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Get ready to vote in city election on August 30

As of the June 1, 2016, deadline, six candidates filed the necessary nomination papers to run for the Show Low City Council. The August 30 primary election ballot will include Daryl Seymore, the current Mayor and running unopposed for the position, and five candidates for three Council seats—incumbent members Rennie Crittenden, Connie Kakavas and Gene Kelley plus newcomers Mike Bosley and William Thomas. The Mayor's seat and three Council seats are all four-year terms.



Mike Bosley

permanently adjusting the city's expenditure (spending) base by \$4.5 million. It is an alternative to the state-imposed expenditure limit, which is based on Show Low's 1980 expenditures and 1978 population, adjusted for inflation and growth. Amending the expenditure base would maintain current levels of service, which have increased significantly since 1980, and give the Council local control to adopt a balanced, fiscally conservative budget within existing resources. There would be no impact to the city's existing revenues or taxes. If passed by the voters, the proposition also requires that (1) the city maintain a cash reserve of at least \$1 million before any expense can be authorized and (2) any increase in local tax rates must first be approved by 75% of the sitting Council members or by a majority of the city's registered voters.



Connie Kakavas

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Rennie Crittenden



Gene Kelley



William Thomas

may request an early ballot by calling Navajo County at (800) 668-3867 by August 19.

Registered voters who have designated a recognized political party (Democrat, Republican, Green or Libertarian) will receive their party's primary election ballot. The city's portion will be shown at the end of the ballot. Arizona is an Open Primary state, which means voters who have registered as Independents or have not designated a party, may call the county by August 19 and request a Democrat, Republican or Green party ballot (no Libertarian ballot) or request a city-only ballot. The city-only ballot includes the Show Low City Council candidates and one ballot proposition, but no other races or propositions.

A city general election on November 8 will be held only if all four seats are not filled at the primary. Direct questions to (928) 532-4060 or 532-4061.

(Note: Federal law requires election information be provided in English and Spanish.)

A partir de la fecha limite del 1 de junio, 2016, seis candidatos presentaron los documentos de nominación necesarios para ser candidatos por el Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Show Low. La boleta de la elección primaria del 30 de agosto incluirá Daryl Seymore, el Alcalde actual y sin oposición para el cargo, y cinco candidatos que compiten por tres asientos del Consejo Municipal – miembros actuales: Rennie Crittenden, Connie Kakavas, y Gene Kelley, además, hay dos recién llegados Mike Bosley y William Thomas. El asiento del Alcalde y los tres puestos del Consejo son términos de cuatro años.

La boleta del 30 de agosto también incluye la Propuesta 407 pidiendo a los votantes a considerar el ajuste permanente a la base del gasto de la ciudad por \$ 4,5 millón. Es una alternativa

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Trash collection & recycling

The city contracts with Waste Management to provide trash and recycling services, including six free excess collections a year. Excess trash must be bagged, boxed or bundled; is limited to normal household items; should not exceed 50 pounds per single item; and is limited to the equivalent of one pick-up load (4x4x8 feet) or about 20 bags. Items must be placed at the curbside by 6 a.m. on your regularly scheduled collection day. Remaining dates for excess collection are July 4 to 7, September 5 to 8 and November 7 to 10.

We also offer convenient curbside recycling pickup by providing you with one large bin for all your recyclables. Recycling gives new life to items that used to be thrown away in the landfill. Acceptable single-stream recycling items include maga-

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City's fiscally conservative budget mirrors Council's priorities

The City of Show Low functions successfully by living within its means, much like every household or business. 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 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) budget on June 21. 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 operations and programs.

Shopping locally keeps our tax dollars within our community to support local jobs, businesses and families. In addition, because another large portion of our operational revenues comes from state-shared revenues, the state's fiscal position has a direct impact on 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 2015 population estimate of 10,860.

All money received by the city is spent on capital projects, public safety, community programs and providing services. The adopted fiscal year 2017 budget totals nearly \$52.3 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 Council and staff are committed to retaining our quality of life, while providing the amenities found in well-run communities within sensible fiscal constraints. Our employees deliver services and programs to local citizens, neighboring communities' residents and tourists. Departments consist of police, public works (engineering, streets, water, sewer, airport), community development, community services and administration.

