



CITY OF BLAIR

Budget Presentation Fiscal Year 2026-2027 September 8, 2026

Mayor, Mindy Rump

Ward 1

Gary Banner

Rick Paulsen

Ward 2

Kent Long

Frank Wolff

Ward 3

Brent Clark

Kevin Willis

Ward 4

Kirk Highfill

James Letcher



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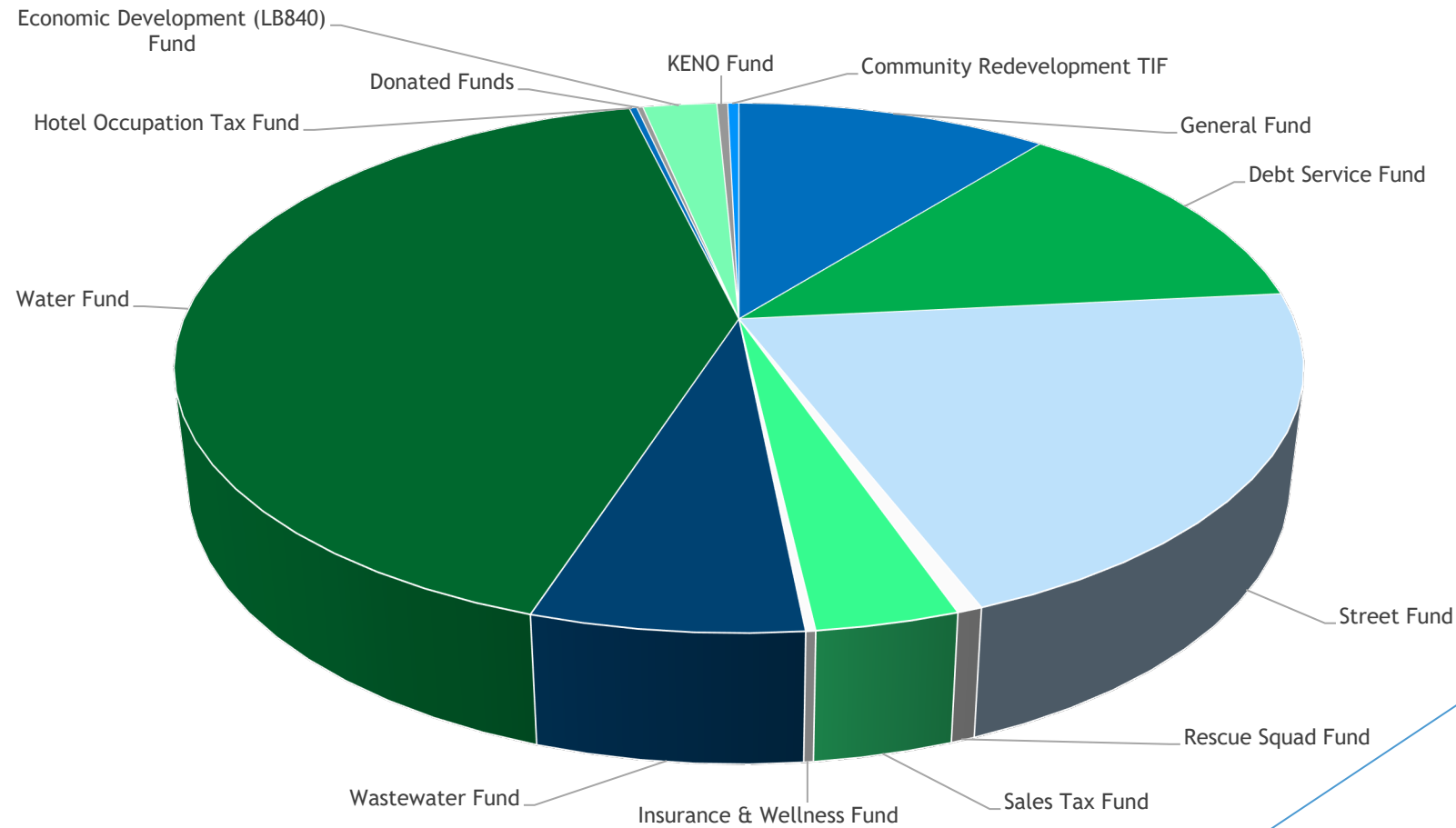
BUDGETED EXPENSES 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

