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CITY COUNCIL APPROVES '23-24 BUDGET

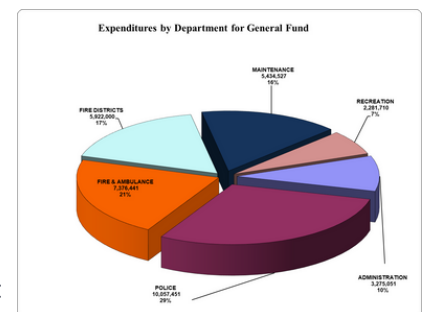
The Hazelwood City Council approved its FY23-24 budget this past June. Assistant City Manager for Finance, David Tuberty, reported the FY23 general fund saw a surplus of \$5.1 Million based on revenues of just under \$35 Million and expenses of \$29.7 Million. The city reported an ending balance of \$20.5 Million.

The city's FY24 General Fund Budget predicts revenues of \$32.5 Million and expenses of \$34.3 Million.

Tuberty stated the City's healthy financial condition was attributed primarily to improvement in the economic conditions in the City, federal funding from the CARES and ARPA Acts along with the city's commitment to prudent spending.

Total general fund spending shows increases in most departments. Total expenditures are expected to be a net \$790 thousand decrease from budget due to a decline in personnel costs, unfilled positions that were budgeted for FY2023, and legal fees that were budgeted but were not spent.

FY24 expenditure assumptions included a new pay plan that was implemented in FY23, a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), a step increase based on the current pay plan, a change in the Employee contribution to insurance premiums along with other noted increases in pension contributions, insurance and workmen's compensation rates.



General Fund Budget Synopsis

2024 Fiscal Year	
• Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 20,585,465 (69.3%)
• Estimated Revenues	\$32,549,994
• Estimated Expenses	(\$35,971,080)
• Deficit	(\$3,421,086)
• Ending Fund Balance	\$17,164,379 (47.7%)

The 2024 Budget allocates \$36 Million for General Fund operations, \$8 Million for Economic Development, and \$4.7 Million in projects and purchases in the Capital Improvements Fund. Combined General, Economic Development, and Capital Improvements Fund Expenditures total \$46.68 Million.

The entire FY 2024 Budget, along with past budgets, can be viewed on the city's website at: www.hazelwoodmo.org/505/City-Budgets

JOE KOHNEN NAMED ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

Hazelwood Fire Chief Dan Luley has announced the promotion of Joe Kohnen to the position of Assistant Fire Chief. Kohnen assumes Luley's former job as he was promoted to Fire Chief replacing the retired Dave Herman.

Assistant Chief Kohnen received his paramedic license in December of 2009 and graduated from the St. Louis County Fire Academy in December of 2010. He initially joined the Hazelwood Fire Department as a firefighter/paramedic in 2012.

He has actively pursued advancement within the Hazelwood Fire Department serving as a certified front line firetruck driver/operator.

In January of this year, Kohnen achieved the rank of Captain in the department.



Assistant Chief Kohnen was joined by family during his introduction to City Council.

The new Assistant Chief has two Associates Degrees, one in Paramedic Technology and the other in Fire Science. In May, he received his Bachelors Degree in Business Management from UMSL. He resides in St. Louis and in his spare time, he enjoys traveling and hiking with his girlfriend Lauren.



Hazelwood City Clerk Julie Lowery administers the oath of office to Kohnen with Fire Chief Luley.

Assistant Chief Kohnen was awarded the Unit Citation Award in 2012 by the Greater St. Louis Area Fire Chief's Association for his extraordinary efforts and dedication shown in the rescue of several trapped civilians from structure a structure fire located in Hazelwood.



Ward 5 Councilmember Lisa Matlock and Chief Luley welcome the new Assistant Chief

DON'T MISS HAZELWOOD DAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

Mark your calendars NOW and plan to attend our 3rd Annual Hazelwood Day at Howdershell Park on Saturday, September 9th, from 3:00-9:00p.m.