Whether you are a resident or a visitor, be assured 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

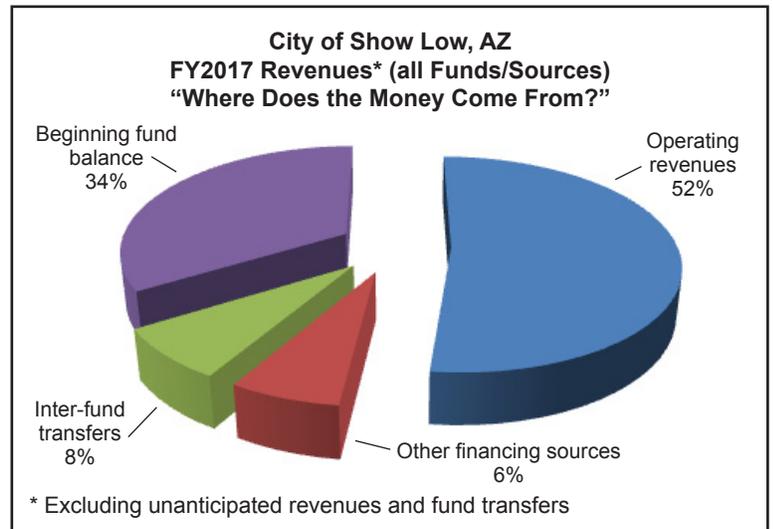
The Council strongly believes that maintaining our city's infrastructure continues to be the city's highest priority, and we do not want to move backwards. With this in mind, approximately \$10.0 million has been approved to maintain, improve and repair roadways, sidewalks, water lines, sewer lines and airport. Overall, \$16.6 million has been allocated for capital projects (approximately \$1.7 million of which is grant-funded), \$1.2 million has been set aside for future capital projects and \$3.65 million is held in reserve as a "rainy day" fund. The adopted budget of \$52.3 million reflects a \$6.9 million decrease from last year's adopted budget, reflecting a national economy that con-

tinues 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 with funds in the bank. This year, the beginning fund balance is approximately \$20.3 million. Through the course of the year, we project that an additional \$39.9 million will be collected through taxes, utility fees, grants and other 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 the 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 and partnerships with other government agencies to help pay for programs and improvements. Last year, the city received approximately \$470,000 in grants for a wide range of projects and activities. For fiscal year 2017, we have included known grants and contributions totaling \$2.4 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.

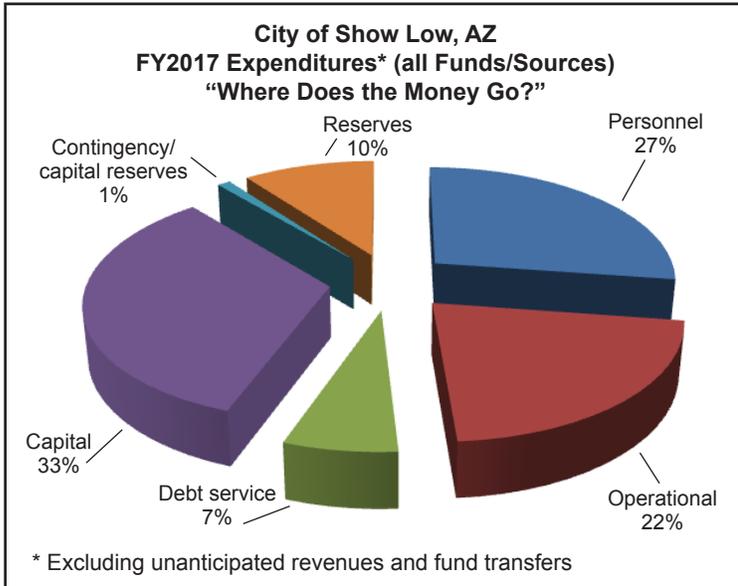


Expenses

Although the adopted budget totals \$52.3 million, we anticipate spending approximately \$42.5 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.

City's 2016-17 budget...*continued from page 2*

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 \$6.6 million in fiscal year 2017 on public safety activities and a new public safety building.

