth in Taxation Public Hearing held August 4, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. in the Woods Cross City Hall located at 1555 South 800 West, Woods Cross, Utah.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ryan Westergard
Julie Checketts
Jim Grover

Wally Larrabee
Rachel Peterson
Eric Jones

STAFF PRESENT:

Bryce Haderlie, City Administrator
Curtis Poole, Community Development Director
Jim Bigelow, Police Chief
Brian Passey, Finance Director
LaCee Bartholomew, Community Services Manager
Arron Bateman, Police Department
Jim Linton, Police Department

Sam Christiansen, Public Works Director
Annette Hanson, City Recorder
Dan Schultz, Assistant Police Chief
Gavin Hanselman, Police Department
Johnny Filler, Public Works Department
Colby Green, Police Department
Sean Jones, Police Department

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:

LeGrande Blackley
Don Schrader
Lois Schrader
Dennis Hooper
Michele Hooper
Karla Christensen
Barry Christiansen
Robert Stowell
Lee Ann Hansen
Rhett Cleverly
Bonnie Turner
Brad Dutson
Brandon Chidester
Camden Hart
Kai Jacobson
Brody Price
Ethan Cowley
Ollie Kaynor
Taimana Moola
Ben Keeler
Owen Beser
Leola Mikklesen

Max Gallez
Cole Checketts
Spencer McBride
Charlene Tschaggeny
Ashley Carlson
Evan Carson
Joshua Child
Ruth Payne
George Peterson
Margie Schenck
Gary Fifield
Rebekah Bowman
Anne Bowman
David Lewis IV
Court Welsh
Helen Hogan
Linda Snarr
Meshelle Welsh
Gregg Jansen
Diego Cardenas
Becky Gale
Glenn Mikklesen

Greg Morris
Ron James
Casey Ohara
Claudia Brown
Melanie Crawford
Brian Crawford
Marly Ferrin
Michael Miller
Mark Larson
Greg Johnson
Spencer McBride
Tyler Parkin
Makenna Child
Tonya
Cindy
Jason
Sara
Orlando
Wayne H
Raychill
Alicia

CONDUCTING:

Mayor, Ryan Westergard

The Mayor welcomed all who were attending this Public Hearing that was being conducted according to Utah State Code for the purpose of taking public comment on Woods Cross City's consideration of a proposal to increase the property tax rate for 2026.

The Mayor reviewed the agenda and the process for the evening. He then turned the floor over to the City Administrator, Bryce Haderlie, to present the Woods Cross Fiscal Year '27 Budget and the Truth In Taxation Process.

PRESENTATION of FISCAL YEAR '27 BUDGET as it relates to the TRUTH IN TAXATION PROCESS

The information shared included:

- Presentation of the Proposed FY27 Final Budget for the General Fund and Other Funds
- Statement of the Dollar Amount of Additional Ad Valorem Tax Revenue that would be Generated Each Year by the Proposed Increase in the Certified Tax Rate
- Presentation of the Reasons for the Proposed Tax Increase, Including the Taxing Entity's Intended Use of Additional Ad Valorem Tax Revenue as \$994,249.00.
- Present the Property Tax Impact Schedule for the FY27 Budget
- Presentation of the Combined Ad of the Davis County Notice of Proposed Tax Increase
- Presentation of How the Public Can Participate In-Person or Virtually in the Truth In Taxation Public Hearing Questions From the City Council

The City Administrator's presentation slides are included as exhibit A.

PUBLIC HEARING

Following the presentation by the City Administrator, the Mayor announced that the public hearing would follow. He outlined the process as:

- Each speaker must state name and city of residence for the public record
- Attendees allowed 1 comment, limited to 3 minutes to ensure all attendees have an opportunity to speak
- Physical attendees will be allowed to comment (1 comment, limited to 3 minutes)
- Virtual attendees will be allowed to comment (1 comment, limited to 3 minutes)
- Comments may also be emailed to AP@WoodsCross.gov through the end of the public hearing.
- Written comments will be received through the end of this meeting may be found: [TNT Written Comments Received w TNT Hearing.docx](#) or https://woodscrosscity-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/ahanson_woodscross_gov/IQCJLbZXxySuRIOA2511pzR8AdGL_3T2kr4_OIYONnyjDXg?e=A55leb Written Comments Received w TNT Hearing.docx

The Mayor opened the meeting for public comment regarding the proposed Woods Cross City Tax increase.

The following individuals made public comments during the meeting:

Dennis Hooper
Ruth Payne
Greg Johnson
Ron James
LeeAnn Hansen
Michele Hooper
Leola Mikklesen
Rhett Cleverly
Margie Schenck
Spencer McBride
Tyler Parkin
Greg Morris
Josh Child
Diego Cardenas
David Lewis IV
Linda Snarr
Evan Carson

Cole Checketts
Robert Stowell
Charlene Tschaggeny
Casey Ohara
Brian Crawford
Alicia Ditto
Melanie Crawford
Makenna Child

The following individuals submitted written comments prior to the end of the hearing:

Damon Blundell
Shari Phippen
Beck Gale

For complete comments made by those attending in-person and virtually, please access the audio recording found on the city's website: www.woodscross.gov under Agendas and Minutes and video may be accessed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=CkXJYw6v5e8 Written comments submitted by email prior to the end of the hearing are included as Appendix B.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The Mayor and Council then discussed the proposed tax increase, information shared and addressed some of the questions and comments received from the public. For complete discussion, please access the audio recording found on the city's website: www.woodscross.gov > Agendas and Minutes and video may be accessed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=CkXJYw6v5e8

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-1010 ADOPTING the FINAL BUDGET for FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 (FY27) AND CERTIFYING THE 2026 PROPERTY TAX RATE of .0019016 for TOTAL REVENUE OF \$9994,249.00

Following the discussion, the Councilmember Larrabee made a motion to approve resolution 2026-1010 adopting the final budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 (FY27) and certifying the 2026 property tax rate of .0019016 for total revenue of \$994,249.00. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion. Council members Checketts and Peterson voted against the motion. Councilmembers Jones, Larrabee and Grover voted in favor of the motion, and the motion passed.

