



July Topic of the Month

- P**rofessionalism
- R**ecovery
- O**wnership
- A**ttitude
- C**ommunication
- T**eamwork
- I**nitiative
- V**alue everyone
- E**fficiency

Budget 2019-20

In September, the process begins to put together the City’s next budget. By January departmental requests are received and, at their February retreat, the City Council sets goals and priorities. During the next few months, continuous tweaks and revisions occur with the final budget adoption in June. Some big initiatives this year focused on employee benefits, public safety, City projects, stormwater, and a variety of personnel needs.

The FY2019-20 budget for the City totals \$38,691,053.

- \$19,459,324 - personnel and benefit related expenditures
- \$2,600,000 - health insurance premiums
- \$1,354,026 - employee retirement expenses
- \$2,032,518 - on-going capital equipment and vehicle purchases
- \$3,746,451 - debt service
- The Water and Sewer department drives the largest budget, \$17,860,336 followed by Public Works, \$5,997,978, Police \$5,459,088 and Fire \$3,276,632

Our primary revenues are generated from a property tax, sales taxes, water and sewer charges for service, and sanitation charges for service. The City also has two municipal service districts (Main Street and 7th Avenue) that charge an additional property tax to provide services above and beyond what is provided City-wide. The money generated from the districts must go back into the districts.

Upcoming Projects 2019 - 2020

<i>Police Department Headquarters</i>	<i>\$11.5m</i>	<i>Winter/Spring 2020</i>
<i>New Fire Engine #3 Purchase</i>	<i>\$800k</i>	<i>Summer 2020</i>
<i>7th Avenue Streetscape</i>	<i>\$1.4m</i>	<i>Fall 2020</i>
<i>Stormwater Rate Study</i>	<i>\$100k</i>	<i>Summer 2019</i>
<i>Streambank Restoration</i>	<i>\$2.92m</i>	<i>Summer 2019</i>
<i>Northside Water Improvements</i>	<i>\$2.83m</i>	<i>Fall 2019</i>
<i>Etowah Water Improvements</i>	<i>\$7m</i>	<i>Fall 2019</i>
<i>NCDOT I-26 Water Improvements</i>	<i>\$3m</i>	<i>Fall 2019</i>
<i>French Broad Intake</i>	<i>\$9m</i>	<i>Winter 2020</i>
<i>WWTP UV Disinfection System</i>	<i>\$1.79m</i>	<i>Summer 2020</i>
<i>WWTP Sludge Drying System</i>	<i>\$4.1m</i>	<i>Summer 2020</i>
<i>Church & King St. Improvements</i>	<i>\$3.5m</i>	<i>Summer 2020</i>

You may find more on the budget on the City’s website under **Departments, Budget**. Pages 35-36 of the budget have a great summary from John Connet.

For the person leading this session, please sign below and return to your department head, who then send it to Lu Ann.

Leader _____ Dept. _____ Date _____