▶ General Fund	11,928,973.00
▶ Debt Service Fund	7,290,224.00
▶ Street Fund	10,636,043.00
▶ Rescue Squad Fund	687,910.00
▶ Sales Tax Fund	5,411,380.00
▶ Insurance & Wellness Fund	268,000.00
▶ Wastewater Fund	7,511,879.00
▶ Water Fund	43,831,591.81
▶ Hotel Occupation Tax Fund	345,000.00
▶ Donated Funds	224,617.39
▶ Economic Development (LB840) Fund	2,368,000.00
▶ KENO Fund	343,150.00
▶ Community Redevelopment TIF 3 Fund	49,792.00
▶ Community Redevelopment TIF 4 Fund	118,000.00
▶ Community Redevelopment TIF 5 Fund	26,000.00
▶ Community Redevelopment TIF 6 Fund	10,100.00
▶ Community Redevelopment TIF 7 Fund	31,600.00
▶ Community Redevelopment TIF 8 Fund	6,558.00
▶ Community Redevelopment TIF 9 Fund	0.00
▶ Community Redevelopment TIF 10 Fund	100,000.00
▶ <u>Total All Funds</u>	<u>\$91,228,818.20</u>



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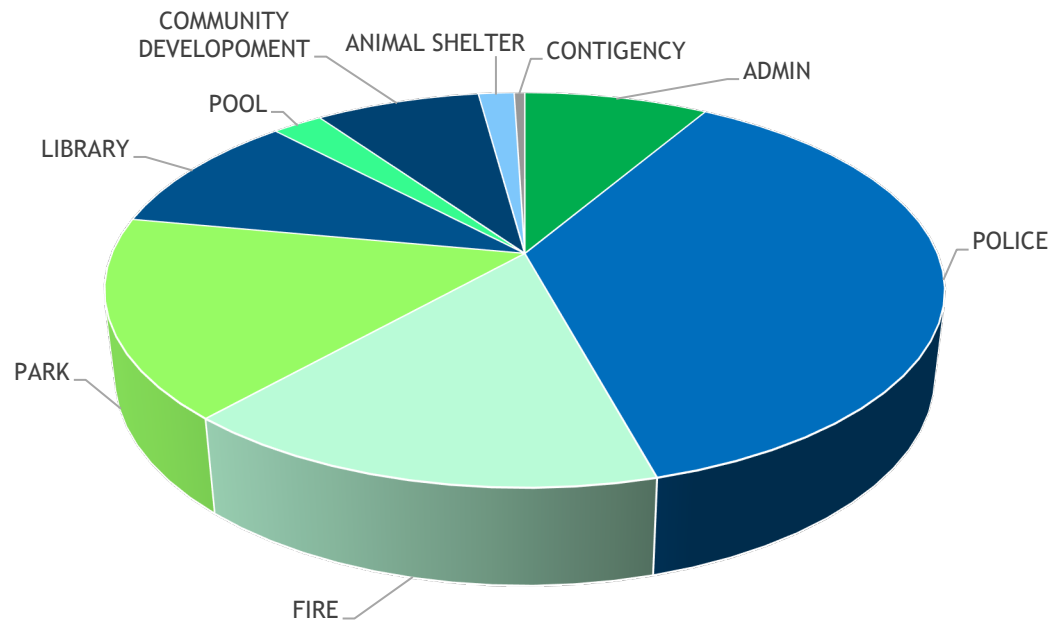
City of Blair Expenses





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City of Blair General Fund Expenses