The Mayor and Council expressed appreciation for those attending taking time to attend and being involved in the Truth in Taxation process. They were encouraged to remain involved in Woods Cross City events, meetings, and in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:04 pm Councilmember Peterson made a motion to adjourn with Councilmember Larrabee seconding the motion and all voted in favor.

Ryan Westergard, Mayor

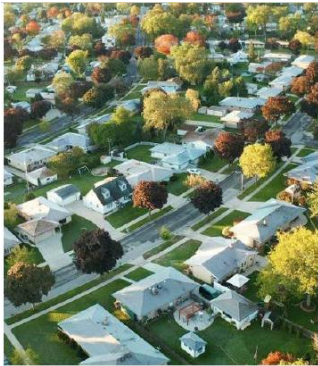
Annette Hanson, City Recorder





Woods Cross FY26 Budget & Truth In Taxation

THE PLAN IS
WORKING



Why Truth in Taxation?

- To provide more time to see the prior year expenses and revenues.
- To determine if additional revenue is needed to meet budgeted expenses.



WOODS CROSS CITY
REVENUES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 10 MONTHS ENDING APRIL 30, 2025

GENERAL FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEARNED	PCNT
TAXES					
10-31-100 PROPERTY TAXES- REAL PROPERTY	305,442.05	2,024,288.80	1,936,759.00	(87,529.80)	104.5
10-31-150 FEES IN LIEU- MOTOR VEHICLES	8,846.98	84,556.75	85,000.00	443.25	99.5
10-31-200 PROPERTY TAXES- PERSONAL PROP	1,364.10	82,464.14	75,500.00	(6,964.14)	109.2
10-31-300 SALES AND USE TAXES	331,445.13	3,789,936.30	4,500,000.00	710,063.70	84.2
10-31-400 DATA FRANCHISE FEES	.00	59,814.78	65,000.00	5,185.22	92.0
10-31-500 TRANSIENT ROOM TAX	2,976.58	42,807.63	55,000.00	12,192.37	77.8
10-31-600 TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	2,843.99	31,029.06	30,000.00	(1,029.06)	103.4
10-31-700 ENERGY TAX	68,689.71	660,315.59	800,000.00	139,684.41	82.5
TOTAL TAXES	721,608.54	6,775,213.05	7,547,259.00	772,045.95	89.8

These two additional months allowed the city to:

1. Track revenues and expenses to the end of the budget year,
2. Include additional projects in the FY25 budget

Those projects include:

1. Roof repair at shops
2. Concrete repair at city hall
3. Office furniture
4. Less lethal weapon and ammunition purchase
5. Accrunt software purchase

+14.63%
or
\$990,869
In Two
Months

WOODS CROSS CITY
REVENUES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

GENERAL FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
TAXES					
10-31-100 PROPERTY TAXES- REAL PROPERTY	426.53	2,033,460.88	2,030,759.00	(2,701.88)	100.1
10-31-150 FEES IN LIEU- MOTOR VEHICLES	9,849.26	103,567.72	100,000.00	(3,567.72)	103.6
10-31-200 PROPERTY TAXES- PERSONAL PROP	21,950.32	113,913.66	100,500.00	(13,413.66)	113.4
10-31-300 SALES AND USE TAXES	371,432.59	4,592,956.96	4,400,000.00	(192,956.96)	104.4
10-31-400 DATA FRANCHISE FEES	.00	66,861.78	65,000.00	(1,861.78)	102.9
10-31-500 TRANSIENT ROOM TAX	4,847.30	51,907.73	50,000.00	(1,907.73)	103.8
10-31-600 TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	2,807.28	37,790.99	35,000.00	(2,790.99)	108.0
10-31-700 ENERGY TAX	71,997.06	765,621.85	800,000.00	34,378.15	95.7
TOTAL TAXES	483,710.34	7,766,081.57	7,581,259.00	(184,822.57)	102.4

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE
WOODS CROSS CITY

The WOODS CROSS CITY is proposing to increase its property tax revenue.

The WOODS CROSS CITY tax on a \$513,000 residence would increase from \$410.81 to \$428.87, which is \$18.06 per year.

The WOODS CROSS CITY tax on a \$513,000 business would increase from \$746.93 to \$779.76, which is \$32.83 per year.

If the proposed budget is approved, WOODS CROSS CITY would receive an additional \$96,504 in property tax revenue per year as a result of the tax increase. If the proposed budget is approved, WOODS CROSS CITY would increase its property tax budgeted revenue by 4.40% above last year's property tax budgeted revenue excluding eligible new growth.

The WOODS CROSS CITY invites all concerned citizens to a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the proposed tax increase and to explain the reasons for the proposed tax increase. You have the option to attend or participate in the public hearing in person or online.

PUBLIC HEARING

Date/Time: 8/5/2025 7:30 P.M.

Location: Woods Cross City Hall City Council Chambers
1555 S 800 W
Woods Cross

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/9358074960>

To obtain more information regarding the tax increase, citizens may contact the WOODS CROSS CITY at 801-677-1009 or visit <https://woodscross.gov/>

VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY				
PROPERTY TYPE	2024 MARKET VALUE	2024 TAXABLE VALUE	2025 MARKET VALUE	2025 TAXABLE VALUE
1 and 1/2 Building Primary	\$515,000	\$283,250	\$527,000	\$289,850
TOTAL PROPERTY VALUE	\$515,000	\$283,250	\$527,000	\$289,850

		COMPARE		PROPOSED		CHANGE		BE HEARD
		2024	2025 IF NO BUDGET CHANGE	2025 IF PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED	2025 IF PROPOSED BUDGET APPROVED	IF 2025 APPROVED	IF 2025 APPROVED	
TAXING ENTITIES	TAXES	RATE	TAXES	RATE	TAXABLE VALUE	TAXES	TAX \$	%
WOODS CROSS CITY	393.72	.001392	403.47	.001456	289,850	422.02	18.55	4.60%

