

OAK HILL

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BUDGET REPORT

The Board of Commissioners adopted the annual budget for fiscal year 2018-2019 in June, 2018. The details of the budget are itemized in this report:

Revenue			Expense		
1.	State Income Tax	\$280K	1.	Garbage Services	\$ 187K
2.	State Sales Tax	\$380K	2.	Chipper Services	\$ 160K
3.	Local Sales Tax	\$ 40K	3.	Street Maint	\$ 230K
4.	TVA Fees	\$ 52.6K	4.	Engineering	\$ 45K
5.	Franchise Fees	\$ 95K	5.	Capital Outlay	\$ 275K
6.	Street Aid	\$180K	6.	Wages	\$ 272K
7.	Building Permits	\$300K	7.	Benefits	\$ 63K
8.	Planning Fees	\$ 9.75K	8.	Admin Costs	\$104.5K
9.	Interest	\$ 49K	9.	Rent	\$ 42.5K
10.	Misc	\$ 3.65K	10.	Misc	\$ 11K
11.	TOTAL	\$1,390K	11.	TOTAL	\$1,390K

The highlights of the budget include \$275,000 in capital for street improvements beginning with Blevins Drive. In addition, the City will continue working on culvert improvements. Any remaining capital funds will be used for street improvements on Robertson Academy Road.

The City continues to hold approximately \$4,250,000 in investments and has no debt.



- Social Media
- Culverts
- Number of Commissioners

The mission of the City of Oak Hill is to preserve its natural resources and exclusively its residential environment; to engender a strong sense of community with a reverence for the past and a vision for the future.

Opt-In to Receive Important Updates

The City releases important information to residents in the form of an eBlast which is sent directly to your email. To Opt-In to receive these news and updates, please visit: <http://cityofoakhilltn.us> on the left side is the envelope icon "Notify Me" click on this link to sign up. Residents who opt-in will receive information regarding the quarterly eNewsletter and upcoming events and deadlines along with other topics. Official information from the City of Oak Hill is distributed from Administration @oakhilltn.us, jeff.clawson@oakhilltn.us, robyn.kevlin@oakhilltn.us only. Please add these emails to your safe sender list.

LETTER FROM MAYOR CAMPBELL

Dear Oak Hill Residents,

As we end our fiscal year, I want to update you on what's been going on in Oak Hill. This has been a busy year, and our three commissions and city office have been working hard on your behalf!

Starting last July, we worked on and completed bulk-zoning ordinances in all zones of Oak Hill. This was a measure to balance regulatory oversight with respect for personal property rights. Never an easy task, but our Planning Commission and BOC did a great job. In an effort to further protect our beautiful neighborhoods, I am in the process of introducing a tree ordinance to maintain old-growth trees, and a storm water ordinance to protect neighbors from new-builds and additions.

We have strengthened zoning regulations, revised our codes, streamlined permitting processes, and improved citation collections. We have implemented some traffic calming measures, dealt with infrastructure issues and emergencies, and are working on outside resources for the costly repair (which we cannot afford) of Otter Creek Rd.

Your BOC wrote a letter to Senator Dickerson and Speaker Harwell requesting that they vote against the bill that would have allowed for a statewide policy regarding short term rentals. This would have superseded Oak Hill regulations. Thankfully, the bill was voted down, and our short term regulations stand!

I have been working with TDOT, Senator Dickerson, Councilwoman Henderson, and City Manager Jeff Clawson, to reopen the sound wall discussion. TDOT outlined two ways that we might be eligible for sound walls. One possibility would be to wait for the I-65 Corridor Study to be completed, with eligibility contingent upon whether or not the study advocates for expansion of the Harding Rd. exit. Another possibility would be for TDOT to repeat the decibel test (not as simple as it sounds, as it involves circumventing a FHWA regulation). We have made some progress and are committed to exploring every avenue possible.

