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New police building opens on Deuce of Clubs

The Show Low police department has a remodeled facility on main street as its new home. Located at 411 E. Deuce of Clubs, the attractively-landscaped public safety complex provides an enhanced presence along Show Low's main street, increased parking and accessibility (especially during inclement weather) and room to allow for future growth. The facility houses police and administrative staff and a communications/dispatch center. In addition, the Navajo County Sheriff's office shares space for holding facilities and patrol operations.



A view of the public safety building along the Deuce of Clubs.

The complex sits on nearly two acres, which the city purchased in early summer 2014. The property was the site of a former auto dealership, which included an existing building of approximately 17,000 square feet. The city paid for the property with cash saved over many years.

The city hired a design-build firm, Low Mountain Construction, in October 2015 to both design and construct the necessary renovations. The design-build method was chosen because it allows for tight budget controls. Following a series of public meetings at which design ideas were presented and discussed, Low Mountain Construction designed a concept that was approved by the Council and city staff. Construction began in July 2016 and was essentially completed in June 2017.

When asked about the new building, Mayor Daryl Seymore said, "This facility has been a long time coming. We looked at different options for many years, including remodeling and expanding the old building or buying vacant land and building from scratch. We're really happy we chose buying an existing building. We not only saved our taxpayers a lot of money, we took a vacant property on main street and turned it into a beautiful addition for Show Low. I think both our staff and our citizens will benefit from this more accessible site."

Helpful tips for sheds, fences and foundations

Our building department employees have the expertise to help homeowners with all sorts of construction-related questions. Here are helpful tips for the top three issues we come across.

SHED PERMITS & PLACEMENT

Thinking of putting a shed on your property? It is common to want one for additional storage. To avoid issues related to its placement, you should know that all sheds must meet minimum required setbacks from property lines. Because these setbacks can vary from neighborhood to neighborhood based on the zoning classification, contact the city to determine the minimum setbacks for your property. We offer shed permits at no charge for all sheds without utility connections or those that are smaller than 144 total square feet in size. Any sheds larger than 144 square feet or those with utilities connected to them require a building permit. Before placing your shed, call the building department with questions related to sheds or other construction at 532-4050.

FENCE PERMITS & PLACEMENT

How about adding a fence for privacy or to beautify your yard? Fences must be built entirely on your property. Fence heights may vary based on your property's

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US60 widening project

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is widening US60 (Deuce of Clubs) east of Show Low between SR77 (Penrod Road) and 40th Street. The \$7 million project will add another lane in each direction plus a center turn lane to relieve congestion at the SR77 and US60 intersection. ADOT's contractor normally works Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., with US60 narrowed to one lane only from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Flaggers and a pilot vehicle will guide alternating traffic through the work zone. Drivers should expect delays of up to 30 minutes. There are no restrictions during evening hours and weekends and access to local businesses is being maintained during construction. For the latest project information, visit <http://www.azdot.gov/projects/northeast-district-projects/us-60-sr-77-to-40th-street-showlow>. The project is expected to be completed in the fall.

Conservative budget mirrors Council's priorities

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 conservatism and 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 2018 (July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018) budget on June 20. 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 2016 population estimate of 11,096.

All money received by the city is spent on projects, public safety, community programs and providing services. The adopted fiscal year 2018 budget totals nearly \$48.5 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

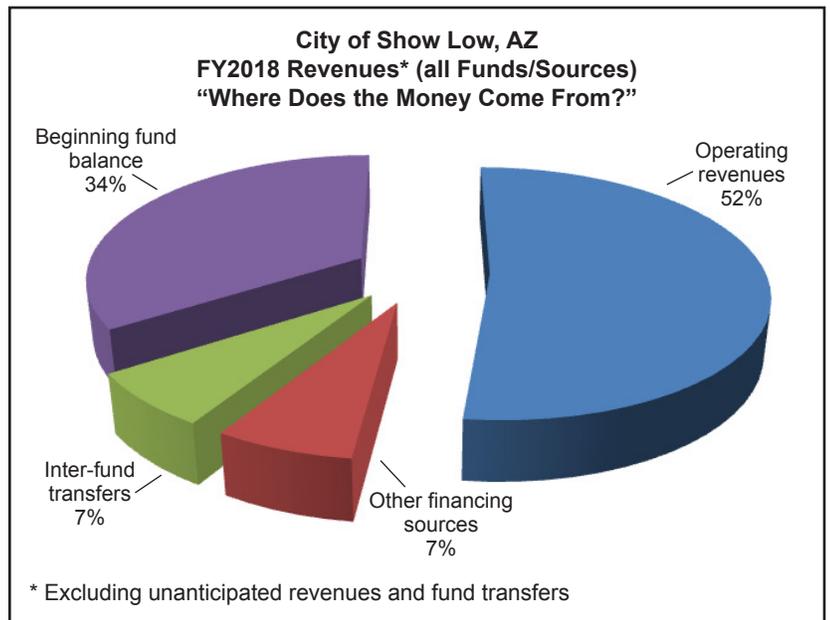
The Council strongly believes that maintaining our city's infrastructure continues to be the city's highest priority, and we do not want to move backwards. With this in mind, approximately \$9.3 million has been approved to maintain, improve and repair roadways, sidewalks, water lines, sewer lines and the airport. Overall, \$11.3 million has been allocated for capital projects (approximately \$1 million of which is grant-funded), \$1.2 million has been set aside for future capital projects and \$4.1 million is held in reserve as a "rainy day" fund. The adopted budget of \$48.5 million reflects a \$3.8 million decrease 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 \$20.1 million. Through the course of the year, we project that an additional \$30.4 million will be collected through taxes, utility fees, grants and other income sources. Of this amount, about \$9.75 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, and residents in the Show Low Bluff development pay property taxes to the special taxing district that is administered by the city on its behalf.