The city has funded a number of major projects in fiscal year 2017. Some of the following projects are newly funded, others are ongoing:

- ❖ **Public safety building** – A vacant building on the Deuce of Clubs is being remodeled into a new public safety facility, with construction scheduled to begin this year.
- ❖ **Water system improvements** – We budgeted \$1.4 million for water-related projects benefiting Show Low's citizens, including a major water main upgrade along the Deuce of Clubs from Northland Pioneer College (Whipple Road) to Central Avenue, 4th Avenue from Cooley to Central, and water line improvements in Fairway Park (phase III). We will also begin designing a surface water treatment plant to enable us to treat water from Show Low Lake in the future.
- ❖ **Expansion of wastewater treatment plant** – To meet new federal environmental standards and to prepare for future growth, we are almost complete with upgrading our wastewater treatment plant. This multi-year expansion project cost about \$10.5 million, of which city savings contributed approximately 60%. Savings reduced the amount of borrowed funds and, thanks to staff oversight, the final project cost came in under budget.
- ❖ **Road improvements** – Rogers Loop and designated roads in Park Valley (phase I) will be reconstructed and improved. Grant funds will pay to continue beautifying 9th, Hall and Huning streets in the downtown area with curbs, sidewalks and parking. Selected roads citywide will be overlaid with a

slurry seal as part of our commitment to ongoing maintenance of our infrastructure.

- ❖ **Sewer improvements** – Sewer lines in the Westwood subdivision will be reconstructed and a major sewer line from E. Owens to McNeil will be upsized for more capacity. Additional funds have been allocated to replace manholes, which deteriorate over time, as part of an ongoing maintenance program.
- ❖ **Airport improvements** – Pavement improvements to runway 6/24 are planned, with the improvements designed in fiscal year 2017, contingent on federal and state funding.

The final budget is available online at showlowaz.gov. Direct any questions to Administrative Services Director Justin Johnson at (928) 532-4024.

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al límite de gastos impuesto por el Estado que se basa en los gastos de la población de Show Low en los años 1980 y 1978, ajustado por la inflación y el crecimiento. La modificación de la base de gastos sería mantener los niveles actuales de servicio, que han aumentado significativamente desde 1980, y dar al Consejo Municipal de control local a adoptar un presupuesto equilibrado y económicamente conservadora dentro de los recursos existentes. No habría ningún impacto en los ingresos ni a los impuestos existentes de la ciudad. Si es aprobada por los votantes, la propuesta también requiere que (1) la ciudad mantener una reserva de efectivo de al menos \$1 millón antes de cualquier gasto puede ser autorizada y (2) cualquier aumento en las tasas de impuestos locales debe ser aprobado por el 75% de los miembros sentados del Consejo Municipal o por una mayoría de los votantes registrados de la ciudad.

La elección primaria es una elección tradicional: lugar de votación y los votantes de Show Low puede votar en el campus de la ciudad Gymnasium, 620 E. McNeil, o en la Sala Frontier (adentro del edificio de Servicios de Salud del Condado de Navajo), 600 N. 9 Place. Se requerirá a los votantes a presentar la identificación necesaria con el fin de recibir una boleta. Los que prefieren recibir una boleta por correo pueden solicitar una boleta de votación anticipada llamando al Condado de Navajo al (800) 668 a 3867 antes del 19 de agosto.

Los votantes registrados que hayan designado un partido político reconocido (demócrata, republicano, partido verde o libertario) recibirá la boleta de su partido en la elección primaria. La parte de la votación se aparecerá al final de la boleta. Arizona es un estado de primaria abierta, lo que significa que los votantes que se han inscrito como independientes o no se hayan designado su preferencia de partida política, puede llamar al condado por el 19 de agosto y solicitar una boleta demócrata, republicana o partido verde (no habrá boleta libertaria) o solicitar una papeleta de los asuntos de la ciudad-solamente. La votación de la ciudad sólo incluye los candidatos del Consejo de la Ciudad de Show Low y una proposición electoral, pero no hay otras carreras ni proposiciones.

Una elección general para la ciudad del 8 de noviembre se llevará a cabo sólo si los cuatro asientos no se llenan en el primario. Para hacer preguntas directas, favor de hablar a (928) 532-4060 o 532-4061.

