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City's primary election set for August 28

Four candidates filed the necessary nomination papers to run for three seats on the Show Low City Council. The August 28 primary election ballot will ask voters to select three Council members, with terms expiring December 2022. The candidates are the three incumbent Council members—Mike Allsop, Brent Hatch and John Leech, Jr.—plus newcomer Kevin Weaver.

The city's ballot also will include a proposition to approve the 2018 General Plan. As required by state law, Arizona municipalities must update their General Plan every ten years and seek voter approval for its implementation. The current General Plan was approved by Show Low's voters in March 2008. A separate insert contains information about the 2018 Plan.



Mike Allsop

The city contracts with Navajo County to administer its elections. The city's portion will appear at the end of federal, state and county elections, with ballot language mandated by state law. The primary election is a traditional polling place election, not a ballot-by-mail election. It means that Show Low's voters will either have to go to the polls or request that Navajo County mail them an early ballot.

Voters can vote at either of two polling places in Show Low: City Campus Gymnasium, 620 E. McNeil, or Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District, 3561 E. Deuce of Clubs. Voters must present the necessary identification to receive a ballot. To request a ballot in the mail, call the county at (800) 668-3867 no later than August 17.



John Leech, Jr.

Compared to county, state and federal offices, city elections are non-partisan (that is, a candidate shows no political party affiliation). Nevertheless, a voter going to the polls or voting via mail will be given or mailed a primary election ballot of that voter's designated political party (Democrat, Republican, Green or Libertarian). Voters also have the option to request a city-only ballot that shows only the City Council candidates and one ballot proposition, but no other races or propositions.

Voters who have registered as Independents or have not designated a party will be given the option to vote a Democrat,

Republican, Green or city-only ballot (but cannot vote a Libertarian ballot).

A city general election on November 6 will be held only if all three seats are not filled at the primary. To win in the primary, a candidate must receive more than half of the total number of votes cast for all four candidates. If all four candidates receive a majority, the three receiving the highest number of votes will be elected. For information, call (928) 532-4060 or 532-4061. (Note: Federal law requires election information be provided in English and Spanish.)

Cuatro candidatos presentaron los documentos de nominación necesarios para postularse para tres escaños en el Show Low City Council. La boleta de las elecciones primarias del 28 de agosto pedirá a los votantes que seleccionen a tres miembros del Consejo, cuyos mandatos expiran en diciembre de 2022. Los candidatos son los tres miembros titulares del Consejo: Mike Allsop, Brent Hatch y John Leech, Jr., además del recién llegado Kevin Weaver.



La boleta de la ciudad también incluirá una propuesta para aprobar el Plan General 2018. Según lo exige la ley estatal, las municipalidades de Arizona deben actualizar su Plan General cada diez años y buscar la aprobación de los votantes para su implementación. El Plan General actual fue aprobado por los votantes de Show Low en marzo de 2008. Un inserto por separado contiene información sobre el Plan 2018.

La ciudad contrata con el condado de Navajo para administrar sus elecciones. La porción de la ciudad aparecerá al final de las elecciones federales, estatales y del condado, con un lenguaje de votación ordenado por la ley estatal.

La elección primaria es una elección tradicional de lugar de votación, no una elección de votación por correo. Significa que los votantes de Show Low tendrán que ir a las urnas o solicitar que el condado de Navajo les envíe una boleta por adelantado.

Los votantes pueden votar en cualquiera de los dos centros de votación en Show Low: City Campus Gymnasium, 620 E. McNeil, o Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District, 3561 E. Deuce of Clubs. Los votantes deben presentar la identificación necesaria para recibir una boleta. Para solicitar una boleta por correo, llame al condado al (800) 668-3867 a más tardar el 17 de agosto.