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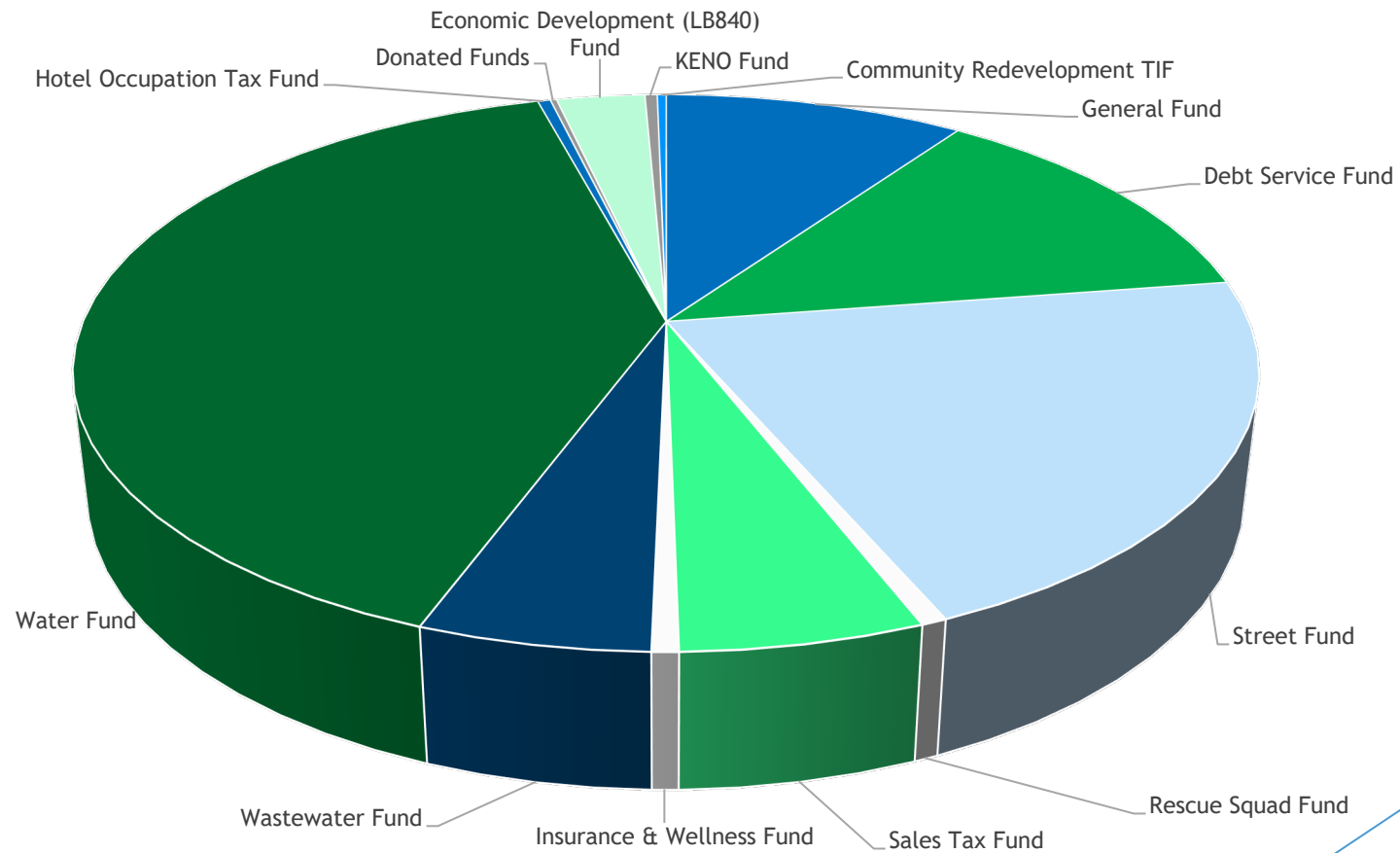
BUDGETED REVENUES 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR

General Fund	13,809,434.00
Debt Service Fund	7,623,398.00
Street Fund	10,914,623.00
Rescue Squad Fund	820,284.00
Sales Tax Fund	6,611,425.00
Insurance & Wellness Fund	724,945.00
Wastewater Fund	7,664,697.00
Water Fund	44,578,751.00
Hotel Occupation Tax Fund	488,592.00
Donated Funds	236,017.00
Economic Development (LB840) Fund	3,079,740.00
KENO Fund	471,924.00
<u>Community Redevelopment TIF</u>	<u>342,050.00</u>
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	96,368,552.00



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City of Blair Revenues





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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Health insurance increase of about 4% (Lower than most municipalities)
- COLA of 2%
- New positions, Park Laborer and Police Captain for half of FY27.
- No Fire Chief position was added but report pay was added in the Rescue Fund.
- Restroom/shower facility at RV park for \$300,000 with a grant for \$150,000.
- Includes both grant revenue and expenses for SS4A Action Plan.
- Continue grant funding through TAP for River Road Connector Trail.
- Funding for North bypass concept planning.
- Funding for a new ambulance through the Rescue Fund.



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► BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS Continued....