This family friendly event will feature free activities for all ages and fantastic entertainment. The event will provide:

- Two inflatable obstacle courses, one for small children and one for kids of all ages.
- The Annual Random Draw Partnering Horseshoe Tournament, beginning at 2:00p.m.
- The Hazelnuts will host a session of Free Bingo, for prizes, from 3:30-5:00p.m.
- A balloon artist will create free sculptures for you from 3:00-7:00p.m.
- The Community Enrichment Commission will have a booth with reading and craft activities for children.
- Staff from the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments showcasing their vehicles, trucks and equipment.

Free entertainment will also highlight the festivities starting with the Chaz 45 Band from 3:00-5:00p.m.



Chaz 45 Band

Staff from Parks & Recreation are also excited to announce that after numerous attempts, they were finally able to secure the Fabulous Motown Review.

This very popular and entertaining act will perform from 6:00-9:00 pm.



Fabulous Motown Reveiw

PROMOTIONS & NEW HIRES

Congratulations to the City employees who received promotions, celebrated anniversaries and to our newest hires!

Promotions:

- Ian Benning - Firefighter/Paramedic
- Austin Bishop - Police Office
- Lucas Claborn - Police Officer
- Nicholas DellaMorte - Police Officer
- Earl Laukau - Lead Mechanic
- Dan Luley - Fire Chief
- Joe Kohnen - Ass't Fire Chief
- Sean Madden - Police Records Clerk
- Christopher Peters -Police Officer
- Thomas Theisen - Firefighter/Paramedic
- Devin Valenti - Police Officer
- Greg Viehman - Police Office Manager

New Hires:

- Michal Andreatta - Police Officer
- Nocholas Delamorte - Police Officer
- Jackson Foster - Police Recruit
- Manning Johnson - Police Recruit
- Darren May - City Planner
- Chris Peters - Police Officer
- Nick Sanchez - Firefighter/Paramedic
- Lauren Price - Permit Technician
- Kellie Randle - Telecommunicator

Anniversaries:

- Doug Barber - Police Sergeant (20 Years)
- Al Hauswirth - (10 Years)
- Shane Parrish - Police Lieutenant (30 Years)
- Rob Peth - Firefighter/Paramedic (10 Years)
- Tim Snipes - Police Detective (15 Years)

Retirements:

- Dave Herman - Fire Chief
- Eric Kiehl - Fire Captain
- Glen Robinson - Law Enforcement Info. Specialist

CITY EVENTS

Yoga
(Check Calendar for Dates & Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

Senior Scene
CHIHULY in the Garden
August 2nd - 9:30 AM
Hazelwood Community Center

Senior Yoga
(Check Calendar for Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

Chair Yoga
(Check Calendar for Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

Karate Kids
(Check Calendar for Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

Adult Karate
(Check Calendar for Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

Zumba
(Check Calendar for Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

Senior Fitness Training
(Check Calendar for Times)
Hazelwood Community Center

Summer Disc Golf
(Check Calendar for Times)
Disc Golf Course

City Council Meetings
First and Third Wednesday of
the month at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall

Labor Day Holiday
September 4th
All City Offices are Closed

HAZELWOOD DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th
3PM - 9PM - HOWERSHELL PARK
FREE ACTIVITIES:
Ballon Artist: 3p-7p
Free Bingo: 3:30p-5p
Inflatable Courses: 3p-7p
Truck & Tractors to Climb On
Horseshoe Tournament: 2p
The Chaz45 Band 3pm-5pm
The Fabulous Motown Review 6pm-9pm
FOOD TRUCKS

STREET, SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM TO BEGIN

In an effort to preserve and maintain roadway infrastructure, Hazelwood has undertaken important initiatives this summer.

Under a \$323,000 contract, Sweetens Concrete Services is currently working to seal cracks and joints on City streets.



In 2021, contractors completed approximately 25% of this work city wide. Contractors will complete all remaining residential and commercial areas of Hazelwood maintained streets.