En comparación con las oficinas del condado, estatales y fede-

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City's budget reflects continuing current levels of service

Like every business or household, the City of Show Low operates successfully by living within its means. A major tool is our annual budget which is built on a foundation of fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers, residents and customers.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. The Show Low City Council adopted the fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019) budget on June 19. Our fiscal position has remained strong by making significant operational and long-term adjustments over the last few years. Unlike many cities, Show Low does not have a general property tax. Instead, we rely on sales tax revenues, state-shared revenues and user fees to fund the city's operations and programs.

Shopping locally keeps our tax dollars within our community to support local jobs, businesses and families. Because a large portion of our operational revenues comes from state-shared revenues, the state's fiscal position also affects us. Like our city collections, the state continues to see increases in sales, gas and income tax collections. State-shared revenues are allocated to the city based on the state's 2017 population estimate of 11,377.

All money received by the city is spent on projects, public safety, community programs and providing services. The adopted fiscal year 2019 budget totals nearly \$58.6 million. It includes healthy reserve balances and continues to show built-up savings that will be used to complete planned large-scale capital projects over the next few years.

The City Council and staff are committed to retaining our quality of life while providing the amenities offered by well-run communities within sensible fiscal constraints. Our employees deliver services and programs to local citizens, residents from neighboring communities and tourists. Departments include police, public works (engineering, streets, water, sewer and airport), community development, community services and administration.

Whether you are a resident or a visitor, be assured that you are receiving high-quality city services. Our employees take pride in ensuring that Show Low is a great place to live, work and play. We are committed to nurturing our community's livability and the safety, health and well-being of those who live, work or visit our community.

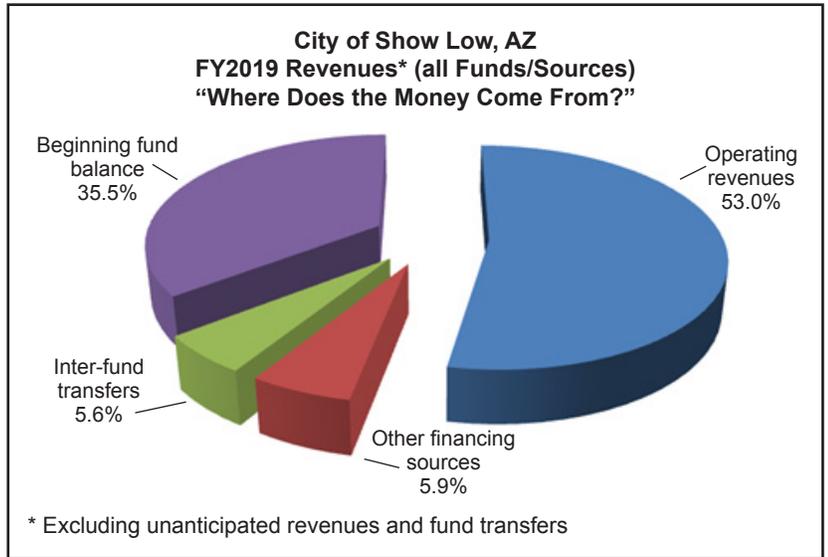
Overview

The Mayor and Council strongly believe that maintaining our city's infrastructure continues to be the city's highest priority, and we do not want to move backwards. With this in mind, approximately \$17.0 million has been appropriated to maintain, improve and repair roadways, sidewalks, water lines, sewer lines and airport. Overall, \$19.4 million has been allocated for capital projects (approximately \$4.3 million of which is grant-funded), \$1.78 million has been set aside for future capital projects and \$3.3 million is held in reserve as a "rainy day" fund. The adopted budget of \$58.6 million reflects a \$9.8 million increase from last year's adopted budget, reflecting a national economy that continues to stabilize and the city's commitment to saving,

building reserves, completing capital projects, and providing necessary and desired services.

Revenues

Each fiscal year the city starts the year with funds in the bank. This year, the beginning fund balance is approximately \$24.0 million. Through the course of the year, we project that an additional \$35.8 million will be collected through taxes, utility fees, grants and other income sources. Of this amount, about \$10.5 million is raised from the local city sales tax generated by



everyone who shops at our local businesses. Although Show Low does not have a general property tax, residents do pay a small amount of property taxes for street and park lights.