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 \$400,000 in grants for a wide range of projects and activities. For fiscal year 2018, we have included known grants and contributions totaling \$1.3 million. An additional \$4.0 million has been included as an estimated amount to be allocated by the Council as grants are received.

Expenses

Although the adopted budget totals \$48.5 million, we anticipate spending approximately \$37.2 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

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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 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 one-time purchases. Operationally, public safety is our largest expense. We estimate the city will spend nearly \$7 million in fiscal year 2018 on public safety activities.

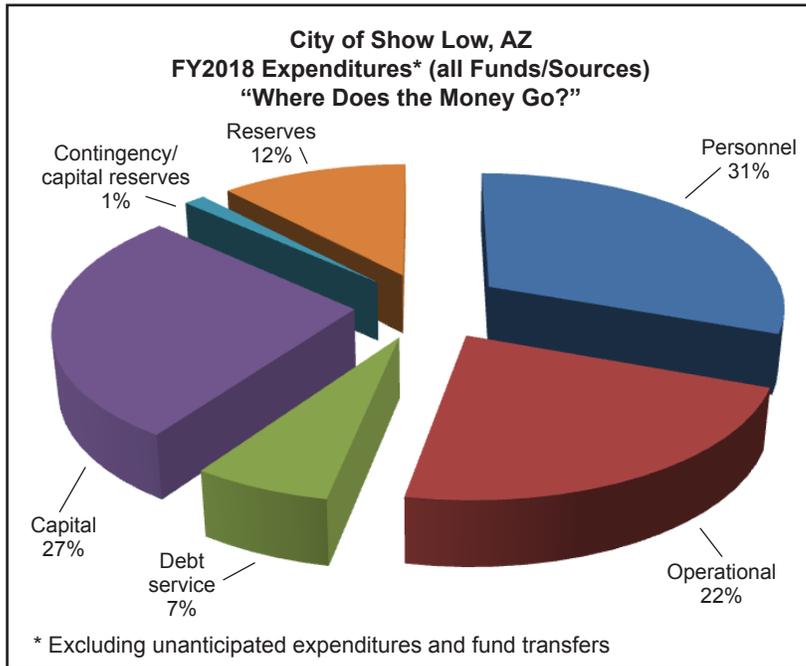
8th Street will be extended as a connection between Whipple and Woolford, and 10th Drive near Safeway will be rebuilt. In addition, selected roads citywide will be overlaid with a slurry seal as part of our commitment to ongoing maintenance of our infrastructure. If the city is awarded CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds, we will add a sidewalk along the west side of 8th Street from E. McNeil to the Deuce of Clubs.

❖ **Sewer improvements** – Sewer lines in the Westwood subdivision will be reconstructed, a major sewer line on 24th Drive will be replaced, the sewer main along South White Mountain Road (SR260) will be replaced between Ellsworth and Hidden Hills, the sewer main in Camptown will be rebuilt, the sewer main serving the Hillcrest and Park Place subdivisions will be rebuilt, and we will do sewer line improvements in the Sierra Vista subdivision. Additional funds have been allocated to replace manholes, which deteriorate over time, as part of an ongoing maintenance program.

❖ **Airport improvements** – The design of pavement improvements to runway 6/24 will be completed in fiscal year 2018, with construction planned for fiscal year 2019 (contingent on receiving federal and state funding). Funding has been approved for a major update to the airport master plan, which will be done in fiscal year 2018.

❖ **Other improvement projects** – A building housing a men's and women's restroom will be built at Show Low Lake to replace the existing vaulted restroom. In addition, a tree irrigation system will be installed along the Deuce of Clubs from Whipple to 8th Avenue on the south side and from the Victorian building to Owens on the north.

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.



The city has funded a number of major projects in fiscal year 2018. Some are newly funded, while others are ongoing.