This work helps prevent water and incompressibles from entering a joint or crack and prolongs the lifecycle of the pavement.



The City Council approved a contract with M and H Concrete Contractors to replace deteriorated concrete slabs in city streets and to repair sidewalks throughout Hazelwood. This larger than typical contract in the amount of \$900,000 is scheduled to start in September and will take several months to complete.

Both contractors will work to maintain access as much as possible. Your patience with the contractors as they complete this important work is greatly appreciated.

DARREN MAY HIRED AS NEW CITY PLANNER

City Manager Matt Zimmerman has announced the appointment of Darren May as the new City Planner.

Darren has extensive experience in zoning, planning and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), having served for over two decades with the St. Charles County Community Development Department. During his tenure, Darren was involved in many aspects of land use planning; from Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance updates to Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment and daily zoning activities. Darren created the first GIS maps for the Department and compiled a long list of maps which are still in use today.



City Manager Matt Zimmerman welcomes Darren May as the new City Planner.

He was also heavily involved in Neighborhood Preservation, zoning ordinance interpretation and overseeing both sign and fence regulations.

Darren acquired both a Master's and Bachelor's Degree in Geography from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Darren began his duties on June 12th.

FALL BAZAAR AND MARKET DAY



Hazelwood Parks and Recreation will host a Fall Bazaar & Market Day on Saturday, October 7th, from 9:00a.m.-2:30p.m. at the Hazelwood Community Center, 1186 Teson Road.

This is the opportunity you have been looking for to clean out your closets, garage and storage areas and make a little cash at the same time. Bring your items to the Community Center and sell them in your booth.

Only 22 spaces are available with a fee of \$25 for Residents and \$35 for Non-Residents. While most household items are welcome to be sold, automotive parts, large appliances, furniture, and food items are prohibited.

Applications are available and currently being accepted at the Community Center or by calling 314-731-0980.

MADD RECOGNIZES HAZELWOOD POLICE



Members of the Hazelwood Police Department was honored on May 30th at the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) at their Heroes for Heroes' Law Enforcement Recognition Event. MADD Missouri celebrated the following officers from the Hazelwood Police Department with the group's Law Enforcement Award: Officer Shane Olmsted,

Officer Blake Thornton, Officer Daniel Johnston, Officer Austin Buzick, Officer Brandon Runyon and Officer Joshua West.

These officers arrested 86 DWI violators during 2022 calendar year.

The MADD Role Call Award which is awarded to those who "show up" with a commitment to MADD's mission, consistent presence and leadership in the community. MADD presented this award to Sergeant Scott Schnurbusch.

The event took place at the Ameristar Casino and Resort Spa. The honorees and department were also recently recognized at a City Council meeting for this achievement.



FIRE FOCUSES ON CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Hazelwood Fire Department firefighters recently participated in water rescue training at White Birch Bay Aquatic Center. Staff were educated on the use of tools for a shallow water crossing, rescue operations, watercraft operations and in-water victim rescue techniques along with self-rescue if the rescuer becomes the victim.

"Training and staying up-to-date on all rescue techniques is something we take very seriously in our department," stated Fire Chief Dan Luley



"Many believe we only deal with fire emergencies, which is far from the truth. Our staff has to have the ability to deal with issues ranging from drownings to major automotive accidents."

Luley added the training is something that all staff takes very seriously from the department's newest members to the most experienced firefighters.



WE'RE
HIRING

The City of Hazelwood has a number of job openings for interested parties. The City offers competitive wages with a number of outstanding benefits.

A sample of the jobs we are looking to fill :

- Clerk Typist - Courts
- Code Administrator
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Telecommunicator
- Police Officer
- Maintenance Worker

To find our more, visit our website at www.hazelwoodmo.org and click on "Employment Opportunitie" under the "How Do I" tab.

DID YOU
KNOW ?

