



2017 Budget Message & State of the City Report

The City of Mabton is financially sound and continues to improve operations by adding professional personnel to efficiently operate infrastructure and provide quality services to our Community. The estimated total Budget for Operations and Maintenance, and Capital Improvements is **\$5,300,100** in Revenues and **\$5,228,000** in Expenditures. The excess budget revenue will increase the ending fund balances.

Budgeting by Priorities Update:

This budgeting process continues to deliver positive results. The City has completed **\$18,000,000** in capital improvement projects with a grant to loan ratio of approximately **65%**. Budgeting by priorities keeps the City focused on projects and moving forward for the greater good of the Community. I look forward to new progress in each Priority area as we look back on just a few of the many accomplishments from 2016.

Promote Civic Engagement: The City collaborated with the Greater Mabton Association (GMA) to upgrade and repair the Float Building and entered into an agreement for GMA's use the portable at Feezell Park. The City collaborated with Grandview Spanish Church Congregation to bring the old church at Feezell Park up to code allowing their congregation to hold services. An electronic reader board installed at City Hall on Main Street has improved communication with those that take the time to read it.

Support Economic Development: The City has amended the Comprehensive Plan by adjusting our Urban Growth Area boundaries to respond to economic development opportunities. The City is working with our largest industry and employer, Northwest Horticulture, to move them off of City domestic water to a Non-potable industrial water source. This change will benefit the entire Community. The City purchased pre-1905 senior water rights to provide insurance against droughts and provide for the next 50 years of water needs.

Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods: In partnership with Pacific Power, the City continues to add LED street lighting. Feezell Park has a new ADA accessible restroom. The City continues to work with Kaitlyn Ott to raise donations for new playground equipment at City Park.

City Facilities and Infrastructure: The Water System improvements are underway throughout town. Well #6 is online and water main and valve replacements are complete. The construction of Reservoir #2 has started and Well #2 has been decommissioned. Upgrades to Well #4, #5 and booster station are on schedule for completion in 2017.

City Government: We have a new City Treasurer, Michelle Coronado and two new Deputy Clerk-Treasurers, Yesenia Medlock and Josh Roberson. The Administrative staff will manage and improve the City's daily operations to provide accurate financial reporting to our Community, Capital Project funding partners, and State/Federal regulators. The Police Department has a new Chief, Phin Haglin and two new officers, Lee Reed, Tyson Cox. This group is working very diligently to improve service and coverage. Chief Haglin is developing a new reserve officer program.

Operations and Maintenance Budget:

The largest expenditure is on personnel and it accounts for **(60%)** of the Budget. The City will have 13 full-time employees. The cost of materials and professional services to perform daily operations, routine maintenance and normal equipment replacement makes up the rest of the O&M budget.

The estimated Operations and Maintenance Budget for 2016 is **\$2,338,600** in Revenues and **\$2,262,000** in Expenditures, with a remaining surplus of **\$76,600**.

Capital Improvements Budget:

The City will continue to receive and use one-time revenues **\$2,986,500** for capital project improvements and expend **\$2,991,000**. The difference will come from ending fund balances. The largest expenditure will be for completion of Reservoir #2. The City has secured funding of **\$74,000** to update our general sewer plan and video our 80-year-old sewer lines. This project will help the City apply for grant and loan programs to replace the sewer lines and manholes.

City utility water rates will increase by **\$3 to \$6** in 2017. The good news is that these large rate increases for our Infrastructure Improvement Projects are almost complete. Sewer Rates are now **\$62** and there are no scheduled increases for 2017. Without the great funding packages, that we received from our State and Federal partners the rates for both Water and Sewer would have been substantially higher at **\$90** each for water and sewer.

With a prioritized list of goals established by City Council, Management and Staff will work to **Continuously Improve** operations and achieve new results by approaching all tasks with the mindset of **No Barriers, Just Solutions**. The following budget priorities include some of the top goals for 2016:

- **Promote Civic Engagement** – Develop master plans for parks and cemetery
- **Support Economic Development** – Continue investing in infrastructure. Work with existing business to help them grow and attract new business
- **Safe & Healthy Neighborhoods** – Provide 24hr/365day police services, add 100 LED street lights and convert existing lights to LED, and upgrade playgrounds and amenities in our parks
- **City Facilities & Infrastructure** – Develop a plan and secure funding to restore the Mabton Historic High School for new uses. Prepare for drought by developing a water conservation program to protect water resources. Complete the General Sewer Plan and apply for funding to start replacing sewer lines
- **City Government** – Create an advisory position to City Council for a Mabton high school student. Deliver municipal services that are efficient, sustainable and clearly communicated.

Budgeting by Priorities has led the City to success, because it creates focused spending on programs and builds political consensus on which paths of action we will use to accomplishing our Communities goals.

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