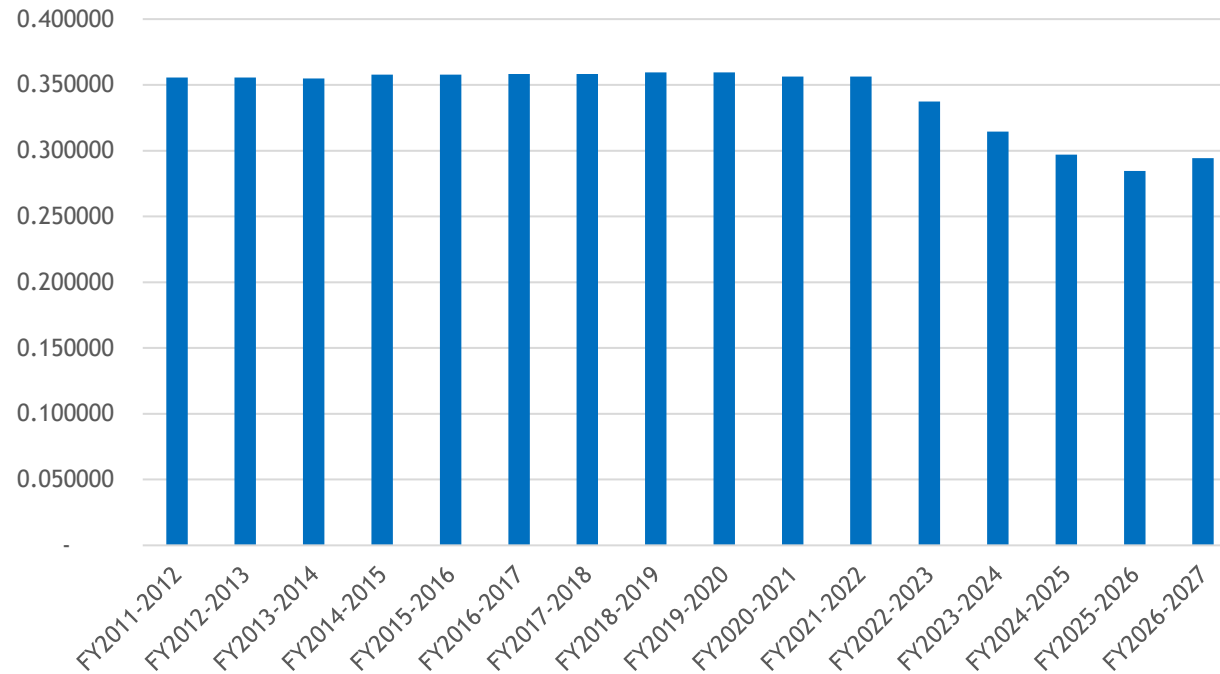
- Fully funded city portion of Animal Control
- Approval of funding increases for the Chamber of Commerce and Gateway development.
- Half of the cost of the Master Comp Plan, which may be delayed further.
- A wastewater rate increase with further deficit action proposals to come.
- Large transfers from sales and hotel tax and Keno funds to support operating costs and projects.
- Funding set aside for other possible projects and initiatives that may or may not move forward, such as district creations, road and utility projects.



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City of Blair General Fund & Debt Service Mill Levy History

City of Blair Mil Levy



**FY26-27 - Addition of
Public Safety Bond**

Blair Nebraska Notice for Public Meeting

Below is the amount property tax request for the city

Property Tax Request by Fund:	Expected Levy **	Property Tax Request
General Fund	0.203536	\$ 2,464,691.96
Bond Fund	0.067036	\$ 811,765.00
Street	0.023772	\$ 287,870.00
_____ Fund	0.000000	
_____ Fund	0.000000	
Total Tax Request		\$ 3,564,326.96

This includes an increase in the general fund from last FY of \$74,999.20 This includes an increase in the street fund from last FY of \$27,999.63 This includes an increase in the debt service fund from last FY of \$302,726.83

The debt service fund increase represents added principal and interest payments to the debt service fund. The added public safety bonds are for much needed public safety equipment and facility upgrades.

The insert from Blair’s budget shows the difference in total assessed value at 9%. It also shows the tax rate which would need to be levied for the same amount of property tax as last FY at 0.260839. Blair proposes to adopt a property tax request that will result in a mil levy of 0.294344.

	2025	2026	Change
Operating Budget	95,010,275.48	91,228,818.20	-4%
Property Tax Request	\$ 3,158,601.30	\$ 3,564,326.96	13%
Valuation	1,110,225,024	1,210,938,586	9%
Tax Rate	0.284501	0.294344	3%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.260839		

The general fund operating budget is deceasing in dollar amount from last FY by 4%. The additional levy request is for principal and interest on Public Safety bonds.

Please contact the City of Blair, Deputy City Administrator of Operations For more information.

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Prior Year Property Tax for Washington County

BLAIR CITY	0.284501
BLAIR AIRPORT	0.030135
BLAIR SCHOOL 1	0.689571
BLAIR SCHOOL 1 BOND	0.066611
METRO TECH	0.020000
ESU 3	0.015000
NRD	0.030352
JAIL BOND FUND	0.031673
CO HIST SOCIETY	0.002771
COUNTY AG	0.003761
<u>COUNTY GENERAL</u>	<u>0.259211</u>
	1.433586



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If your home is valued at \$250,000 in Blair,
in 2025 you would pay:
\$2,554

Education Total	{	Blair school 1	\$1,409
		Blair School Bond 1	
		ESU	
		Metro Tech	
		City of Blair	\$507
		Washington County	\$469
Other	{	County Historical Society	\$169
		Blair Airport	
		Jail Bond Fund	
		NRD	
			\$2,554



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Public Schools-Education
\$55

Washington County
\$18

City of Blair
\$20

Other
\$7