

Village of The Hills

Adopted Annual Budget

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

Proposed on September 10, 2024

Sarah Carroll Mayor

Hilda C. Potsavich Mayor Pro Tem

Rick Van Dalen Council Treasurer

Jim Vick Council Secretary

Kevin Proud Councilmember

Lee Crawford Councilmember

Angie Massey City Administrator

PROPERTY TAX SUMMARY

This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$1,844 which is a 0.37% decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$ *proposed tax rate x value of new property added to toll"

Recorded Votes

Proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget

Mayor Sarah Carroll	Yea
Councilmember Hilda C. Potsavich	Yea
Councilmember Rick Van Dalen	Yea
Councilmember Jim Vick	Yea
Councilmember Kevin Proud	Yea
Councilmember Lee Crawford	Yea

Proposed FY 2024-2025 Tax Rate

Mayor Sarah Carroll	Yea
Councilmember Hilda C. Potsavich	Yea
Councilmember Rick Van Dalen	Yea
Councilmember Jim Vick	Yea
Councilmember Kevin Proud	Yea
Councilmember Lee Crawford	Yea

The Village property tax rates for the current fiscal year and upcoming fiscal year are as follows:

Property Tax Rates	FY 2023-2024	FY 2024-2025
Adopted Rate	0.1000	0.0936
No New Revenue Tax Rate	0.0908	0.1396
No New Revenue M & O Rate	0.0750	0.0703
Voter Approval Rate	0.1013	0.0936
Debt Rate	0.0250	0.0233
De Minimus Rate	0.1678	0.162

FY 2024- 2025 Budget Overview

The FY 2024-2025 budget includes total revenues of \$1,066,638 and expenditures of \$1,028,457. For perspective, the total FY 2023-2024 adopted budget contained resource revenue of \$1,003,233 and expenditures of \$957,935. Revenue has increased by 6.3% with an expense increase of only 4.7%.

General Fund

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the government. It is used to account for all current financial resources not required by law, or administrative action, to be reported in other designated funds. The primary governmental functions occurring within this fund are public safety, parks, public works, and general administrative operations.

General Fund Revenues

Revenues are derived from four primary sources; property taxes (47%), sales tax (34%), franchise fees (13%) and interest income (6%).

Property Tax

Forty seven percent of General Fund revenues are derived from property taxes. The Travis County Appraisal District reports that the total taxable value of property located within the Hills for FY 2024-2025 is \$702,213,161 compared to \$670,029,000 representing a \$32,184,161 dollar increase, a 4.58% percent increase.

The total tax rate for FY 2024-2025 will be decreased from previous year to \$0.0936 per \$100 of taxable valuation. The tax rate for FY 2023-2024 was 0.1000, which is a 0.0064 (6.4%) decrease year to year.

The total tax rate is comprised of two components- the Debt Rate portion that is dedicated to the payment of principal, interest and fees on general obligation debt and the Maintenance and Operation (M&O) portion which is utilized in the General Fund for general governmental purposes.

The M/O Rate for FY 2024-2025 of 0.0703 generates a property tax revenue of \$493,656 which is a 1.8% decrease from the FY 2023-2024 budget of M/O \$502,522.

The I & S Rate (debt service) for FY 2024-2025 of \$0.0233 generates a tax levy of \$163,616 which is a 2.38% decrease from the FY 2023-2024 budget of \$167,507.

Sales Tax

The FY 2024-2025 annual budget projection for sales taxes is \$359,900, an 8% percent increase over last year. The gain can be attributed to continued increasing purchasing habits and dependance of online transactions.

Franchise Fees

Franchise fees for the FY 2024-2025 annual budget are projected to total \$140,210, a 15% percent increase over last year. The gain can be attributed to continued utility usage increase year to year.

Interest Income

Revenues attributed to interest earned on account balances for the FY 2024-2025 annual budget are projected to total \$65,000. The gain year over year is attributed to a healthy account balance and strong interest rates provided.

Other Revenues

The budget for this category is significantly reduced from the income received during FY 2023-2024 due to FEMA funds received from the previous year's winter storm. To note, the capital improvements budget will primarily use cash currently in investment accounts.