2024
\$393.72

2025
CTR
\$403.47

2024
TNT
\$422.02

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE A FEW MONTHS MAKE

FY2025-2026 Tentative Budget

Account Number	Account Title	2023-24 Prior Year Actual	2024-25 Current Year Budget	2025-26 Tentative Budget	Dollar Increase Yr/Yr	Budget Balance (0 = Balanced)
TAXING						
REVENUE						
10-31-100	PROPERTY TAXES- REAL PROPERTY	1,697,838	1,936,759	2,023,250	86,491	
10-31-150	FEES IN LIEN- MOTOR VEHICLES	88,902	85,000	85,000	0	
10-31-200	PROPERTY TAXES- PERSONAL PROP	93,594	75,500	95,500	20,000	
10-31-300	SALES AND USE TAXES	4,679,882	4,500,000	4,400,000	(100,000)	
10-31-400	DATA FRANCHISE FEES	67,587	65,000	70,000	5,000	
10-31-500	TRANSIENT ROOM TAX	63,331	55,000	50,000	(5,000)	
10-31-600	TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	30,696	30,000	30,000	0	
10-31-700	ENERGY TAX	824,926	800,000	800,000	0	
10-31-800	LOCAL TRANSIT TAXES	0	0	0	0	
10-32-100	BUSINESS LICENSES AND PERMITS	24,062	25,000	25,000	0	
10-32-110	BUSINESS LICENSE CHANGE FEE	0	0	0	0	
10-32-210	BUILDING PERMITS	84,683	75,000	75,000	0	
10-32-260	PLAN CHECK FEES	49,251	50,000	50,000	0	
10-32-270	PLANNING & ZONING FEES	14,679	7,000	7,000	(8,000)	
10-32-280	INSPECTION FEES	0	9,500	9,500	9,500	
10-32-290	OTHER PERMITS	9,661	10,000	10,000	0	
10-33-110	FEDERAL GRANT-GENERAL GOVT.	0	0	0	0	
10-33-410	LEGACY PARKWAY GRANT	0	0	0	0	
10-33-450	STATE GRANT-COPS (POLICE)	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	
10-33-520	CARES ACT REVENUE	0	0	0	0	
10-33-540	PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT	0	0	0	0	
10-33-550	REIMBURSED POLICE TIME	70,217	70,000	70,000	0	
10-33-555	RESTITUTION TO POLICE DEPT	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	
10-34-150	SALE OF MAPS AND PUBLICATIONS	6,621	5,000	5,000	0	
10-34-710	PARK USE FEES	6,157	5,000	5,000	(1,000)	
10-34-740	FIELD USE FEES	9,995	6,000	9,000	3,000	
10-34-750	MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM USE FEES	8,111	5,000	5,000	0	
10-35-100	COURT FINES	208,150	200,000	225,000	25,000	
10-36-100	INTEREST EARNINGS	99,394	82,000	87,000	5,000	
10-36-110	INTEREST- BONDS (STAX, EXCISE)	5,783	1,000	3,000	2,000	
10-36-200	RENTAL INCOME	51,800	51,600	51,600	0	
10-36-300	MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION REV	2,233	2,500	2,500	0	
10-36-310	COMMUNITY OF PROMISE REVENUE	0	0	0	0	
10-36-320	YOUTH CITY COUNCIL REVENUE	0	0	0	0	
10-36-330	RECREATION REVENUES	35,778	30,000	30,000	0	
10-36-340	SNACK SHACK REVENUES	2,023	1,200	1,200	0	
10-36-400	SALE OF FIRED ASSETS	19,665	0	5,000	5,000	
10-38-410	SALE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY	0	0	0	0	
10-38-710	CONTRIBUTION CURB, GUTTER, SID	0	1,000	0	(1,000)	
10-38-800	A/R PAYMENTS SID SOUTHSIDE IND	0	0	0	0	
10-38-900	SUNDRY REVENUES	19,000	20,000	15,000	(5,000)	
10-39-910	BOND PROCEEDS- 2017 SALES TAX	0	0	0	0	
10-39-200	TRANSFER FROM C.I.D.F.	0	0	0	0	
10-39-300	TRANSFER IN FROM OTHER FUNDS	972,413	299,862	299,862	0	
10-39-900	BUDGETED USE OF FUND BALANCE	0	0	0	0	
TOTALS		9,242,341	8,502,921	8,564,412	61,491	0

FY26 TNT

\$8,564,412

FY2025-2026 Tentative Budget

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10-31-200	PROPERTY TAXES- PERSONAL PROP	93,594	75,500	95,500	20,000	
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10-33-110	FEDERAL GRANT-GENERAL GOVT.	0	0	0	0	
10-33-410	LEGACY PARKWAY GRANT	0	0	0	0	
10-33-450	STATE GRANT-COPS (POLICE)	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	
10-33-520	CARES ACT REVENUE	0	0	0	0	
10-33-540	PUBLIC SAFETY GRANT	0	0	0	0	
10-33-550	REIMBURSED POLICE TIME	70,217	70,000	70,000	0	
10-33-555	RESTITUTION TO POLICE DEPT	0	7,000	7,000	7,000	
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TOTALS		9,242,341	8,502,921	8,680,129	177,208	0

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General Svcs)

*Davis County Property Search, not representative of each property in Woods Cross City based on district boundaries

