



**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
AGENDA**

**Monday, June 30, 2025
4:30 PM**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – June 30, 2025 Council Work Session
- 4. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**
 - A. Deer Population Management Strategic Planning
 - B. 2026 Proposed Fire Department Budget
 - C. ATV Regulations
 - D. City Administrator Updates
- 5. ADJOURN**

City of Afton
3033 St. Croix Trl, P.O. Box 219
Afton, MN 55001

Meeting Date June 30, 2025

Council Action Memo

To: Mayor Palmquist and City Council Members

From: Ron Moorse, City Administrator

Date: June 26, 2025

Re: Deer Population Management Strategic Planning

The topic of deer population management includes a number of elements including public engagement and education regarding deer management, including the prohibition of feeding deer; additional hunting options; habitat management and periodic evaluation to determine the effectiveness of the deer management efforts. A number of local jurisdictions, including the Washington Conservation District (WCD) and Washington County Parks are involved with these efforts. Staff has invited Dan McSwain Natural Resource Coordinator II for Washington County who is involved in deer management efforts at Washington County's regional parks, and Aaron DeRusha of the WCD who is involved with bowhunter organizations, to provide their perspectives on deer population management efforts and options.

The goal of this discussion is to better understand deer population management options, to address questions and concerns of the Council members, and to progress toward determining if there are elements of a deer population management plan that could be a good fit for Afton. Attached are two PowerPoint Presentations to guide the discussion.

Draft Afton Deer Population Management Strategic Plan

Goals and Objectives

- **Ecological Balance:** To maintain a balanced ecosystem where the deer population supports biodiversity and habitat health.
- **Public Safety:** To minimize the risk of deer-related traffic accidents and damage to property.
- **Community Engagement:** To involve the local community in decision-making processes and promote awareness about deer management.