General Fund Expenditures

Highlights FY 2024-2025 versus FY 2023-2024

Administration - \$137,700; decreased 25.32% year to year

Streamlined and right-sized administrative activity of city offices

Include costs for website redesign provided by website provider

Increased ability for administration to receive & attend training

Other Services - \$281,875; increased 4.67% year to year

Additional constable patrol hours (\$50,298 increase)

Less administrative costs by consolidating roles (\$49,000 decrease)

Common Areas - \$310,000; increased 48.78% year to year

Increase facilities maintenance to include better winterization processes and general upkeep

Increased fence maintenance and repairs for deer management

Increased irrigation repairs and replacements

Increased wildfire mitigation resources to be available

Reduction in costs for dog waste collection

Parks & Recreation - \$41,425; decreased 28% year to year

Removed need for wifi services in the park

Youth Advisory and General Supplies budgets remain nominal.

Capital Projects - \$135,000; decreased 84% year to year

Completed majority of projects in the FY 2023-2024 year

Capital Improvement Plan

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a planning document adopted annually by the City Council to plan for capital improvements related to the city's infrastructure.

Projects identified in the CIP will be considered for funding each year as part of the budget. The following projects have been discussed or scheduled:

Lohmans Traffic Signal

Road paving along The Hills Drive

Engineering services and Walking trail completion

Emergency equipment

Park and Public Facility Enhancements

Replacement of the wall along Lohmans with Limestone

ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT NAME	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025	VARIANCE \$	VARIANCE %	
		ADOPTED BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	YEAR END FORECAST	ADOPTED BUDGET	OVER(UNDER) 23-24 VS 24-25	OVER(UNDER) 23-24 VS 24-25	
GENERAL FUND								
REVENUE								
10-4000	PROPERTY TAX COLLECTIONS	\$ 502,522.00	\$ 502,522.00	\$ 498,970.00	\$ 500,678.00	\$ (1,844.00)	-0.37%	
10-4100	PEC	\$ 26,059.00	\$ 26,059.00	\$ 29,215.00	\$ 28,160.00	\$ 2,101.00	8.06%	
10-4101	AT&T	\$ 2,266.00	\$ 2,266.00	\$ 2,195.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$ (166.00)	-7.33%	
10-4102	TW/SPECTRUM/CHARTER	\$ 32,960.00	\$ 32,960.00	\$ 31,168.00	\$ 29,250.00	\$ (3,710.00)	-11.26%	
10-4103	CITY OF AUSTIN	\$ 63,860.00	\$ 63,860.00	\$ 65,311.00	\$ 80,700.00	\$ 16,840.00	26.37%	
10-4200	SALES TAX - GENERAL	\$ 322,091.00	\$ 322,091.00	\$ 329,464.00	\$ 344,900.00	\$ 22,809.00	7.08%	
10-4201	SALES TAX - MIXED BEV	\$ 9,782.00	\$ 9,782.00	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 5,218.00	53.34%	
10-4300	DEVELOPMENT FEES/PERMITS	\$ 1,236.00	\$ 1,236.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ (1,036.00)	-83.82%	
10-4301	RENTALS (PARKS) FEES PERMIT	\$ 1,957.00	\$ 1,957.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (1,807.00)	-92.34%	
10-4400	GRANTS & SPONSORSHIPS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	
10-4500	INVESTMENT/INTEREST INCOME	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	62.50%	
10-4700	OTHER	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 165,443.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,300.00	260.00%	
GENERAL FUND TOTAL REVENUE		\$ 1,003,233.00	\$ 1,003,233.00	\$ 1,220,566.00	\$ 1,067,938.00	\$ 64,705.00	6.45%	
EXPENSES								
ADMINISTRATION								
10-10-5000	SALARIES	\$ 134,614.00	\$ 104,614.00	\$ 104,392.00	\$ 106,600.00	\$ (28,014.00)	-20.81%	
10-10-5001	FEDERAL TAXES	\$ 9,760.00	\$ 9,760.00	\$ 8,325.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ (1,260.00)	-12.91%	
10-10-5002	UNEMPLOYEMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	
10-10-5003	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 6,733.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,800.00	\$ (1,933.00)	-28.71%	
10-10-5004	TMRS	\$ 25,577.00	\$ 17,538.00	\$ 17,538.00	\$ 10,100.00	\$ (15,477.00)	-60.51%	
10-10-5005	CAR ALLOWANCE	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,431.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 500.00	6.94%	