Budget Code	Budget Name	2019 Year End Budgeted Revenue	2019 Year End Adjusted Budgeted Revenue	Calc. Certified Tax Rate	2019 Year End Final Tax Rate	% Change	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/O New Growth	New Growth Revenue	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/ New Growth	Auditor's Certified Tax Rate	Auditor's Certified Rate Revenue	Proposed Tax Rate	Budgeted Revenue	Final Tax Rate	Final Budgeted Revenue
10	General Operations	\$ 800,852	\$ 800,852	0.000867	0.000891	-2.64%	\$ 800,558	\$ 23,379	\$ 823,937	0.000867	\$ 823,937	0.000867	\$ 823,937	0.000867	\$ 823,937
	Grand Total	\$ 800,852	\$ 800,852	0.000867	0.000891		\$ 800,558	\$ 23,379	\$ 823,937	0.000867	\$ 823,937	0.000867	\$ 823,937	0.000867	\$ 823,937
Budget Code	Budget Name	2020 Year End Budgeted Revenue	2020 Year End Adjusted Budgeted Revenue	Calc. Certified Tax Rate	2020 Year End Final Tax Rate	% Change	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/O New Growth	New Growth Revenue	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/ New Growth	Auditor's Certified Tax Rate	Auditor's Certified Rate Revenue	Proposed Tax Rate	Budgeted Revenue	Final Tax Rate	Final Budgeted Revenue
10	General Operations	\$ 823,937	\$ 823,937	0.000811	0.000867	-6.46%	\$ 823,565	\$ 23,494	\$ 847,059	0.000811	\$ 847,059	0.000811	\$ 847,059	0.000811	\$ 847,059
	Grand Total	\$ 823,937	\$ 823,937	0.000811	0.000867		\$ 823,565	\$ 23,494	\$ 847,059	0.000811	\$ 847,059	0.000811	\$ 847,059	0.000811	\$ 847,059
Budget Code	Budget Name	2021 Year End Budgeted Revenue	2021 Year End Adjusted Budgeted Revenue	Calc. Certified Tax Rate	2021 Year End Final Tax Rate	% Change	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/O New Growth	New Growth Revenue	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/ New Growth	Auditor's Certified Tax Rate	Auditor's Certified Rate Revenue	Proposed Tax Rate	Budgeted Revenue	Final Tax Rate	Final Budgeted Revenue
10	General Operations	\$ 847,059	\$ 846,906	0.000668	0.000811	-17.83%	\$ 846,298	\$ 43,796	\$ 890,095	0.000668	\$ 890,095	0.001156	\$ 1,540,095	0.001156	\$ 1,540,095
	Grand Total	\$ 847,059	\$ 846,906	0.000668	0.000811		\$ 846,298	\$ 43,796	\$ 890,095	0.000668	\$ 890,095	0.001156	\$ 1,540,095	0.001156	\$ 1,540,095
Budget Code	Budget Name	2022 Year End Budgeted Revenue	2022 Year End Adjusted Budgeted Revenue	Calc. Certified Tax Rate	2022 Year End Final Tax Rate	% Change	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/O New Growth	New Growth Revenue	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/ New Growth	Auditor's Certified Tax Rate	Auditor's Certified Rate Revenue	Proposed Tax Rate	Budgeted Revenue	Final Tax Rate	Final Budgeted Revenue
10	General Operations	\$ 1,540,095	\$ 1,493,009	0.001098	0.001156	-6.02%	\$ 1,493,388	\$ 66,362	\$ 1,560,350	0.001098	\$ 1,560,350	0.001209	\$ 1,718,090	0.001209	\$ 1,718,090
	Grand Total	\$ 1,540,095	\$ 1,493,009	0.001098	0.001156		\$ 1,493,388	\$ 66,362	\$ 1,560,350	0.001098	\$ 1,560,350	0.001209	\$ 1,718,090	0.001209	\$ 1,718,090
Budget Code	Budget Name	2023 Year End Budgeted Revenue	2023 Year End Adjusted Budgeted Revenue	Calc. Certified Tax Rate	2023 Year End Final Tax Rate	% Change	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/O New Growth	New Growth Revenue	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/ New Growth	Auditor's Certified Tax Rate	Auditor's Certified Rate Revenue	Proposed Tax Rate	Budgeted Revenue	Final Tax Rate	Final Budgeted Revenue
10	General Operations	\$ 1,718,090	\$ 1,718,950	0.001197	0.001209	-0.69%	\$ 1,718,911	\$ 24,172	\$ 1,743,083	0.001197	\$ 1,743,083	0.001390	\$ 2,024,132	0.001390	\$ 2,024,132
	Grand Total	\$ 1,718,090	\$ 1,718,950	0.001197	0.001209		\$ 1,718,911	\$ 24,172	\$ 1,743,083	0.001197	\$ 1,743,083	0.001390	\$ 2,024,132	0.001390	\$ 2,024,132
Budget Code	Budget Name	2024 Year End Budgeted Revenue	2024 Year End Adjusted Budgeted Revenue	Calc. Certified Tax Rate	2024 Year End Final Tax Rate	% Change	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/O New Growth	New Growth Revenue	Certified Tax Rate Revenue W/ New Growth	Auditor's Certified Tax Rate	Auditor's Certified Rate Revenue	Proposed Tax Rate	Budgeted Revenue	Final Tax Rate	Final Budgeted Revenue
10	General Operations	\$ 2,024,132	\$ 2,023,272	0.001392	0.001390	0.14%	\$ 2,023,277	\$ 75,890	\$ 2,099,167	0.001392	\$ 2,098,967	0.001456	\$ 2,195,471	0.001456	\$ 2,195,471
	Grand Total	\$ 2,024,132	\$ 2,023,272	0.001392	0.001390		\$ 2,023,277	\$ 75,890	\$ 2,098,967	0.001392	\$ 2,098,967	0.001456	\$ 2,195,471	0.001456	\$ 2,195,471

Property Tax only increases from New Growth or TNT
 New Growth from 2020 to 2025=\$257,493
 Fire District Assessment Increase FY21 to FY26- \$223,541
 FY21 Adopted GF- \$6,071,000 to FY26 Tent GF- \$8,454,613

FY26 GENERAL FUND ONE-TIME CAPITAL PROJECT AND LINE ITEM PROPOSALS				
CAPITAL REQUESTS (ONE TIME EXPENSE)				
Priority	Project	GL	Cost	Subtotal
1	Codification - (Already include in FY26 Budget)	10-43-310	\$25,000	In Budget
2	Split out costs between gov and getting website up and working - (Already include in FY26 Budget)	10-43-	\$30,000	In Budget
3	Upgrade RIMP owned street lights to LED (3.8 yrs ROI)	CIP	\$65,000	\$15,000
4	HRIS Implementation (HR Dept.)		\$20,000	\$15,000
5	Old City Shops Asphalt and Vatenag repair (Approved in FY25 Budget but not completed, funds rolled into fund balance at end of FY25, complete in FY26?)	10-51-	\$40,000	\$125,000
Items Not Included in FY26 Budget (not in any preferential order)				
	Cameras and Wi-Fi Expansion at Public Work	10-46-	\$12,000	
	Water tank and Pressure Washer for Off season pavilion cleaning (ACT#7)	10-83-	\$5,000	
	Water Softener for Kitchen and wash bag ACT#7	10-75-	\$6,000	
	Asphalt Sample Core Drill (10-71-740)		\$10,000	
	Concrete repairs at Mountain View (10-83-260)	10-83-	\$40,000	
	Excavation and ROW code update (10-71-310)		\$5,000	
	Hydraulic Hose crimping tool and supplies for truck repair (10-71-740)		\$6,000	
	Traffic Safety Committee Codification and Traffic Counter purchase (PD BUDGET) (ACT#7)		\$8,000	
	2600 S Entrance Tree Buffer on 800 V (New drip irrigate and tree replacements, and rock Vatenag) (ACT#7) \$40,000 per year until complete (3-5 yrs.)	10-83-	\$40,000	
Items On Hold Or Moved To Different Fund (not in any preferential order)				
	Add HVAC system to the basement offices. Currently don't have heat or A/C (See getting information for them to be installed)		\$15,000	
	Add a repeater system for the police radios so radios will work in the basement offices (Not needed in FY26 due to UCAN issues)		\$35,000	
	Christmas Decoration (Moved to RAP)	10-83-	\$12,000	
	Overseeder (Moved to RAP)	10-83-	\$21,000	
	Door Controls for Restrooms (ACT#8) Moved to RAP	10-83-	\$45,000	
	Private City Wi-Fi to parks to prep for cameras at Parks (Revenue and equipment) (ACT#8) (RAP#2) Moved to RAP	10-46-	\$90,000	