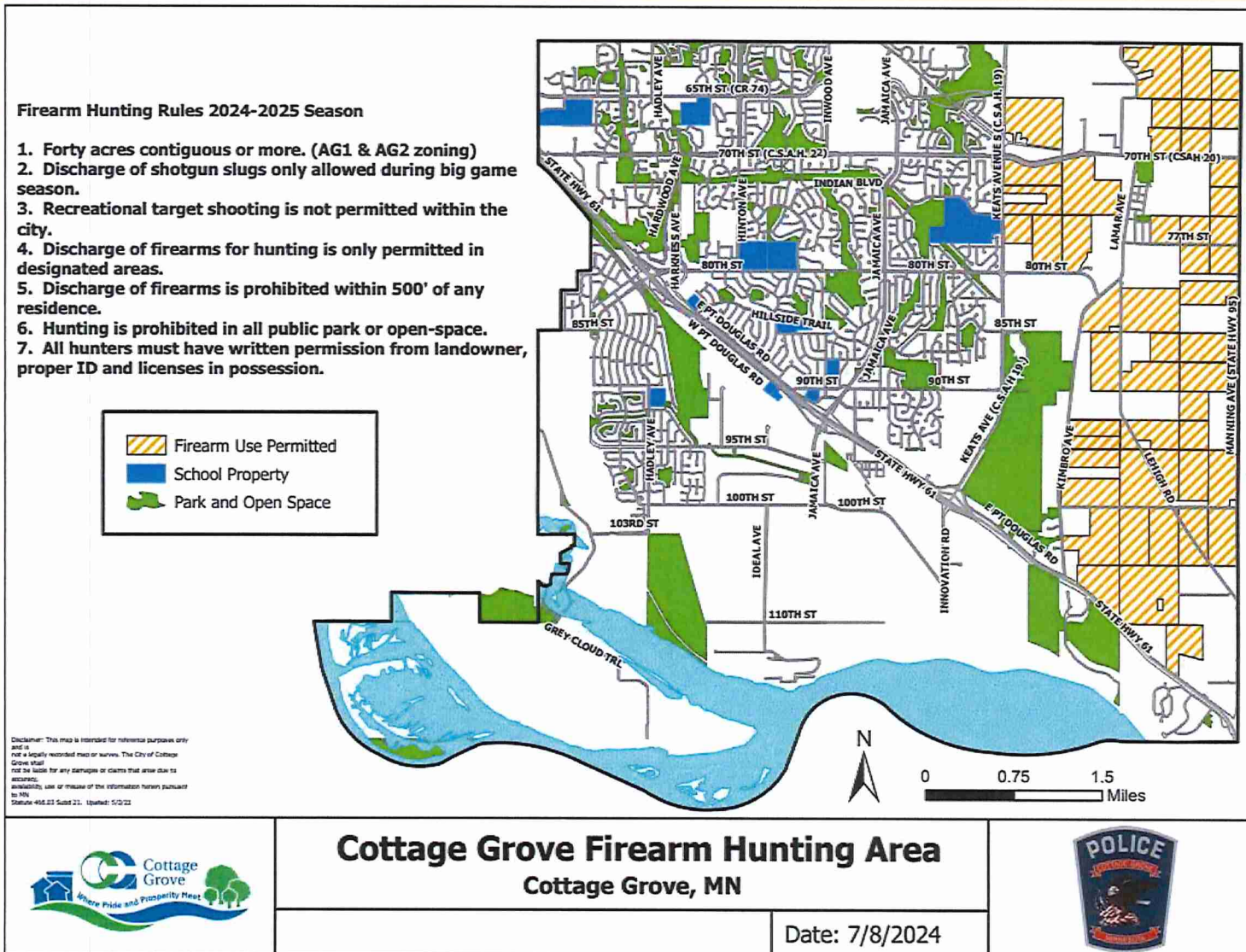
Proposed Management Strategies

- Public Safety Measures
 - Fencing, signage, stricter anti-feeding ordinances
- Hunting
 - Utilize existing DNR regulated season structure
 - Encourage recreational hunting opportunities
 - Utilize Metro Bowhunters Resource Base
 - If needed, implement public safety/discharge ordinances similar to Cottage Grove
- Removal
 - Special permitting from DNR for sharpshooting or trap/kill by contractors
 - Requires biannual population survey
- Habitat Management
 - Manage for habitat that is less preferential for deer

Population Assessment and Monitoring

- Helicopter and/or drone flights to determine population estimate
- Pair with records of deer/vehicle collisions, complaints, and disease reports
- Determine if deer exceed 20 deer per square mile, approx. density where damage to native plant communities occurs per DNR
- Surveys are repeatable to determine effectiveness of management plan over time
- Required for some management strategies, i.e. obtaining DNR removal permit outside of regulated hunting seasons

Example Cottage Grove Public Safety Ordinance



Next Steps

- Seeking feedback on conducting population survey or investigate a management strategy
- Other comments, questions, or concerns?

A dark blue silhouette of Washington County, showing its irregular shape with a jagged right edge.

Washington County Deer Management

Dan MacSwain – Natural Resource Coordinator II

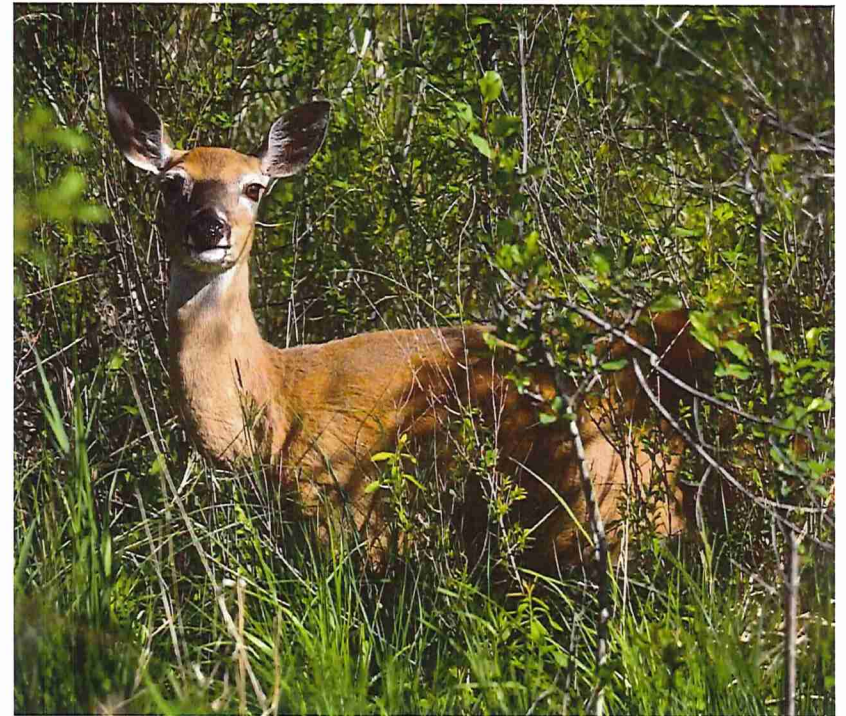
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Outline

- Deer Management Goals
- Deer Surveys
- Deer Harvests at Lake Elmo Park Reserve
- Questions