We continue to seek ways to alleviate the loss of funds from the Hall Tax. In January, the BOC met and unanimously agreed that the waste and recycling fees will need to be passed along to residents. If we do not do this, we will have to dip into our reserve fund, and that is not a viable option for the financial health of our city. This has been part of the budget discussions at the April and May BOC meetings and in the open work session. This was also the recommendation of both of our Citizen's Advisory Committees. We're still working out the logistics of this and it will be discussed further at the upcoming June meetings. We'll keep you informed.

I've been working with Mayor Lovell from Forest Hills to communicate with Metro Nashville about the possibility of Hall Tax relief for the satellite cities. In 2013 Metro agreed to allocate a percentage of franchise fees to the non-urban services municipalities, and right now they're considering offering infrastructure support for roads and storm water repairs. In some circles, there is the belief that the State is going to have to step in to replace some of the Hall Tax funds as there are satellite cities all over the state that will be in a desperate situation without it. If that should be the case, then we will definitely consider reinstating to the luxury of city funded trash service.

I feel so fortunate to work alongside such an excellent staff: City Manager, Jeff Clawson; Codes Inspector, John Bledsoe; Administrative Assistant, Victoria Talbott; City Attorney, Sharon Jacobs; and our beloved Safety Coordinator, Tommy Campsey. Our excellent Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals work well to adjudicate with consistency and compassion. We are so lucky to have such a proficient and devoted group of citizens. And, of course I'm grateful to my fellow Commissioners on the BOC, who have worked tirelessly for our citizenry. Working together, we have managed to tackle a lot this year.

As soon as one fiscal year ends, another begins, so the work continues!
I am happy to report though that once again, we have had another year with a balanced budget!

That is a lot of nuts and bolts! But that is not all! In August, we got to enjoy a front row seat to the Solar Eclipse! What an awe-inspiring sight!

We also formed a Welcoming Committee (chaired by Cindy Smith and Tracey Williamson) to welcome new Oak Hill residents. Many people move here and don't even realize we are a satellite city! By welcoming new residents, we hope to encourage involvement in our community.

After the launching of our new website, we have continued to update it to make information more accessible to our citizens. Please visit it and let us know how we can continue to improve this important informational tool.

Every month I write to my personal email list to re-cap Board of Commissioner meetings and inform residents of issues and opportunities in our city and the greater Nashville area. Please let me know if you would like to be on my list.

I wish you all the best as the summer season begins!

Warmly, Heidi 615.438.6338

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615-327-1300

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615-862-8600

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615-880-1411
1443 12 Ave. South
Nashville, TN 37203

Oak Hill Safety Coordinator:

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CULVERTS

The first culvert replaced was at the corner of Forest Acres and Lakemont. This culvert had deteriorated to the point that the area around the culvert had begun to erode risking a large sink hole. The City had this culvert repaired by inserting a liner inside the pipe. This allowed us to bring the integrity of the culvert back without excavating the street or destroying the concrete ditch system and head walls around the culvert. The actual cost to have this culvert lined was approximately \$25,000.

The second was at the corner of Van Leer and Dustin. Metro was in the process of excavating to repair a leaking water main when they discovered the culvert issue. This culvert is not in condition to allow for a liner so it will have to be replaced. Our contractor will be removing this arch shaped culvert and replace it with a new similar shaped culvert. This work is scheduled for early this summer. Once the culvert has been replaced, any damage to the ditch system will be addressed and then the asphalt removed for this project will be replaced. The estimated cost to replace this culvert and bring the street back to current is \$15,000 to \$30,000 depending on the cost of the asphalt work.

The third culvert in need of work is located on Willowdale Court. This culvert issue was discovered due to large sink hole (4 X 4 X 4) in the middle of the road. This culvert had rusted through allowing the base under the street to be washed away until the asphalt street surface collapsed. Materials have been ordered to replace this culvert since again, the liner process will not work. The estimate to replace this culvert including street resurfacing is approximately \$34,500.

In reading the 3 culvert issues described above, it is obvious that we are seeing a trend that we associate with the age of culverts throughout Oak Hill. We are in the process of identifying other culverts in need of work and create a liner program for later this summer or early fall. This is an expensive process but is necessary to ensure that all streets are safe for travel.



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