

## General Fund Budget Highlights

Additional highlights included:

- Addition of a part-time contracted IT services position.
- Purchase of a new police vehicle.
- Fire protection funding of **\$321,900** based on the Moore County fire tax rate.
- Forest Lake Drive paving project budgeted within the Streets Department allocation.
- Park improvements including a proposed disc golf course, pickleball fence replacement, dog waste station, and expanded maintenance planning.

## Water Fund Budget Highlights

Major one-time expenditures include:

- A new SCADA system for remote monitoring and control of the water system.
- Engineering services related to water tower inspection and maintenance.
- Installation of new water meters.
- Funding for a test well on the Well 13 property.

It was also reported that a Village employee obtained a Grade B Distribution License, allowing the Village to discontinue contracting for that certification.

## Public Comments

### Lesley Fresco, Southern Hillside Drive

- Commented on the Village's ability to fund and **operate a community pool** if no major repairs were required.
- Suggested that resident input should be obtained before spending funds on a proposed disc golf course.
- Expressed concern that residents should be informed if any unapproved contract expenditures are included in the Parks budget.

### Jacqueline, 73 North Shamrock Drive

- Asked whether the proposed water meter replacements were residential meters.
- Suggested that the Village provide educational information regarding proper lawn watering practices during Stage 1 water restrictions.

### Dan Leary, 73 North Shamrock Drive

- Commended current and past councils for exercising fiscal restraint and working to keep costs low for residents.
- Noted that budgeted funds do not necessarily need to be spent simply because they are appropriated.

There being no further comments, the public hearing was closed.

## Council Discussion

Council discussed the proposed budget and emphasized that a budget serves as a planning document and that expenditures are made only when necessary. Council also

discussed the possibility of future budget amendments should additional projects or expenses arise, including any future action related to the community pool.

### **Budget Adoption**

Council voted to adopt the FY 2026–2027 Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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