10-10-5006	PERSONEEL-SUPPLEMENT	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (500.00)	-100.00%	
TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS		\$ 184,384.00	\$ 136,912.00	\$ 134,686.00	\$ 137,700.00	\$ (46,684.00)	-25.32%	
10-10-5510	COMPUTER & OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
10-10-5512	SUPPLIES	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 325.00	22.03%	
10-10-5545	SOFTWARE	\$ 11,089.00	\$ 11,589.00	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 23,200.00	\$ 12,111.00	109.22%	
TOTAL SUPPLIES		\$ 15,564.00	\$ 16,064.00	\$ 16,275.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 12,436.00	79.90%	
10-10-6000	MEMBERSHIP DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ (850.00)	-24.29%	
TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS AND DUES		\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,650.00	\$ (850.00)	-24.29%	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES								
10-10-6001	INSURANCE PREMIUMS	\$ 7,655.00	\$ 5,855.00	\$ 5,757.00	\$ 7,257.00	\$ (398.00)	-5.20%	
10-10-6005	BONDS	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 100.00	25.00%	
10-10-6098	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	\$ 15.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 85.00	566.67%	
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		\$ 8,070.00	\$ 6,295.00	\$ 6,032.00	\$ 7,857.00	\$ (213.00)	-2.64%	
OTHER SERVICES								
10-10-6010	TRAINING AND TRAVEL	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,547.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	233.33%	
10-10-6011	MEETINGS	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,900.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 250.00	14.29%	
10-10-6025	LEGAL NOTICES & PUBLICATIONS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 9,492.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	0.00%	
10-10-6040	PRINTING/MAILING	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 143.00	\$ 600.00	\$ (400.00)	-40.00%	
TOTAL OTHER SERVICES		\$ 8,250.00	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 14,082.00	\$ 15,100.00	\$ 6,850.00	83.03%	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		\$ 219,768.00	\$ 177,021.00	\$ 173,575.00	\$ 191,307.00	\$ (28,461.00)	-12.95%	
CONTRACTED SERVICES								
10-20-6500	LEGAL/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 52,710.00	\$ 52,710.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (2,710.00)	-5.14%	
10-20-6510	TAX COLLECTION	\$ 2,764.00	\$ 7,264.00	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 4,936.00	178.58%	
10-20-6530	AUDIT	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 13,650.00	\$ (850.00)	-5.86%	
TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		\$ 69,974.00	\$ 70,974.00	\$ 56,200.00	\$ 71,350.00	\$ 1,376.00	1.97%	
OTHER SERVICES								
10-20-6520	LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$ 149,702.00	\$ 149,702.00	\$ 147,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,298.00	33.60%	
10-20-6540	ELECTIONS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,575.00	\$ 1,075.00	43.00%	
10-20-6550	INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS	\$ 21,600.00	\$ 38,600.00	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 27,600.00	\$ 6,000.00	27.78%	
10-20-6551	MUNICIPAL COURT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	100.00%	
10-20-6555	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 12,571.00	\$ 13,200.00	\$ 1,700.00	14.78%	
10-20-6560	PERSONNEL - BUDGET/CITY SEC	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 71,550.00	\$ 71,550.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ (49,000.00)	-58.33%	
TOTAL OTHER SERVICES		\$ 269,302.00	\$ 276,302.00	\$ 275,521.00	\$ 281,875.00	\$ 12,573.00	4.67%	
TOTAL CONTRACTED SERVICES		\$ 339,276.00	\$ 347,276.00	\$ 331,721.00	\$ 353,225.00	\$ 13,949.00	4.11%	
COMMON AREAS								
10-30-5560	SIGNAGE	\$ 1,934.00	\$ 1,934.00	\$ 1,459.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,066.00	210.24%	
TOTAL SIGNAGE		\$ 1,934.00	\$ 1,934.00	\$ 1,459.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,066.00	210.24%	
PROPERTY SERVICES								
10-30-6050	MOWING & MAINTENANCE	\$ 111,000.00	\$ 111,000.00	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 144,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	29.73%	