Calendar of Events

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

Special ongoing events or event series:

Healthy Hikes – 07/11, 07/25, 08/08, 08/22 & 09/12; call 532-4140 for information and trail schedule

Show Low Main Street farmers' market & art walk – Every Saturday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Festival Marketplace (ends 09/24)

Adult Book Discussions – 07/20, 08/17, 09/21, 1:30 p.m., Public Library

Storytime – Every Wednesday, 9:15–9:45 a.m., and every Thursday, 10–10:25 a.m., Public Library (ages 0 to 5)

Craft-a-Poolooza – Every Wednesday (07/6–27), 2:30–5 p.m., Aquatic Center (ages 7-12), \$5 per child

06/06– 8 a.m., Summer Play Days (ages 5-12); weekly drop-in/drop-out program with activities (Monday–Thursday)

07/01 One-Pitch Coed Softball registration begins (until 07/30)

07/01 Women's Volleyball registration begins (until 07/30)

07/01 7–9 p.m., Aquatic Center, **Red-White-Bluuu** (\$2 per person or \$10 per family)

07/01 7 p.m., Deuce's Wild Rodeo, Village Arena, 4555 S. White Mountain Rd. (gates open at 3 p.m. with kids' activities); call 537-3883 or visit deuceswildrodeo.us

07/04 Fourth of July events (City offices closed):

7–9 a.m., Show Low Historical Society's **Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast**, Festival Marketplace

9 a.m., Annual Fourth of July Parade (theme: "America the Beautiful") along the Deuce of Clubs

3–10 p.m., FreedomFest (food vendors, fun zone, music), Show Low football stadium complex, 500 W. Old Linden Rd. (gates open at 3 p.m.); live music with headliner **Mogollon**; fireworks at 9 p.m. (if conditions permit)

07/08 10 a.m., Show Low Library Friends meeting (public welcome), Public Library

07/11 Swimming Lessons (session 3) begin, Aquatic Center

07/12 7 p.m., Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers

07/16 10 a.m., Mini Mud Run (ages 2–10), City Park (register in advance until 07/13; check in at 9:30 a.m.)

07/19 7 p.m., City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers

07/21 7:30–10 p.m., Family Float & Flick, Aquatic Center (general admission; movie *Finding Nemo*; bring your own tube)

07/26 7 p.m., Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers

07/29 21st Annual Tri in the Pines registration ends

08/01 Start Smart Sports registration begins (age 3-5), football, baseball, and basketball

08/02 7 p.m., City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers

08/02 7:30–9:30 p.m., Teen Night, Aquatic Center (ages 11-17; general admission)

08/09 Women's Volleyball games begin

08/09 7 p.m., Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers

08/12 10 a.m., Show Low Library Friends meeting (public welcome), Public Library

08/13 21st Annual Tri in the Pines (ages 14+) & **Youth Tri in the Pines** (ages 5–14)

08/15 Coed Volleyball registration begins (until 09/14)

08/15 One-Pitch Coed Softball games begin

08/16 7 p.m., City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers

08/23 7 p.m., Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers

09/06 7 p.m., City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers

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

09/09 7 p.m., Ponderosa Field, City Park, **Movie in the Park** (Warner Brother's *Max*), free

09/13 7 p.m., Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers

09/20 7 p.m., City Council Regular Meeting, Council Chambers

09/27 7 p.m., Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Council Chambers

09/30 7 p.m., Ponderosa Field, City Park, **Movie in the Park** (Disney's *Cinderella*), free

The City of Show Low is sponsoring an **ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENT** for Show Low residents on Saturday, August 27, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Navajo County Penrod facility, 251 N. Penrod Road. Drop off unwanted computers, monitors, printers, cell phones, small appliances, etc. No TVs or large appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.) will be accepted. Call (928) 532-4124 for information.

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zines; office paper; brown paper bags; newspapers; paperboard; cardboard; dairy and juice containers; junk mail; phone books; plastic bottles and containers, numbers 1-7; aluminum foil and cans; and tin or steel cans. Items NOT accepted for recycling are plastic bags, plastic wrap, shredded paper, foam cups and containers, glass, food waste, green waste, films and food-soiled cardboard or paper cups/plates. Putting these products into the recycling bin may contaminate recyclable materials.

Direct questions about trash and recycling to Customer Service Representative Jennifer Faurot at (928) 532-4000.

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