



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON FY25-26 BUDGET

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET TIMETABLE

- October 2025
Budget Worksheets Distributed
- October 2025 through January 2026
Capital Projects Discussed
- December 2025
Departmental Asking Assembled
- Tentative Dates - January 5, January 19, and February 2, 2026
General Budget Review by Council – Set Public
Hearing Date
- April 6 or April 20, 2026
Public Hearing Introducing FY 26-27 Budget and
Adoption
- April 30, 2026
Budget Certified to County Auditor
- July 1, 2026
FY 26-27 Budget Year Starts

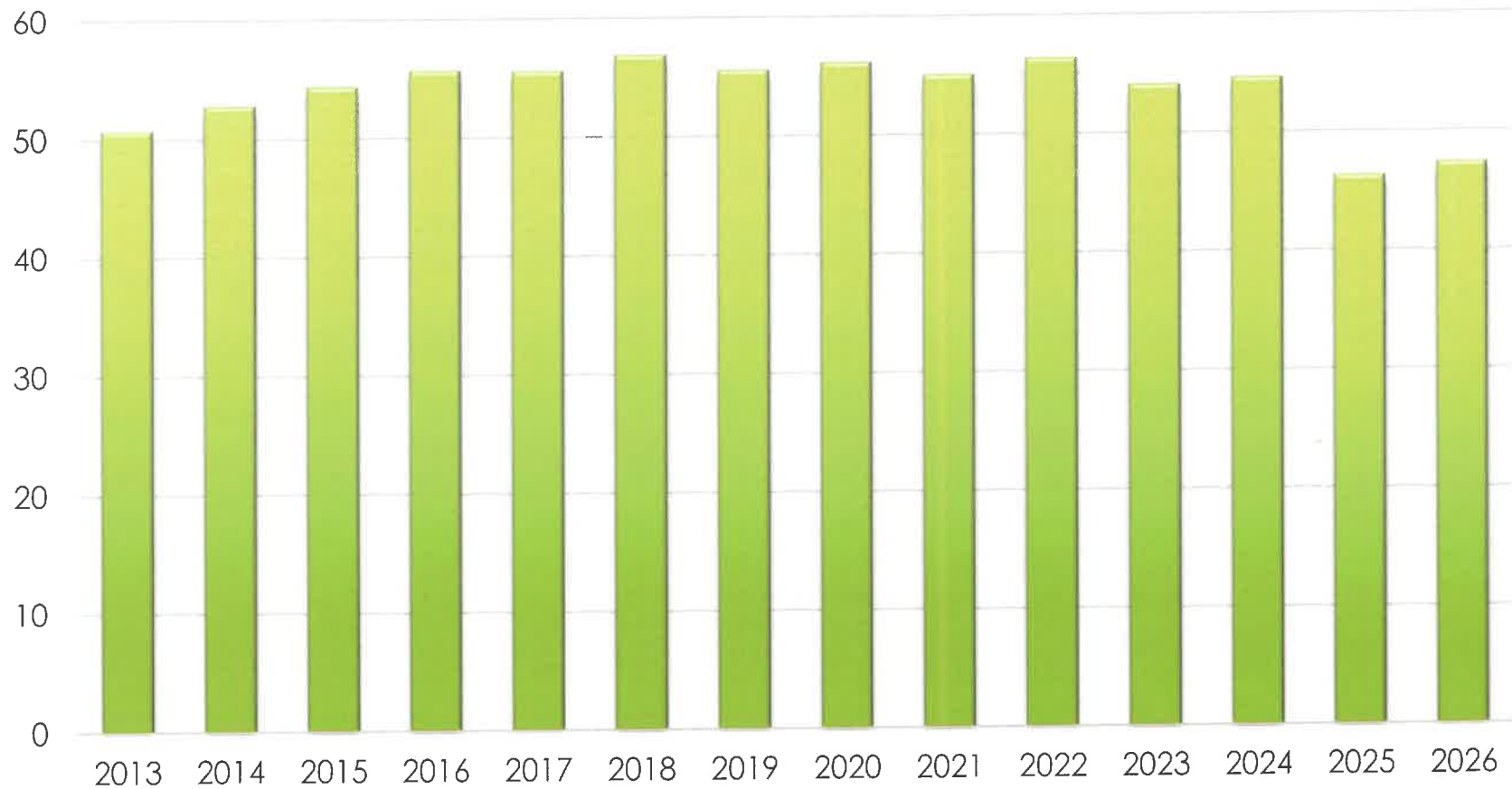
* Staff will be monitoring proposed changes to the Iowa property tax system and will need to adjust schedules accordingly