Deer Management Goals

- Herd Health
- Reduce over-browsing
 - Excessive browse prevents establishment and regeneration of native plants
 - MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) recommends target population density of 10-20 deer per square mile
- Reduce vehicle/deer collisions on roadways
- Engage community, reduce nuisance issues
- Provide enjoyable wildlife viewing for visitors



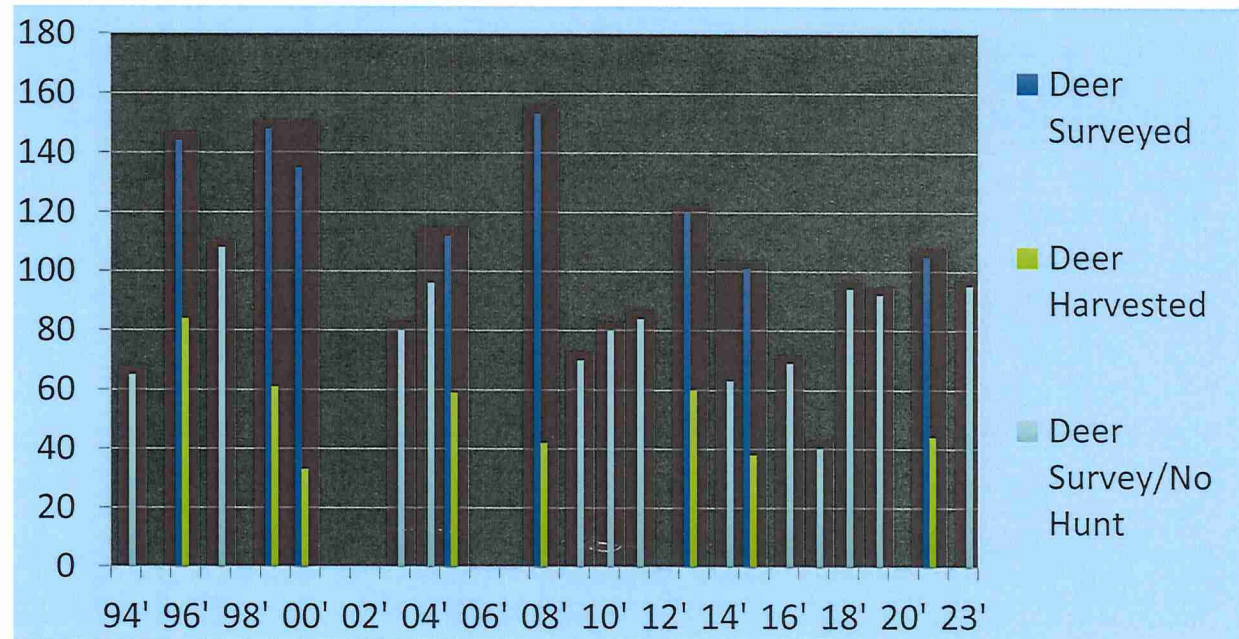
Deer Harvests at Lake Elmo Park Reserve

- 1993- 2015

- Eight shotgun deer harvests at Lake Elmo Park Reserve and City of Lake Elmo Sunfish Lake Park
- Effective, but safety concerns with increasing development and park us

