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May 12, 2022

**TOWN OF ANDREWS
BUDGET MESSAGE
FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023**

In accordance with North Carolina General Statute, the Town of Andrews Fiscal Year FY 2022-2023 recommended budget is respectfully submitted for your review and consideration. The recommended budget sets forth a plan of operation for all Town departments, programs, and capital projects for the coming fiscal year. This recommended budget is balanced in accordance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act with total revenues and expenditures for all funds totaling \$5,216,297.

Introduction

Town of Andrews' FY 2022-2023 recommended budget is designed to function as a plan to guide departmental operations and funding partner agencies in an attempt to accomplish the goals and objectives communicated by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

This recommended budget is presented with the following notable highlights:

- A recommended property tax rate of fifty-two cents (\$0.52) per \$100 of valuation. There is no increase or decrease in the tax rate for this fiscal year.
- Provides for no increase in fee schedules
- Provides for the servicing of debt as required by law with no new obligations issued.

Tax Rate

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate is based of fifty-two (\$0.52) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of valuation of property as listed for taxes as January 1, 2022, for the purposes of raising the revenue listed “Current Year’s Property Taxes” in the General Fund in Section 2 of this ordinance.

This rate is based on a total valuation of property for the purposes of taxation of \$109,738,134 and an estimated rate of collection of 94.0%

The budgeted amount for property taxes of \$536,400 is at an estimated 94% collection rate of the total assessment of \$570,638.

The property tax rate may not be modified after the adoption of the Annual Budget Ordinance.

Capital Outlay

The following capital outlay was deemed critical and essential, thus are included in the proposed budget:

Capital Outlay- Town Hall

Town of Andrews is in the process of purchasing a new Town Hall building as of May 2022, and should close in late June. This building and the current Town Hall are in need of some updating and repairs. The estimated cost for these are \$10,000.

Capital Outlay- Parks & Recreation

The Town of Andrews has recently taken over control the recreation park from Cherokee County. Town of Andrews has been approved for \$175,000 grants for the recreation park and will use these fund to make major improvements inside the recreation park.

Capital Improvements- Water Treatment Plant

The Water Treatment plant requires capital improvements of \$100,000 and will be replacing a water tank at a cost of \$1,548,497. The Town will use the American Rescue Act funding for these improvements.

Capital Improvements- Waste Water Treatment Plant

The Waste Water Treatment plant requires capital improvements in the estimated amount of \$427,500. The Town has been approved for ARC grant of \$300,000 with Andrews’ portion of the cost being \$127,500 for these improvements.

Debt Service

All debt payments are budgeted as required by law.

General Fund:

The Town has no debt in the General Fund

Water and Sewer Fund:

The Town of Andrews' Water and Sewer Fund has four obligations in the Town's State Revolving Fund totaling \$1,108,673, all of which are at zero percent interest, except one at 2.55%. These loans were used for various water and sewer systems. The principal due for the budget year 2022-2023 is \$98,317, with interest of \$1,170 also being due.

Water and Sewer Rates

It is recommended for the town to maintain the current water and sewer rates for the coming fiscal year. See the rate schedule attached in the budget ordinance.

Conclusion

We are pleased to present to you a recommended budget that will responsibly address our operational and capital needs in the coming fiscal year for the Town of Andrews. We feel this proposed budget is the best estimate during this time.

This budget message may be accessed at the office of the Clerk at the Town of Andrews.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Dobson, CPA
Town of Andrews Administrator

Larissa Dooley
Finance Officer/Budget Officer

Town of Andrews
2022-2023 Proposed Budget Ordinance

Budget Ordinance for the Town of Andrews

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the Town of Andrews, North Carolina:

Section 1: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the town government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for the Town:

Administration	394,500
Police	576,000
Fire	50,000
Streets	202,600
Sanitation	154,000
Recreation	504,600
Library	100,000
Cemetery	28,000
Total Appropriations	\$2,009,700

Section 2: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Prior Year Property Taxes	20,900
Tax Penalty and Interest	6,000
Automobile Tax Distribution	54,000
Current Year's Property Taxes	536,400
Zoning Permit	1,000
Andrews Housing Lieu of Tax	14,000
Utility Franchise	96,000
Interest Income	400
Industrial Park Rental Income	36,600
Local Option Sales Tax	700,000
Recreation Park Revenue	2,000
Pool Revenue	7,250
Beverage Tax Distribution	8,000
Solid Waste Disposal	1,300
Sanitation Revenue	125,000
Powell Bill Revenue	56,000
Cemetery Revenue	1,000
Officer Fee Revenue	100
Miscellaneous Revenue	19,750
Grants & Allocations	324,000
Total Estimated Revenue	\$2,009,700

Section 3: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Utility Fund for the operation of the water and sewer utilities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for the Town:

Water & Sewer Admin	217,200
Water Distribution	293,063
Wastewater Plant	386,350
Water Treatment Plant	362,000
Debt Service	99,487
Capital Project-ARP	1,548,497
Capital Project-ARC	300,000
Total Appropriations	3,206,597

Section 4: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Utilities Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Water & Sewer Charges	1,300,000
Penalty and Interest	27,000
NSF Penalty	50
Connect Fees	5,000
Impact Fees	24,000
Dump Fees	1,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000
Interest Income	50
American Rescue Plan	1,548,497
ARC	300,000
Total Estimated Revenues	\$3,206,597

Section 5: The following are the Water and Sewer Rates for the FY 2022-2023:

WIED	\$28.00/3,000	\$7.50/1,000
SIED	\$28.00/3,000	\$7.50/1,000
EDW	\$28.00/3,000	\$7.50/1,000
EDS	\$28.00/3,000	\$7.50/1,000
SB	\$28.00/3,000	\$7.50/1,000
BS	\$28.00/3,000	\$7.50/1,000
WCI	\$40.00/3,000	\$7.00/1,000
SCI	\$40.00/3,000	\$7.00/1,000
WFWR	\$28.00/3,000	\$7.50/1,000
SFS	\$28.00/3,000	\$7.50/1,000
SCP	\$80.00 BASE	No Charge
WOR	\$56.00/3,000	\$10.00/1,000
RSO	\$56.00/3,000	\$10.00/1,000
EDOW	\$56.00/3,000	\$10.00/1,000
WOSB	\$56.00/3,000	\$10.00/1,000
CIOS	\$80.00/3,000	\$10.00/1,000
CIOW	\$80.00/3,000	\$10.00/1,000

Section 6: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of fifty-two cents (\$0.52) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2022, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed “Current Year Property Taxes” in the General Fund Section 2 of this ordinance.

This rate is based on a total valuation of property for the purposes of taxation of \$109,738,134 and an estimated collection rate of 94%.

Section 7: The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to transfer appropriations as contained herein under the following conditions:

- a. Transfer between line items expenditures within a department without limitation and without a report being required. These changes must not result in increases in recurring obligations such as salaries.
- b. Transfers up to \$1,000 between departments, including contingency appropriations, within the same fund. The budget officer must make an official report, on such transfers at the next regular meeting of the Governing Board.
- c. All transfers between funds require prior approval by the Governing Board in an amendment to the Budget Ordinance.

Section 8: Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board and to the Budget Officer and Finance Officer to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this _____ day of June, 2022

Mayor and Board of Aldermen

James D. Reid, Mayor _____

Brandi Smith _____

Jonathan Ellison _____

Steve Jordan _____

Michael G. Sheidy _____