FY26 GENERAL FUND ONGOING CAPITAL PROJECT AND LINE ITEM PROPOSALS				
LINE ITEM INCREASES (ONGOING EXPENSE)				
Priority	Project	GL	Cost	Subtotal
1	Firearms, Less Lethal, Ammunition (Already include in FY26 Budget)	10-60-456	\$30,000	In Budget
2	Account Virtual Crime Center and Account Trail (Already include in FY26 Budget)	10-60-330	\$6,500	In Budget
3	Dash Cameras w/LPR - \$187,995.40 total cost amortized over 5 yrs for a annual cost of \$35,000. Price does not include LPR (license plate readers) on traffic signal poles.	10-60-	\$43,000	\$43,000
4	Safety Bonus Programs Per ULGT Directive		\$6,500	\$49,500
5	Non-Fleet Equipment Rental of personnel lift for light installation and minor repairs (NEV GL LINE)		\$5,000	\$54,500
6	\$4,000 Increase for Small Tools (Blowers/Edgers/Saws)	10-83-141	\$4,000	\$58,500
7	\$4,000 Increase for Small tools (compactors, saws, painters)	10-71-741	\$4,000	\$62,500
Items Not Included in FY26 Budget (not in any preferential order)				
	New Police Sergeant	10-35-610	\$254,000	
	Street light Improvements (new installation requests and Light Upgrades as approved by City Council)	10-60-	\$50,000	
	Street Tree Maintenance trim and replacements (10-71-620) Until street tree ordinance is adopted and maintenance fully transitions.	10-71-620	\$30,000	
	New Police Officer	10-60-330	\$230,000	
Items On Hold Or Moved To Different Fund (not in any preferential order)				
	Anticipated professional services (cost increase due to service demands (Will amend budget for new revenue and offsetting expenses at end of year)	10-62-330	\$10,000	
	Replacement Banners/Flags (Moved to RAP one-time expense)		\$3,500	
	Reclassification increase to put flowers in more areas (10-83-410) increase by \$6,500 (Moved to RAP for one-time expense FY26)	10-83-	\$6,500	

CAPITAL PROJECTS-GENERAL FUND

Fund 10- General Fund		Ongoing Exp.
FY26 Increase to Fund Balance	\$63,440	\$62,500
June 30, 2025 Fund Balance*	\$2,413,093	One Time Exp. \$125,000

Potential revenue from TNT \$96,504

Fund 46- Capital Improvements Development Fund	
FY26 Increase to Fund Balance	\$70,000
Interest earned on fund balance	

June 30, 2025 Fund Balance \$2,697,861

*Portions of the General Fund, fund balance is "restricted," meaning that it is obligated to pay specific expenses or reimbursements for deposits, bonds, etc. For example, the FY24 audit identified the "unassigned fund balance was \$2,761,825" when the "total fund balance was \$6,048,069."

FY26 CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSALS				
CAPITAL REQUESTS AND LINE ITEM INCREASES (ONE TIME EXPENSE)				
Priority	CLASS C SPECIAL REVENUE FUND GL 21	TYPE	COST	Subtotal
	Streets Depreciation Plan and LTAP Road Analysis	21-40-310	\$15,000	\$15,000
1	RAP TAX GL 23	TYPE	COST	Subtotal
1	Dog Park (Carg Over from the previous year)	CIP	\$120,000	\$120,000
2	Resurface Courts at Mills and New Basketball standards	CIP	\$55,000	\$175,000
3	Bench Replacements at Hogan/Cloverdale and Mills	CIP	\$25,000	\$200,000
4	Mills Park Trail and East Parking lot Preservation	CIP	\$21,000	\$221,000
5	Overseeder	10-83-	\$21,000	\$242,000
6	Christmas Decoration (Moved to RAP)	10-83-	\$12,000	\$254,000
7	Private City Wi-Fi to parks for door locks and future cameras (Backbone Equipment FY26)		\$15,000	\$269,000
8	Door Controls for Restrooms (ACT#7)	10-83-	\$45,000	\$314,000
9	Replacement Banners/Flags		\$3,500	\$317,500
10	Beautification increase to put flowers in more areas (Not Included in FY26 Budget (not in any preferential order)	10-83-	\$6,500	\$324,000
	Tree Replacements Mills/Hogan/Mountain View (Could not determine if the council decide on 7.25.25 to remove this to a funded project)	10-83-	\$50,000	
	Drinking Fountain at Hogan	CIP	\$8,000	
	Park Branding/Signage (Remove 4-1/2 yds data rise to uniform design when damage due work is being done.)		N/A	
1	WATER ENTERPRISE FUND GL 51	TYPE	COST	Subtotal
1	GAC Replacement and Vessel Repairs (Already include in FY26 Budget)	CIP	\$225,000	
2	1100 W Vatenline replacement 2150 S to 2600 S	CIP	\$125,000	Band
3	Well 3 Rehab	CIP	\$2,500,000	Band
4	Reservoir Replacement	CIP	\$4,000,000	Band
5	Valve/Hydrant Exerciser	Tool	\$6,000	\$5,000
6	Water System Depreciation Plan update (Additional to 51-40-310)	One Time	\$10,000	\$15,000
7	SCADA System Master Plan	One Time	\$22,000	\$37,000
Not Included in FY26 Budget (not in any preferential order)				
	Additional Elements Feature for Water (Additional to 51-40-310)	One Time	\$10,000	\$10,000
1	WATER IMPACT FEE FUND GL 53	TYPE	COST	Subtotal
1	Pipe Upsize costs at Choice Learning Center	CIP	\$21,500	\$21,500
1	STORM DRAIN FEE ENTERPRISE FUND GL 56	TYPE	COST	Subtotal
1	A2 Drain Tree removals and ditch cleanup (Additional to 56-40-420)	One Time	\$50,000	\$50,000
2	1200 S Storm Drain installation	CIP	\$350,000	\$400,000
3	Additional Engineering costs for Depreciation Plan and Project surveys (51-40-310)	One Time	\$20,000	\$420,000
Not Included in FY26 Budget (not in any preferential order)				
	500 S Storm Drain Repair	CIP	\$500,000	
	Elements Features for Storm Water (Additional to 56-40-310)	One time	\$10,000	
	Spill Response Trailer	CIP	\$15,000	
1	Fleet Fund 61	TYPE	COST	Subtotal
1	Mini Excavator	Fleet	\$85,000	\$15,000
2	Purchase Tilt Dec Trailer for Mini Excavator	Fleet	\$20,000	\$105,000
3	Four Police Vehicles (This has been anticipated in this budget but wasn't included in line 11-71-960. These are anticipated revenue in the fleet fund to cover this expense.)	Fleet	\$40,000	\$445,000