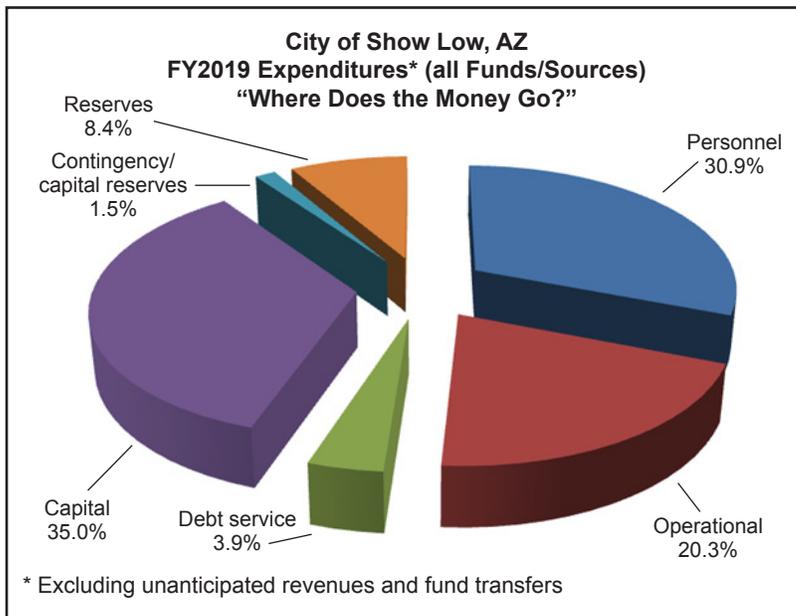
The remainder of our revenue comes from state-shared revenues, building permit fees, utility (water, sewer, sanitation) payments and fees, debt, service charges and court fines. We regularly pursue federal and state grants as well as partnerships with other governments and agencies to help pay for programs and improvements. Last year, the city received approximately \$396,000 in grants for a wide range of projects and activities. For fiscal year 2019, we have included known grants and contributions totaling \$4.3 million. An additional \$4.0 million has been included as an estimated amount to be allocated by the Mayor and Council as grants are received.

Expenses

Although the adopted budget totals \$48.5 million, we anticipate spending approximately \$32.9 million this fiscal year. The variation comes from our reserves, savings and the estimated grant amount in the adopted budget total. In actuality, the city never spends all of these funds. Two major areas that the city spends its money on are capital projects (projects valued over \$50,000) and for city personnel to provide needed services. Consistent with the budget as a whole, these areas are relatively the same as last fiscal year.

This budget continues various programs with no reductions

City's 2018-19 budget...continued from page 2



of current service levels. Overall, the city's expenditure levels by service area reflect the city's commitment to provide services directly to our residents. Operational expenditures (expenses) are the annual recurring costs borne by the city and normally exclude capital projects and other one-time purchases. Operationally, public safety is our largest expense. We estimate the city will spend nearly \$10.2 million in fiscal year 2019 on public safety activities.

The city has funded a number of major projects in fiscal year 2019. Some are newly funded, while others are ongoing. The following summarizes the key projects.