❖ **Water system improvements** – We budgeted \$1.8 million for water-related projects to benefit Show Low's citizens in various areas of the city, including completing a major water main upgrade along the Deuce of Clubs from Northland Pioneer College (Whipple Road) to Central Avenue, replacing a 6-inch water main with an 8-inch water main on W. McNeil from Fox Canyon to the Deuce of Clubs, replacing a 6-inch water main with an 8-inch water main on 16th Avenue, and connecting a 12-inch water main on 8th Avenue to an existing water main in the Hunter's Run subdivision. We will also begin designing a surface water treatment plant to enable us to treat water from Show Low Lake as another source of drinking water in the future.

❖ **Road improvements** – Additional roads in the Park Valley development will be reconstructed and improved for phase II of the project. Show Low Lake Road from 28th Street to Scott Ranch Road will be overlaid for phase II of the project,

Tips for sheds, fences and foundations...continued from cover page location and zoning classification. City staff can help explain the various requirements, including fencing materials, setbacks, vegetation, view-obscuring and non-obscuring fences. We also offer fence permits at no charge. Call the building department about fence requirements and complimentary permits at 532-4050.

PREVENTING FOUNDATION DAMAGE

Homeowners take pride in their property by adding landscaping to beautify the yard. Take steps beforehand to avoid damaging the foundation of your home, which can result in very costly repairs.

The major culprit comes from not sloping the grade away from the foundation to ensure water flows away from the house when landscaping is watered or irrigated. Water can pool against the foundation and, over time, cause significant damage. If you have questions, call our building department at 532-4050.

Calendar of Events

Family Aquatic Center: 532-4130 Recreation: 532-4140 Public Library: 532-4070



ONGOING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Show Low Main Street farmers' market & art walk, every Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Festival Marketplace (ends 09/30)

Adult Book Discussions, Public Library, 1:30 p.m. (07/19, 08/16, 09/20)

BMX single-point races, Nikolaus Homestead Park, 6:30 p.m. (07/01); 3:30 p.m. (09/02, 09/09, 09/16, 09/23, 09/30)

Sundae Mondays, Aquatic Center, 2–4 p.m. during open swim (07/03, 07/10, 07/17, 07/24), \$1.50 for small or \$2.50 for super-size sundae

Craft-a-Poolooza, Aquatic Center, 2:30–3:15 p.m. craft and snack, 3:15–5 p.m. open swim (ages 7-12)

07/01 **Women's Volleyball** registration begins

07/01 **Tri in the Pines** registration begins

07/03– 8 a.m., **Summer Play Days** (ages 5-11); weekly drop-in/drop-out program with activities

07/03 **Swimming Lessons** (Session 3), Aquatic Center

07/04 **Fourth of July events** (city offices closed for holiday):

9 a.m., along the Deuce of Clubs, **Annual Parade** (theme: "Made in America")

Immediately following parade, Frontier Fields, 600 N. 9th Place, **Wet Zone** (free and open to all ages!)

3–10 p.m., Show Low football stadium complex, 500 W. Old Linden Road, **FreedomFest** with food vendors, fun zone, live concerts (featured headliner **Drew Cooper & the Cavalry**) and fireworks at 9 p.m. (weather permitting)

07/10 **Swimming Lessons** (Session 4) registration begins

07/11 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

07/12 **Mini Mud Run Pirate's Cove** registration ends

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

07/14 10 a.m., Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends** meeting (public welcome)

07/15 10 a.m., City Park, Senior Field, **Mini Mud Run Pirate's Cove** (ages 2-10, check in at 9:30 a.m.)

07/17 **Swimming Lessons** (Session 4), Aquatic Center

07/18 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

07/20 7:30–10 p.m., Aquatic Center, **Family Float & Flick (Finding Dory)**; bring your own inner tube

07/25 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

07/29 **Women's Volleyball** registration ends

08/01 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

08/05 1–5 p.m., City Campus Gym, **Archery Clinic**, \$10 per person (ages 10+)

08/05 **SPECIAL EVENT: Hangar Dance to honor our veterans, 5–9:30 p.m.**, Show Low Regional Airport, \$35 per person; call 532-5502 for ticket information

08/08 **Women's Volleyball** games begin

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

08/11 10 a.m., Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends** meeting (public welcome)

08/14 **Fall Coed Volleyball** registration begins

08/15 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

08/21 7–8:30 p.m., Public Library, **NASA @ My Library solar eclipse event**

08/21 **One-Pitch Coed Softball** games begin

08/22 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

09/02 11 a.m. – 8 p.m., Frontier Park, **Battle of the Bands & Food Vans** (bands and food trucks will battle it out for prizes); enjoy arts and crafts and kids' zone

09/05 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

09/08 10 a.m., Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends** meeting (public welcome)

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

09/12 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

09/14 **Fall Coed Volleyball** registration ends

09/16 **22nd Annual Tri in the Pines** (ages 14+) & **Youth Tri in the Pines** (ages 5-14)

09/18 **Spooky Sprint** registration begins (event 10/26)

09/19 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

09/26 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

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