FY26 CAPITAL PROJECT AND LINE ITEM PROPOSALS				
LINE ITEM INCREASES (ONGOING EXPENSE)				
Priority	WATER ENTERPRISE FUND GL 51	GL	COST	
1	Fire Hydrant and PRV Replacements or repairs (51-40-730)	51-40-730	\$10,000	
Not Included in FY26 Budget				
2	Road Repairs from Emergency Vatenline repair (act#1)	51-40-250	\$20,000	
Priority	SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND	GL	COST	
1	Additional Funding to cover costs of taking over ownership of Recycle and Green Waste Cans	52-40-740	\$10,000	

CAPITAL PROJECTS-OTHER FUNDS

Fund 21- Class C (Roads) Special Revenue Fund		
FY26 Increase to Fund Balance	- \$988,507	CP One-time \$15,000
June 30, 2025 Fund Balance	\$2,090,269	
Appropriating unused portion of 2022 Road Tax bond towards road maintenance and 1100W road widening project		
Fund 23- RAP Tax Fund		
FY26 Increase to Fund Balance	\$549,500	CP One Time \$324,000
June 30, 2025 Fund Balance	\$448,928	
Fund 51- Water Enterprise Fund		
FY26 Increase to Fund Balance	- \$5,658	CP One Time \$38,000
June 30, 2025 Fund Balance	\$537,627	CP Ongoing \$10,000
Fund 52- Solid Waste Enterprise Fund		
FY26 Increase to Fund Balance	\$113,005	CP Ongoing \$10,000
June 30, 2025 Fund Balance	\$142,165	
Fund 53- Water Impact Fee Fund		
(This is a restricted fund where expenditures must comply with state code)		
FY26 Increase to Fund Balance	- \$96,500	CP One-time \$21,500
June 30, 2025 Fund Balance	\$546,222	
Fund 56- Storm Drain Enterprise Fund		
FY26 Increase to Fund Balance	\$12,386	CP One-time \$420,00
June 30, 2025 Fund Balance	\$984,375	
Fund 61- Fleet Fund		
Staff will bring information to the meeting relevant to this fund and revenue that can be used for the budget requests		
		CP One-time \$445,000

Fiscal Year 2026 Property Tax Revenue Options

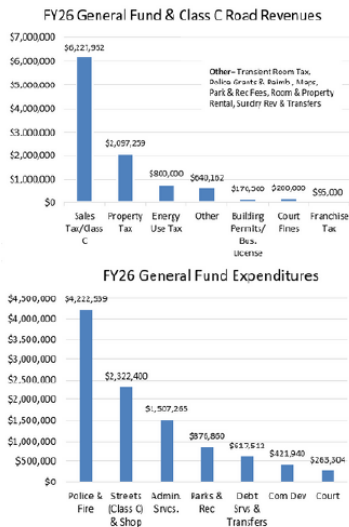
Rate Description	Type of Property	Tax Year	Average Value	Taxable Value	Tax Rate	Amount of Tax Paid On Average Value	City Property Tax Collected	Difference From '25 CTR Revenue	% Increase	To Cover These Expense
2024 TNT Approved	Residential	2024	\$502,000	\$276,100	0.001390	\$384	\$2,024,132	N/A	0.00%	Covers South Davis Fire District Increase and 102.5% Police Wages and Benefits
	Commercial		\$935,000	\$935,000	\$1,456,209,806	\$1,300				
2025 Certified Tax Rate (CTR)	Residential	2025	\$513,000	\$282,150	0.001392	\$392.75	\$2,098,967	N/A	0.00%	Rate set by State Tax Commission. 2024 budgeted revenue plus \$75,690 in new growth revenue
	Commercial		\$969,000	\$969,000	\$1,507,878,377	\$1,348.85				
The 2025 certified tax rate of 0.001392 is higher than the 2024 CTR of 0.001390 so adopting the prior year tax rate would result in loss of \$3,016 in property tax revenue.										
TNT Option 1 Cover SDMFDF Increase	Residential	2025	\$513,000	\$282,150	0.001417	\$399.81	\$2,136,664	\$37,697	1.80%	This tax rate would generate approx. \$37,637 which is South Davis Metro Fire District rate increase.
	Commercial		\$969,000	\$969,000	\$1,507,878,377	\$1,373.07				
TNT Option 2 2.9% Inflation Rate	Residential	2025	\$513,000	\$282,150	0.001431	\$403.76	\$2,157,774	\$58,807	2.80%	This tax rate would generate approx. \$58,807 revenue which is equal to the 2.9% 2024 Consumer Price Index (Inflation Rate) multiplied by the 2024 property tax revenue. This would go towards the \$104,687 annual increase in total police wages.
	Commercial		\$969,000	\$969,000	\$1,507,878,377	\$1,386.64				
TNT Option 3 SDMFDF + 2.9% CPI	Residential	2025	\$513,000	\$282,150	0.001456	\$410.81	\$2,195,471	\$96,504	4.60%	This rate would generate revenue for the 2.9% inflation plus the \$37,637 increase from the South Davis Metro Fire District.
	Commercial		\$969,000	\$969,000	\$1,507,878,377	\$1,410.86				