Residents can rent City facilities like a Gazebo or space at the community centers for family gatherings, parties and other special events. To find out more, contact Pam Reynolds at our Parks & Recreation Department at 314-731-0980.



COUNCIL UPDATES

- Approved a proclamation honoring Connie Steinmetz upon her retirement from the Hazelwood School District.
- Approved a contract for a design study for a new fire house.
- Approved proclamations honoring EMS Week, Public Works Week, Police Week, National Telecommuter Week, National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week.
- Held a special Work Session to review the Proposed FY23-24 Budget.
- Repealed an ordinance declaring an emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Received the annual economic development update from the Assistant City Manager.
- Approved legislation amending the Fire Prevention Code relating to Premises Identification System.
- Approved a resolution for a Chapter 100 Bond Issuance for Hazelwood TradePort Lot 8 and 600 James S. McDonnell Boulevard.
- Approved a proclamation honoring long time Hazelwood business Drake Automotive.



Summer break is almost over so now is the time to enjoy White Birch Bay Aquatics Center! The Center will reduce hours to Saturdays and Sundays only starting August 19th and will close for the season after the Labor Day weekend. So make sure you enjoy the water while you can!



CITY HOSTS SUCCESSFUL RECYCLE DAY

On Saturday June 10th, the City of Hazelwood's Green Committee hosted its 12th annual recycle day on the parking lot of Village Square. The City partnered with Republic Services, Citishred, Barry's Auto World, and Spectrum Ecycle. Funding was provided through a grant from the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and by a grant from St. Louis County Department of Public Health utilizing County landfill surcharge funds.



During the four hour event, the 15 volunteers and city staff served 503 vehicles from throughout the region. Over 60% of survey respondents said they heard about Recycle Day from a postcard while nearly 15% were discovered the event through social media.

The Green Committee is excited to report that nearly 24,000 lbs. of recyclables was collected. This included 51 laptop computers, 49 desktops/towers/servers, 171 tube televisions, 250 LCD TV's/computer monitors and 20 cell phones.

The Committee appreciate the residents participation in this effort and looks forward to hosting another successful Recycle Day in 2024.

POLICE SRO ACTIVATED WITH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Hazelwood Police Department have once again partnered with the Hazelwood School District utilizing our School Resource Officers (SRO). Trained personnel have been assigned to Hazelwood West High School and Hazelwood West Middle School and have already begun interacting with both students and teachers.

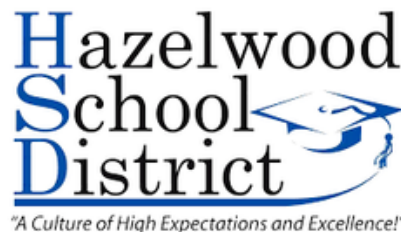


Dare Officer Ed Novak, SRO Officer Devan Valenti, SRO Officer Steve Andreski, SRO Officer Fred Simon and Chief Jim Hudanick

Hazelwood Police Chief Jim Hudanick said the SRO effort is a fundamental component of the department's community policing strategy because it creates and strengthens necessary relationships, especially with the youth in the community.

"One of our goals is to develop a high level of trust and familiarity between the Hazelwood youth and our Police Department," Hudanick stated.

We have seen that a continuous interaction in the schools, like the SRO program, helps us achieve that objective."



Staff began their assignments starting with summer school. Officer Fred Simon, a mainstay at Hazelwood West High School for many years is returning along with Officer Steve Andreski, who just finished Basic SRO training. Hazelwood West Middle School has been assigned Officer Devan Valenti, who also recently

completed Basic SRO training. These patrol members bring a combined 60 years of law enforcement experience to the program and are very excited about the upcoming school year.

Officer Ed Novak will continue as the DARE officer and work closely with our SRO's to enhance the department's outreach effort.

COUNCILMAN RYAN HOSTS TOWN HALL

Ward 3 Councilman Don Ryan hosted a Town Hall meeting for residents on July 18th at Civic Center East

Approximately 50 people attended the meeting to present their concerns on city issues. They were also provided insights on the city's efforts on public safety and code enforcement.