BUDGET REVISIONS IN REVIEW

TAX LEVY AND ROLLBACK CHANGES

- Tax Levy increases to \$13.50187
- Residential Rollback from 46.3428 % to 47.4316%
- Commercial Rollback stays at 90%
- Agricultural Rollback from 71.8370 % to 73.8575%
- Industrial Rollback stays at 90%
- Multi-Family Rollback from 46.3428 % to 47.4316%
- The first \$150,000 of taxable valuation on commercial and industrial property is subject to the residential rollback of 47.4316%

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX ROLLBACK HISTORY



MT. VERNON PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Effect on a \$200,000 home with the residential rollback

- 2025 - $\$200,000 \times .463428\% = \$92,686$
 $\$92,686/1000 \times \$13.33601 = \$1236.06$
- 2026 - $\$200,000 \times .474316\% = \$94,863$
 $\$94,863/1000 \times \$13.50187 = \$1280.83$
- Increase of \$44.77 for the year – this assumes that Linn County does not change the value of your home and only represents the City of Mt. Vernon's levy.

CITY PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR FY 25-26

(Levy rates are based upon \$1 per \$1000 of taxable valuation)

- General Government \$8.38836 (consolidated)
- Employee Benefits \$4.39070
- Tort Liability \$0.04781
- ~~Emergency Levy \$0.27000 (eliminated)~~
- ~~Library Support Levy \$0.27000 (eliminated)~~
- Capital Projects \$0.67500 (Fire Equip.)
- Debt Service Levy \$0

Total \$13.50187


TAX HISTORY (WITH UTILITY REPLACEMENT)

Fiscal Year	Total Valuation (Regular, minus debt service)	General Fund Dollars	Total Property Taxes	% General Fund Change (rounded)
FY 2016-2017	\$134,646,270	\$1,090,635	\$1,754,156	6.11%
FY 2018-2019	\$137,810,838	\$1,116,268	\$1,795,333	2.35%
FY 2019-2020	\$141,655,440	\$1,147,409	\$1,850,670	2.79%
FY 2020-2021	\$144,340,131	\$1,169,155	\$1,889,940	1.89%
FY 2021-2022	\$143,313,070	\$1,160,836	\$1,878,143	-0.71%
FY 2022-2023	\$154,219,930	\$1,249,181	\$2,019,944	7.61%
FY 2023-2024	\$148,443,400	\$1,202,392	\$1,957,617	-3.75%
FY 2024-2025	\$161,492,047	\$1,354,653	\$2,158,509	12.66%
FY 2025-2026	\$153,733,842	\$1,289,575	\$2,080,385	-4.80%

*Please note the % difference reflects changes to the general fund.




GENERAL EXPENDITURES

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- Public Safety = \$1,881,745
 - Cultural & Recreational = \$1,040,835
 - Public Works = \$0
 - General Government = \$649,771
 - Community Development = \$386,150
 - Health and Social Services = \$0

Total = \$3,958,501



BUSINESS/ENTERPRISE EXPENDITURES

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- Wastewater = \$796,900
 - Water = \$772,500
 - Garbage = \$717,200
 - Storm Water = \$100,500
 - The LBC = \$639,010
 - Debt Service = \$109,000

Total = \$3,135,110



OTHER LISTED
EXPENDITURES
(INCLUDING TRANSFERS)

- Special Revenues = \$1,540,612
- Capital Projects = \$4,307,709
- Debt Service = \$1,993,768
- TIF Special Revenues = \$1,470,048
- Proprietary = \$3,497,171
- General Fund Transfers = \$93,200

Total = \$12,902,508

FUNDING SOURCES


- Capital Projects = \$1,896,112
- General = \$3,556,434
- Special Revenue = \$1,605,978
- Debt Service = \$1,843,768
- Permanent Fund = \$1,000
- TIF (Econ. Dev) = \$1,296,112
- Proprietary = \$3,281,400