ACCOUNT #	ACCOUNT NAME	2023-2024 ADOPTED BUDGET	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	VARIANCE \$ OVER(UNDER)	23- 24 VS 24-25	VARIANCE % OVER(UNDER)
			AMENDED BUDGET	YEAR END FORECAST				
10-30-6051	FACILITIES MAINTENANCE	\$ 19,439.00	\$ 23,647.00	\$ 23,647.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 20,561.00	105.77%	
10-30-6052	FENCE MAINTENANCE	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 8,495.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	50.00%	
10-30-6053	IRRIGATION	\$ 4,191.00	\$ 6,191.00	\$ 7,836.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 7,809.00	186.33%	
10-30-6054	WALKING TRAIL MAINTENANCE	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
10-30-6055	WILDFIRE MITIGATION/TREE TRIMMING	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 20,320.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 17,000.00	113.33%	
10-30-6056	WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 200.00	11.11%	
10-30-6059	DOG PARK MAINTENANCE	\$ -	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 23,632.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	100.00%	
	TOTAL PROPERTY SERVICES	\$ 196,430.00	\$ 231,138.00	\$ 179,430.00	\$ 296,500.00	\$ 100,070.00	50.94%	
	ROAD REPAIRS							
10-30-6057	ROAD REPAIRS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)	-25.00%	
	TOTAL ROAD REPAIR	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)	-25.00%	
	TOTAL COMMON AREAS	\$ 208,364.00	\$ 243,072.00	\$ 201,889.00	\$ 310,000.00	\$ 101,636.00	48.78%	
	PARKS AND RECREATION							
10-40-5512	SUPPLIES	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 736.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	TOTAL SUPPLIES	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 736.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	OTHER SERVICES							
10-40-6058	UTILITIES	\$ 20,465.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 402.00	\$ 425.00	\$ (20,040.00)	-97.92%	
10-40-6060	EVENTS	\$ 37,400.00	\$ 32,800.00	\$ 25,868.00	\$ -	\$ (37,400.00)	-100.00%	
10-40-6062	RECREATION PROGRAMS IMPROVEMENT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 39,000.00	100.00%	
	TOTAL OTHER SERVICES	\$ 57,865.00	\$ 33,225.00	\$ 26,270.00	\$ 39,425.00	\$ (18,440.00)	-31.87%	
	TOTAL PARKS AND RECREATION	\$ 59,865.00	\$ 35,225.00	\$ 27,006.00	\$ 41,425.00	\$ (18,440.00)	-30.80%	
	YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION							
10-50-5512	SUPPLIES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 224.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	TOTAL SUPPLIES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 224.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	OTHER SERVICES							
10-50-6060	EVENTS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
10-50-6061	SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	TOTAL OTHER SERVICES	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	TOTAL YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 224.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	GENERAL SERVICES							
10-90-5512	SUPPLIES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 119.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	TOTAL SUPPLIES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 119.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	OTHER SERVICES							
10-90-6060	EVENTS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 845.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
10-90-6061	SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	TOTAL OTHER SERVICES	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 845.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	TOTAL GENERAL SERVICES	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 964.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	0.00%	
		\$ 839,773.00	\$ 805,594.00	\$ 735,379.00	\$ 908,457.00	\$ 68,684.00	8.18%	
10-95-8912	TRANSFER TO CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	TOTAL OTHER SOURCES AND USES	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSE	\$ 959,773.00	\$ 925,594.00	\$ 845,379.00	\$ 1,028,457.00	\$ 68,684.00	7.16%	
	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 43,460.00	\$ 77,639.00	\$ 375,187.00	\$ 39,481.00	\$ (3,979.00)		