Leadership from Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Code Enforcement and Public Works were present to provide updates on their respective areas. Residents were also given the opportunity to personally speak with various department heads to gain further insights on topics of interest to them.



Ward 3 Councilman Don Ryan



The men and women of the Hazelwood Fire and Police Departments were recently treated to a delicious breakfast by members of the Beacon Lodge #3. The lodge hosts this annual event to recognize the hard work and sacrifices of our first responders. The City of Hazelwood appreciates the continued support Beacon Lodge #3 provides for our police and fire personnel.

CODE CORNER

With fall just around the corner, keep an eye out for these common property maintenance violations:

- Gutters filled with debris and other obstructions
- Grass and weeds over eight inches tall
- Fence lines with overgrown vegetation



POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES TWO EMPLOYEES



Sergeant Ryan Counterman receives Police Officer of the Year Award.



Greg Viehman receiving Civilian Employee of the Year Award.

Two members of the Hazelwood Police Department were presented with annual awards at a recent City Council Meeting, Sergeant Ryan Counterman was named Police Officer of the Year by the department while Greg Viehman was recognized as the Police Department Civilian Employee of the Year.

Police Department staff nominates fellow members based on their job performance, volunteer activities and efforts above and beyond the call of duty. A special committee then votes on the nominees and send the results to Command Staff for final review.

Congratulations to Sergeant Counterman and Greg Viehman for their much deserved recognition.

FIREWORKS RETURNS TO HAZELWOOD

A large crowd joined city leaders at White Birch Bay Aquatics Center to celebrate Independence Day and watch fireworks.

The city ended fireworks a few years back due to financial concerns. It was the hope of council and staff to restore the event when we reached a more stable condition. Through the perseverance of Parks & Recreation staff, Hazelwood was able to secure a contract in late spring of this year.

Parks Director Doug Littlefield stated this was a great "re-opening" for the fireworks and staff is looking for more excitement next year.



LITTER COLLECTION

The Hazelwood Green Committee will host a Litter Collection Day on Saturday, August 5th at 8:00 am.

Members will be picking up trash along Hazelwood Ave/Pershall Road. More events will be on August 16th, 26th and 30th (weather permitting). Check the city's Facebook page for more information. To join the effort, email or call Marge Kauffeld at iuz2@att.net/314-895-4122 or Ron Darling at ronjdarling@gmail.com/636-485-6197



BACK TO SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS

We are about a month away from the beginning of school, so a reminder to also practice safety tips to protect yourself and our children:

- Always walk on the sidewalk, if one is not available, walk facing traffic
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing and always cross at intersections or crosswalks
- Stay Alert!
- If you are riding a bike, always wear a properly fitted helmet
- Obey school zone speeds
- Never pass a bus loading or unloading children
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus.



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LEAF COLLECTION COMING BACK THIS FALL

Public Works Director Dave Stewart has announced crews are preparing plans to restore the leaf collection program in late fall.

"In early spring, we reinstituted the popular limb collection program with the desire to do the same with leaf collection knowing residents was asking that it too would returned," Stewart said.

The Hazelwood City Council voted to restore leaf collection in this year's budget. In addition, the council approved the purchase of a new leaf vac trailer which makes the collection process more efficient."



Public Works Director David Stewart



Stewart added that once a final date has been determined, the city will notify residents through social media, publish it on the website and announce it at council meetings



WARDS 7* & 8 MEETING

UPDATES ON:

Ward Activities, Administration, Police, Fire, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Code Enforcement

**This meeting is focusing on the eastern part of Ward 7. A second meeting addressing the western section of Ward 7 will be held in approximately one month.*



COUNCILMEMBER ROBERT SMITH
Ward 7



COUNCILMEMBER JEN HATTON
Ward 8

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RUSSELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
7350 HOWDERSHELL ROAD



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23RD
6:30 PM