- ❖ **Water system improvements** – We budgeted \$2.9 million for water projects to benefit Show Low's citizens in various areas, including completing upsizing a water main on W. McNeil from Fox Canyon to Deuce of Clubs, upgrading water lines in Fairway Park in phase IV of the project, and upgrading a water line on McNeil from S. 5th Place to Deuce of Clubs.
- ❖ **Road improvements** – We budgeted \$4.8 million for roads, including overlaying E. Thornton in the industrial park to SR77, extending E. Thornton from Central Avenue to 6th Street and adding sidewalks on Central Avenue from McNeil south to Pine Haven. Grant funds will pay for new sidewalks on E. McNeil between 8th and 9th Streets and for replacing a sidewalk on 8th Street from E. McNeil to Deuce of Clubs.
- ❖ **Sewer system improvements** – We budgeted \$4.5 million for sewer projects, including upgrading the lines in the Sierra Vista subdivision and Camptown area, improvements to W. Cooley, a new sewer line for the Fawn Brook subdivision to connect to S. White Mountain Road, replacing the sewer main for 24th Drive and improvements to McNeil from 4th to 8th Avenues. Other funds are set aside to replace manholes, which deteriorate over time, as part of our ongoing maintenance program.
- ❖ **Airport improvements** – Pavement improvements to runway 6/24 were designed in fiscal year 2018, with the construction

phase planned for fiscal year 2019.

- ❖ **Park improvement projects** – At City Park, ramadas will be constructed at the Little League playground and dog park and the concessions at Senior Field will be repaired; park signage will be improved at all city-owned parks; the city cemetery will continue to be expanded; the Family Aquatic Center slide will be replaced; five ball fields will be laser-leveled and infield mix added; the basketball courts will be repaired and new lights at the baseball fields will be installed at Nikolaus Homestead Park.

A copy of the final budget is available online at the city's website at showlowaz.gov. Direct questions to Justin Johnson, Administrative Services Director, at (928) 532-4024.

Election news......continued from cover page

rales, las elecciones municipales no son partidarias (es decir, un candidato no muestra afiliación a un partido político). Sin embargo, a un votante que vaya a las urnas o vote por correo se le otorgará o se le enviará por correo una boleta de elección primaria del partido político designado por ese votante (demócrata, republicano, verde o libertario). Los votantes también tienen la opción de solicitar una boleta solo para la ciudad que muestre solo los candidatos del Concejo Municipal y una proposición de votación, pero no otras razas o proposiciones.

Los votantes que se hayan registrado como Independientes o que no hayan designado un partido tendrán la opción de votar en una boleta demócrata, republicana, verde o de ciudad solamente (pero no pueden votar en una boleta libertaria).

Las elecciones generales de la ciudad el 6 de noviembre se llevarán a cabo solo si los tres asientos no se llenan en la primaria. Para ganar en la primaria, un candidato debe recibir más de la mitad de la cantidad total de votos emitidos por los cuatro candidatos. Si los cuatro candidatos reciben la mayoría, se elegirán los tres que reciban el mayor número de votos. Para información, llame al (928) 532-4060 o 532-4061.

E-waste recycling event

The 10th annual free region-wide electronic waste and tire recycling event will be held Saturday, August 25, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Navajo County Penrod Facility, 251 N. Penrod Road in Show Low. Drop off unwanted televisions and computer monitors (limited to one per vehicle), computer equipment, batteries (no vehicle), chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, stereos, cables, cords and used tires (no rims). No large appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.) or waste from commercial businesses will be accepted. We are working to add household hazardous waste to this recycling event; check the city website or call (928) 532-4124 for updates.

Quarterly newsletters (January-March, April-June, July-September, October-December) are produced by the City of Show Low, mailed with the utility bills and available at showlowaz.gov. Direct questions to (928) 532-4060 or 532-4061.



Calendar of Events



Aquatic Center: (928) 532-4130 ♦ Recreation: (928) 532-4140 ♦ Public Library: (928) 532-4070

ONGOING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Show Low Main Street farmers' market & art walk, Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Festival Marketplace (ends 09/29)

BMX (Nikolaus Homestead Park): **Practices**, 4–5 p.m. on 07/03, 07/05, 07/10, 07/12, 07/17, 07/19, 07/24, 07/26, 07/31; **Races**, 3–4 p.m. on 09/08, 09/15, 09/22, 09/29

SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS & CLUBS (held at Public Library): **Game Zone** (ages 8-17), Fridays 1:30–4 p.m., Wii-U and board games

Roblox Club (ages 8-18) on 07/06, 08/03, 09/07, 1–3 p.m.