*South Davis Municipal Fire District = \$37,637. A 2.9% CPI on the \$2,024,132 property taxes collected in 2024 would be \$58,700

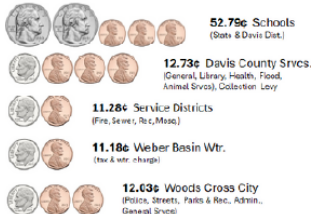
While these increases are included in the FY26 Budget, they still constitute ongoing expenses

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WOODS CROSS CITY BUDGET & TRUTH IN TAXATION INFORMATION



Where does each \$1 of your property tax go?



*Davis County Property Search, not representative of each property in Woods Cross City based on district boundaries

Truth in Taxation Process

- You can be part of this process and have your voice heard in the following ways:
- Email Council members. Email addresses can be found at: <https://woodscross.gov/mayorandcouncil>
- Email the City Recorder by Aug. 1st to: ahanson@woodscross.gov for your comment to be part of the public record
- Attend the following meetings on August 5th at the Woods Cross City Hall, 1555 S 800 W:
 - 6:00-6:30 p.m. Open House to talk with Council and staff
 - 7:30 p.m. The public hearing where you can go on record and speak to the entire Council

Following the Aug. 5th public hearing, and before Sept 1st, the City Council will meet to adopt the Woods Cross 2025 property tax rate.

We value your input and strive to make decisions with thoughtful deliberation and consideration for all involved.

Additional Information

Please contact the City Administrator, Bryce Haderlie, at 801-677-1009 or bhaderlie@woodscross.gov.

City budget information is available at: <https://www.woodscross.com/transparency>

Property tax relief information is available at: www.daviscountyutah.gov/clerk-auditor/tax-administration



THE CITY BUDGET AND YOUR TAX DOLLARS

Elected Officials:

Mayor Ryan Westergard

Council Members:

Julie Checketts

Eric Jones

Wallace Larrabee

Gary Sharp

Jim Grover

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City Accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2024 & 2025

- Installed traffic signals (800 W 1500 S, 1425 W 2800 S)
- Spent \$600,000 in road maintenance
- Restored the railroad Quiet Zone

Replaced the 675 W water main Completed 1100 W road projects (500 S to 1850 S)

- Cleared by Mills Park for future growth
- Purchased land by Hogan Park
- Repaired Mills Park parking lot
- Hired code enforcement officer
- Updated sections of City Code
- Launched new building permit system
- Hired a new building inspection firm
- Replaced outdated vehicles and computers

Improvements to Woods Cross/North Salt Lake dog park

- Repaired 2 homes damaged by subsidence
- Received a \$204,000 grant from the Bureau of Reclamation
- Saved \$40,000 with a new mowing contract
- Approved the Ace Recycling & Disposal contract that began July 2025

WX PD HAS:

- Replaced outdated weapons & body cameras
- Acquired better training software
- Provided trauma kits to all officers

Many of these projects that improve our quality of life and safety in Woods Cross would not be possible without your property tax dollars.

The Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Budget Includes:

Beginning \$9 million dollars in water projects to replace:

- A 62-year old watermain in 1100 W
- A 55-year old well that is inoperable
- 75 year old water tank that has been out of service for several years

Designing the City Hall/Hogan Park project with:

- A building that meets earthquake codes
- Larger community gathering spaces
- Room for the entire police department
- An emergency operations center
- And replace the current building that has plumbing, mechanical and electrical problems with systems that are 38 to 58 years old

Putting the \$204,000 Bureau of Reclamation grant to work to fund studies to help stabilize our water aquifer, reduce over pumping of the aquifer, and seek federal funding to help with the subsidence issues that continue to plague homes in the city.

- Technology Enhancements Include:
- Updating our city website
- Improving internet access to the city documents
- Implementing programs to improve employee records and payroll processes

The FY26 Tentative Budget is balanced with the Certified Tax Rate set by the Utah State Tax Commission and Davis County. However, inflationary pressures impacting the city include insurance premiums rising 6% (\$10,892), the city payment to the South Davis Metro Fire District increased by \$37,637, employee wages were adjusted to stay competitive with other cities. At the same time, sales tax revenue decreased by 3% (-\$149,293) since last year.

Why Truth in Taxation and How Much?

The Truth in Taxation (TNT) process enables the city to do two important things:

1. Give an additional 60 days to evaluate the prior year budget for revenue and expenditures.
2. Based on the information in #1, determine if the Certified Tax Rate revenue, plus new growth revenue will cover FY26 expenses. **If adopted**, the Woods Cross 4.4% property tax increase on an average residence (\$513,000) would be **\$18.06** for the year. The City property tax on an average commercial property (\$96,504) would increase by **\$32.83** for the year.

These projects are not included in the tentative budget. Should property taxes be increased by not more than 4.4% to fund the following?

- Replace streetlights with LED fixtures with a 3.8 year payback and reduced energy consumption
- Add dash-cams in police vehicles to record activities that can't be seen on body-cams
- Replace trees & expand tree maintenance in parks
- Update street banners and Christmas decorations
- Purchase public works equipment to reduce operation costs and save staff time to go rent or purchase equipment and services
- Update weapons, computer programs, and resources in the police department for officer safety and efficiency
- Save money for future city hall and park projects rather than borrow later
- Add landscaping in public spaces to improve the look of the community

Truth In Taxation Schedule

1. Print and Mail Brochure- Late July-Early August
2. August 4, 6:00 p.m. – Open House
3. August 4, 7:30 p.m. – Public Hearing
4. August 4 or 18 (before 31st) – Hold Council Meeting To Set Tax Rate and Adopt Final FY27 Budget

Questions?

APPENDIX B – COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL PRIOR TO THE END OF THE HEARING

Public Comment received via email or voicemail prior to the end of the Woods Cross City TNT Public Hearing

Transcription of Voicemail comment received 7/28/26:

Hello, this is Damon Blundell, live in Wood's Cross, got you a flyer.