Grand Total = \$13,480,804

FY 26 CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Rachel Street Improvements – \$2,500,000 – Summer/Fall Construction
- Stoner Park - \$200,000 – On hold
- Davis Park Concessions/Lighting - \$163,143.97 (carry over from FY 21) – Lighting project is complete, concessions remains (\$290,000)
- 5th Ave water main - \$150,000 – On hold
- WW Treatment Plant – Phase II - \$1,800,000 – slated for 2026-2027
- Wayfinding Signage - \$150,000
- LBC Generator - \$180,000 – grant received – Constructed in FY 26
- Sewer televising and corrective measures - \$1,000,000 – currently underway (grant from Linn County) – televising and cleaning complete – nearly complete
- Uptown Electric work for Streetlight Construction – \$500,000 – Underway in FY 25
- Pool renovation project - \$2,000,000 – Expected completion in FY 25
- 10th from Summit to 1st Street is the next infrastructure project – cost unknown

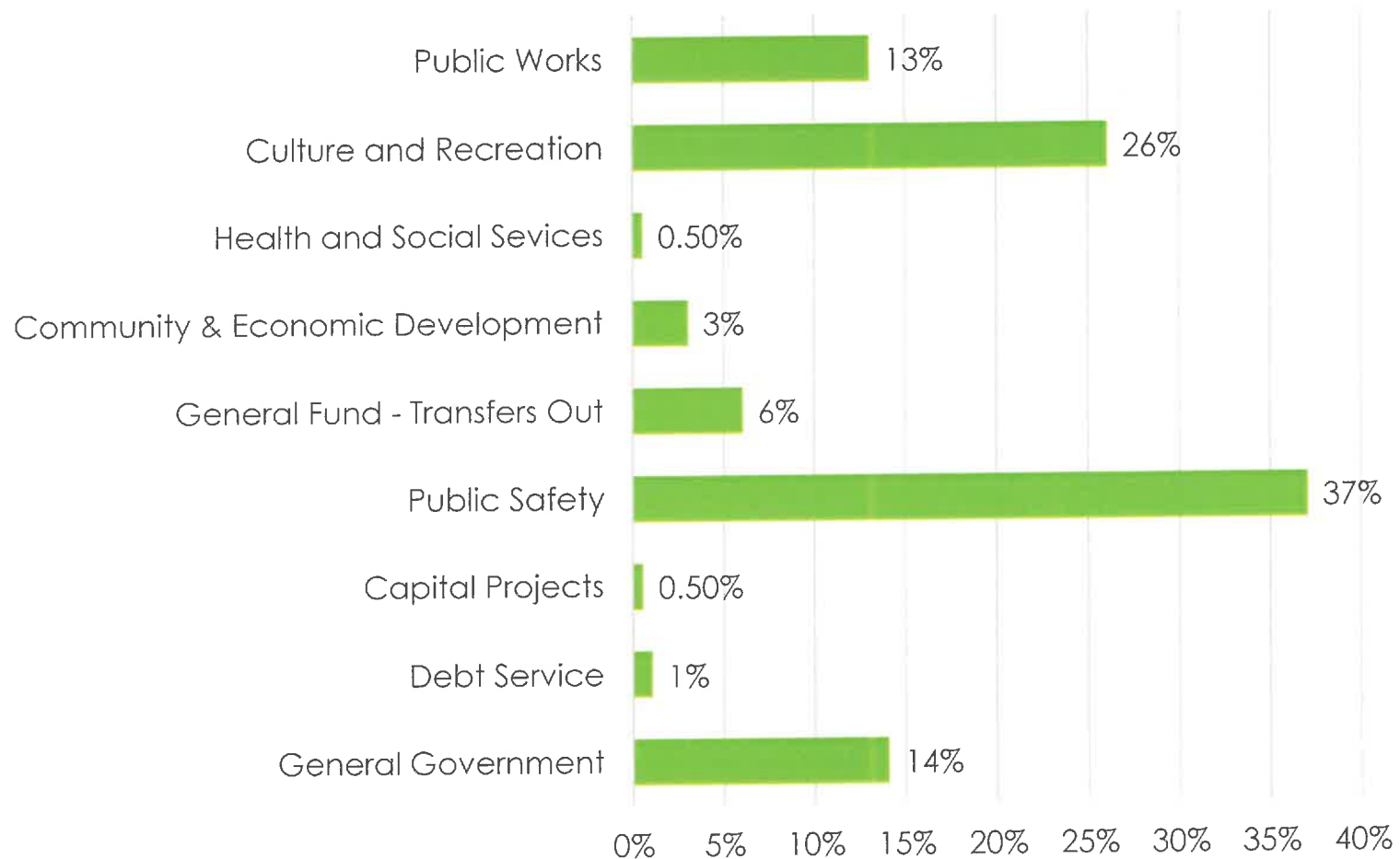
Total = \$6,394,000



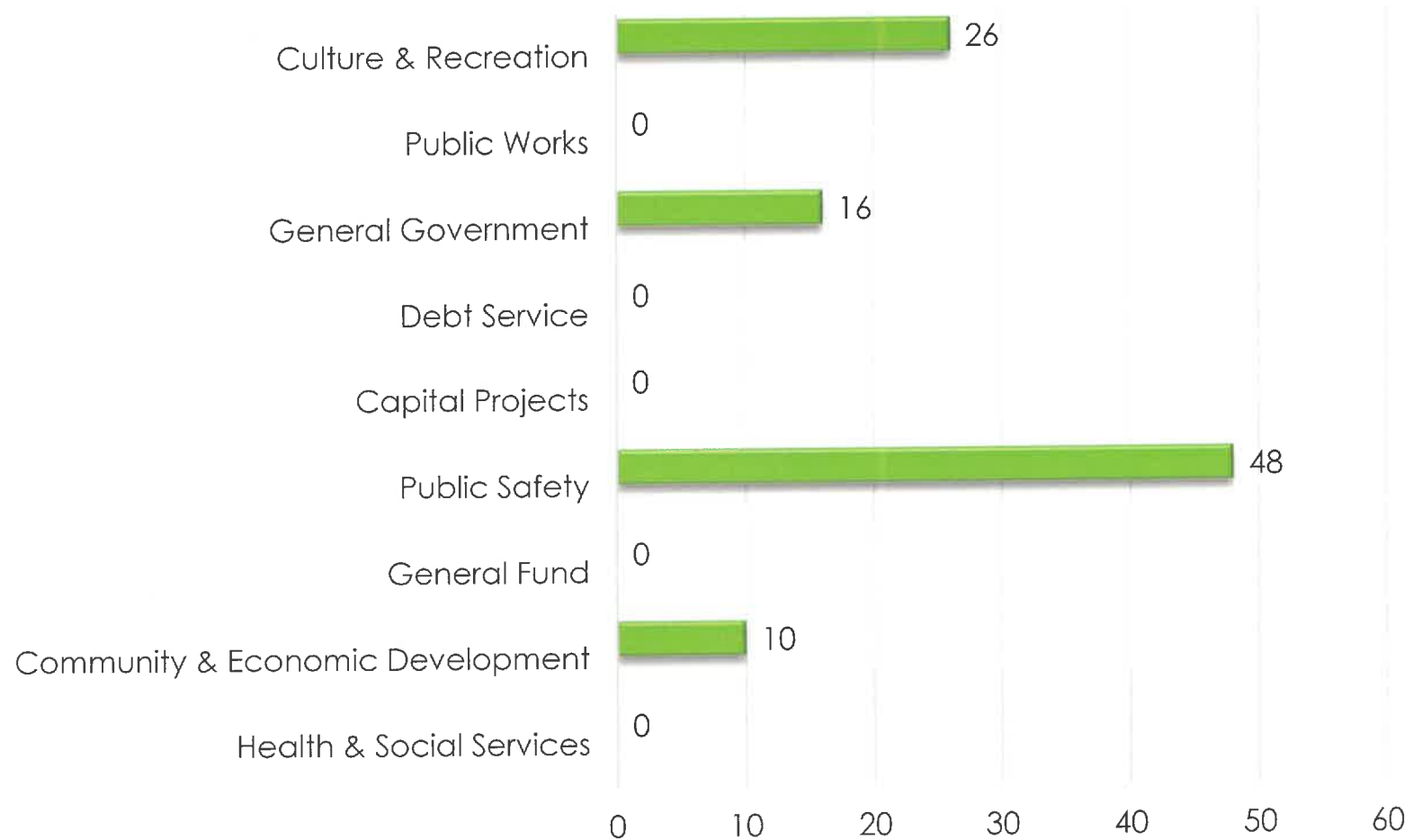
FY 2025-2026
TOTAL: \$16,861,009

FY 2025-2026 expenditures will show a slight increase of approximately \$323,294. In addition to carryover projects from FY 25, the budget reflects the Rachel Street extension and Uptown Lighting Improvements. Overall, the CLP projects push the FY 25 budget up by just under 2.0%