STEAM Club (ages 6-14) on 07/24, 08/28, 09/25, 3:45 p.m. (develop science, technology, engineering, arts, math skills)

Itsy Bitsy Storytime (ages 0-2), Wednesdays, 10–10:30 a.m.; **Family Storytime**, Thursdays, 10–10:30 a.m.

Adult DIY (do-it-yourself) adult craft activity on 07/03, 08/07, 09/04, 11 a.m.

The Book was Better Club (adults 18+) on 07/12, 08/09, 09/13, 6–8:30 p.m. (books made into movies)

Adulting 101 (high school students) on 07/24, 08/28, 09/25, 4 p.m. (monthly workshop teaching basic life skills)

White Mountain Poetry Circle (adults 18+) on 07/07, 08/04, 09/01 (share poems, enjoy fellow poets)

07/02– 8 a.m., Summer Play Days (ages 5-11); weekly
07/26 drop-in/drop-out program with activities

07/04 Fourth of July events (city offices closed):
9 a.m., along the Deuce of Clubs, **Annual Parade** (theme: "Heroes, History & Honor")

3–10 p.m., Show Low football stadium complex, 500 W. Old Linden Road, **FreedomFest** (food vendors, fun zone, live concerts, plus fireworks at 9 p.m., weather permitting)

07/09 Swimming Lessons (Session 3), Aquatic Center

07/10– 1:30–4 p.m., City Campus Teen Center, **Babysitting**
07/11 classes (ages 10-17)

07/10 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

07/13 10 a.m., Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends** meeting (public welcome)

07/13 7–8:30 p.m., Public Library, **NASA @ My Library star-gazing event**

07/14 10 a.m., City Park, Senior Field, **Mini Mud Run "Superhero Adventure"** (ages 2-10, check in: 9:30 a.m.) — register by 07/11

07/17 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

07/24 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

07/25 7–9 p.m., Aquatic Center, **Santa Splash Party**; pool party in July with Santa Claus

07/27 8 p.m., Frontier Fields, **Movie in the Park** (*Star Wars: The Last Jedi*)

08/04 SPECIAL EVENT: 5–10 p.m., Show Low Regional Airport, **Hangar Dance** to honor our veterans, \$35 per person; call (602) 751-4075 for ticket information

08/07 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

08/07 Women's Volleyball games begin — register 07/02–07/28

08/10 10 a.m., Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends** meeting (public welcome)

08/11 23rd Annual Tri in the Pines (ages 14+) & **Youth Tri in the Pines** (ages 5-14) — register 07/01–07/31

08/13 Fall Coed Volleyball registration begins (ends 09/21)

08/14 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

08/17 8 p.m., Show Low Regional Airport, **Movie in the Park** (Disney's *Planes: Fire and Rescue*)

08/20 Fall One Pitch Coed Softball begins (tentative start date) — register 07/02–08/04

08/20 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Special Meeting** (due to scheduling conflict on 08/21)

08/25 6–8 p.m., City Campus Gym, **Mom and Son NERF Battle** (ages 5-13); two hours of target practice and battles (bring your own NERF gun) — advance tickets required

08/28 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

09/01 11 a.m.–8 p.m., Frontier Fields, **Battle of the Bands and Food Vans** (bands and food trucks battle for prizes, plus arts, crafts, music)

09/04 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

09/08 3–8 p.m., City Park, **2nd Annual Apple Festival** (live music, free kids' activities, pie eating contest, craft/food vendors including delicious apple specialties); bring camp chair or blanket

09/11 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

09/14 10 a.m., Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends** meeting (public welcome)

09/18 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

09/22 8 a.m.–noon, Frontier Fields, **Community Old Stuff Yard Sale** (10 x 10-foot spaces for \$10)

09/25 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**