I'm assuming it went to voicemail because you probably don't want to hear people tell you this story.

Yeah, don't build a new building.

All your problems are problems everybody has to deal with themselves.

More space, better use of this, all that.

Don't think that any of these city councilmen will be voted out if this goes through.

And then obviously you have a job and that's great for you.

But yeah, you can run this through and think you've won and that's all great.

And hopefully the next round of city council members and mayors, mayor elect, won't be around to do the next stupid thing that you guys come up with.

Good luck with your efforts, I guess in your case, and good luck with the efforts in my case to make sure it doesn't go through.

Emailed comment from: Shari Phippen phipshar@gmail.com

Sent: Thursday, July 30, 2026 11:13 AM

Subject: Truth In Taxation, New City Hall, Budget Thoughts

Mayor Westergard & Council-

My name is Shari Phippen. I bought a house and moved to Woods Cross about 18 months ago and have loved my time living in our community. It was a colossal blessing to find my little home where and when I did.

Up until March 2024, my career was almost entirely in local government, with a two year detour to work for Utah's 1st Congressional District. In my work in local government, I was a city planner and community development director. Even now, in my employment with the LDS Church, I am keenly aware of and work with municipalities and state and federal agencies. I'm telling you my background not to brag, but to let you know that I am more aware of the challenges you face than many in our city.

I wanted to share my thoughts with you all on the upcoming truth in taxation hearing, as well as other matters that are before you all.

Firstly, thank you so much for the time and effort that staff put into the truth in taxation notice that was sent to residents. It answered every reasonable question and concern and gave a very clear understanding of the why behind the property tax raise. I wish I could be there to speak in support of the increase, but I wanted to let you know that I am behind it.

As to the new City Hall, kudos for making a very difficult decision and I am fully behind the proposal. When I was hired as a baby city planner by Nibley City (in Cache Valley), I was working in a chair closet off the city council room. Our city building was not remotely suited to the needs of a growing community, so we had to go through exactly what you are going through and we ended up with a beautiful new building that served a wide variety of needs and works for the City long after I left.

I applaud the decision to do the City Hall project and Hogan Park project in conjunction with each other - I know that there are significant cost savings and the projects need to be sequenced.

I have done my best on the community FB page to help residents understand some of the issues with the building and the merits to combining the projects. It hasn't always worked, but I will continue to try.

I would encourage you all, as an architect is selected and a floor plan drawn, to take time to visit other city halls with staff, see what looks appealing and what doesn't work for other communities - that was instrumental as I went through the process with Nibley City. I would further encourage you to look at designing a building that can be expanded and remodeled easily in the future, and to weigh out the possibility of combining the council chambers and community room. I have seen the success that happens when that is the case.

I would love to be part of planning and designing the new City Hall. I offer my services as an experienced volunteer if you determine that residents can and should be involved in the design/development.

On the subject of the budget - it seems like the biggest concern has been around the salaries for administrative positions. I have done some brief work on salary comparisons and while the police department is similar at all levels, Mr Haderlie's salary is a fair bit higher than administrators of similarly populated cities - something to the effect of \$30-40k higher. In saying that, I acknowledge that salary data on Transparent Utah (my source for what I've been reviewing) does not take into account job tenure or responsibilities. But on the surface, and to the general public, it is difficult to justify continued increases beyond a COLA when his salary is already that much higher. If you do not already have the salary comparison data, I am happy to provide what I have.

I definitely agree with a cost of living increase across the board, and there are too many nuances in the cost of benefits to really say those are too much, but I think that over the course of the next year, it would benefit the City (and calm residents' concerns) if the Council hired an outside entity to do a significant study of salary benchmarking. That benchmarking data will take any perceived or actual bias and replace it with decisions based on demographics, job performance, and tenure.

I know this is a lot, but I wanted you to know where a nuanced resident stands on some of the stickier issues you are facing.

I also would like you to consider the possibility of creating a class where residents can come and learn about the ins and outs of local government. Not taught by a city staff or councilmember, but where they can take time to learn how our form of government works, or how land use law works in Utah - something like a citizenship academy. Once the budget and taxation issues have settled, I'd love to come talk to you about putting the class together.

Thank you so much for all you do. I know that some days, it may feel like what you do is never going to be enough, but truly it is. Your service is seen and appreciated.

Emailed comment from: Becky Gale abgale@gmail.com

Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 11:02 pm

Subject: Truth in Taxation Hearing open comment

I am fairly complacent in my civic duties but attending this meeting has been enlightening.

The citizens have come to speak out against this new building and the council isn't listening. Council is being completely defensive of their projected wants and not listening to what the city has to say.

Council member Checketts is calling out comments by name and becoming argumentative in her comments. Her comments were defensive of her position and thoughts with the new project but the citizens she called out were truly offended.

Several citizens have made startling comments of how money and wages are being spent by Woods Cross.

Comments have also been made about what the increase would do to individuals in the city.

Several citizens have given very good alternatives that won't even be considered because the council is already set in their decision.

Council made comment about an open house to share information on the new proposed building and park upgrades and one person attended. It was offered once. It should have been offered multiple times to give citizens an opportunity to attend and give feedback. But if citizens were busy on said day, tough luck.

Comment was made by Mayor Westergard that talking to community members they had input on making parks and public areas more useful. Those were in unofficial capacity and now that there is a number attached to it would that be their statement??

I am also alarmed with the cost of building right now. It is truly expensive to build right now. What happens if the economy takes a turn in the next few years and we committed to this expensive new project and the building isn't worth the cost of the bond?? A bond this big should be put on the ballot and this should be tabled til after November. There is a significant percentage of the community that is older on a fixed income that they can't afford this 46% increase on taxes. Several of them attended tonight to express their concern.

Again, I am complacent in my civic duties. I do realize there are needs for upgrades. This has been in the works for several years, but the community input has been minimal. Now the community is speaking up and the council isn't listening because they are set in their decision. The clear majority of those in attendance are against this expansion. Truly upsetting to see people speak up in an official meeting and not be heard by elected officials.

Truly disappointed citizen, Becky Gale, Woods Cross Resident of 40 years

End of comments received prior to the end of the Public Hearing held 8/4/26