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES CITIES WITH POPULATIONS OF 3,000 – 9,999 (FY 2015)



GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES CITY OF MT. VERNON



PROPERTY TAX COMPARABLES

	FY 25 LEVY	FY 25 TOTAL	LEVY STATE RANK (TOTAL LEVY)
➤ Independence – 6,064	\$19.54 (17.26)	\$41.95 (39.70)	67 (125)
➤ Marion – 41,535	\$14.80 (15.03)	\$40.58 (40.72)	106 (94)
➤ Anamosa – 5,450	\$16.64 (17.07)	\$40.32 (40.51)	118 (99)
➤ Marengo – 2,435	\$15.79 (15.78)	\$39.39 (39.10)	150 (149)
➤ Camanche – 4,570	\$12.45 (12.45)	\$39.24 (38.50)	155 (180)
➤ Manchester – 5,065	\$15.55 (15.94)	\$38.55 (37.87)	188 (209)
➤ Monticello – 4,040	\$15.22 (15.80)	\$38.54 (39.02)	189 (151)
➤ Mount Vernon – 4,506	\$13.34 (13.15)	\$38.53 (38.37)	191 (184)
➤ Lisbon – 2,233	\$12.43 (12.45)	\$37.37 (37.30)	249 (232)
➤ Tipton – 3,149	\$16.37 (16.89)	\$37.17 (37.23)	262 (239)
➤ North Liberty – 20,479	\$11.37 (11.45)	\$36.50 (36.28)	303 (300)
➤ DeWitt – 5,514	\$14.07 (14.26)	\$36.45 (37.51)	307 (226)
➤ West Branch – 2,509	\$13.19 (13.61)	\$36.27 (36.40)	323 (287)
➤ Wilton – 2,924	\$13.67 (13.05)	\$35.57 (34.48)	374 (421)
➤ Solon – 3,018	\$11.21 (10.99)	\$35.56 (35.05)	375 (379)
➤ West Liberty – 3,858	\$13.74 (13.80)	\$35.20 (34.65)	400 (412)
➤ Maquoketa – 6,128	\$12.75 (14.72)	\$34.49 (36.94)	446 (250)
➤ Williamsburg – 3,346	\$10.84 (10.80)	\$33.91 (33.68)	487 (475)
➤ Dyersville – 4,477	\$10.37 (10.60)	\$30.33 (30.55)	728 (694)
➤ Eldridge – 6,726	\$7.97 (7.96)	\$26.96 (26.61)	873 (866)

* Numbers in parentheses represent the previous years dollar amounts

* For comparison, Keokuk is ranked #1 with a FY 25 Total Levy Rate of \$52.71

MT. VERNON TAXES IN COMPARISON

- Approximately 275 Cities with a population of 1,000 or more, of which, 170 have a higher City levy
- Mt. Vernon Overall Levy ranks #551 (550 have smaller and 386 have larger City levies) out of 937 (listed) Cities in Iowa
- The Average Levy for all Cities in Iowa is \$12.65 (up 31 cents from the previous year). For Cities with a population of 1,000 or more, the average levy rate is \$14.46
- Mt. Vernon is the 94th largest community in Iowa (out of 940)
- Mt. Vernon's consolidated tax rate (all levies, school, county etc.) in FY 25 was 191st out of 940

MT. VERNON GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT AND CAPACITY

- Statutory debt limit (5% of 100% Valuation) - \$424,820,705 (total value estimate for FY 26) = \$21,241,035 in total debt allowed
- Debt for the 2025-2026 FY - \$14,159,773
- GO debt scheduled for retirement in FY 26 - \$1,510,000
- 20% contingency reserve - \$4,248,207
- Approximate capacity remaining minus the reserve - \$4,343,055 (20.45%)
- Total capacity remaining for FY 26 - \$8,591,262 or 40.45%
- Approximately \$2.5 million in new debt will be borrowed before the end of the 2025 fiscal year. These numbers reflect the new borrowing.



QUESTIONS?