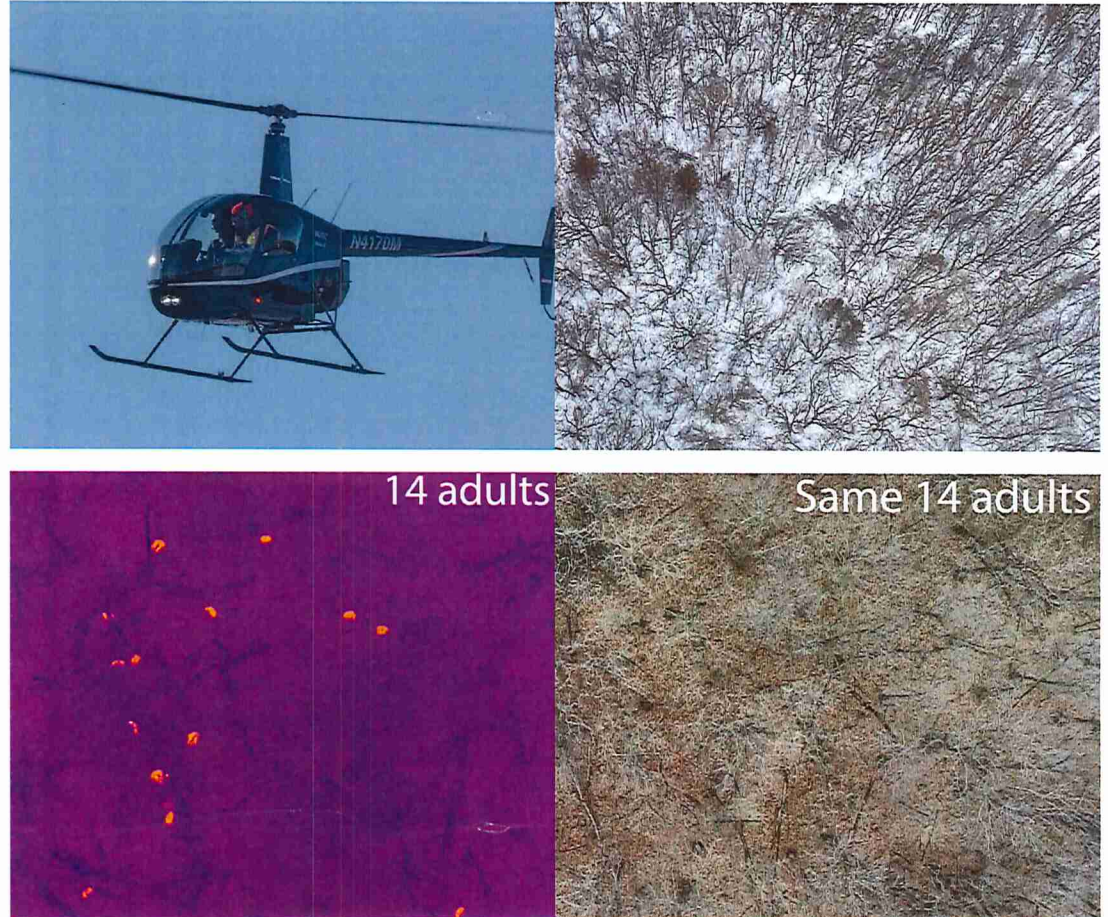
- 2021

- Switched to Archery Harvests through an organization called Metro Bowhunters Resources Base (MBRB).



Deer Surveys

- Typically done in February – March via helicopter with snow on the ground
 - City of Mahtomedi, Newport and St. Mary's Point have participated
- 2024 – Survey done in April via drone
 - Thermal imaging helped identify deer despite low snow cover
 - St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park (SCB)
 - 74 deer counted, 46 within park
 - Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park (CGRRP)
 - 51 deer counted, 17 within park
 - Lake Elmo Park Reserve/Sunfish Lake
 - Not surveyed in 2024; deer population not a concern



Questions?

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From: Ron Moorse, City Administrator

Date: June 26, 2025

Re: 2026 Proposed Fire Department Budget

The Lower St. Croix Valley Volunteer Fire Department's 2026 Proposed Budget was presented at the June 17, 2025 Council meeting. The proposed budget is attached. The Fire District Joint Powers Agreement allows the Fire Department to increase its cost to the 5 cities by up to 5% without the need for city budget approvals. The 2026 proposed budget involves a cost increase to cities of 20%, which requires unanimous approval by the 5 cities.

The Council discussed the budget briefly at the Council meeting. Both Afton staff and Afton's Fire Board members recommended review of the Proposed 2026 Fire Department Budget at the Council's June 30 work session to provide additional time for questions and discussion.

Main Expenditure Increase Items

The proposed budget requires a total funding levy from the five cities of \$732,292, which is an increase of \$122,616 or 20.11% over the 2025 levy. The three main expenditure items causing the levy increase are as follows:

1. The amount of funding to the Facility Fund is increasing from \$3,000 to \$35,000. This is partially related to the need to replace the emergency generator at an estimated cost of \$35,000, and partially to recognize other substantial facility maintenance needs in the foreseeable future, including improvements to the parking lot. The Facility Fund currently has a balance of \$73,507. The Fire Department does not have a multi-year capital repair and replacement plan to document the need for substantial additional funding for the Facility Fund. This makes it difficult to determine the level of funding needed at this time.
2. The operating budget includes an expense item for additional funding of \$26,700 for Fire Chief Compensation to better reflect the level of compensation needed to hire a full-time Fire Chief. The Fire Department has not provided salary survey information to document the need for additional Fire Chief compensation and the timing of hiring a full-time Fire Chief has not been determined. This makes it difficult to determine the level of additional funding needed at this time.
3. The budget includes an increase in funding for duty crew compensation. Duty crew pay involves paying specific firefighters to be on-call on specific days and times to ensure there is sufficient staffing to adequately respond to calls. The 2026 budget Duty Crew expense is \$50,880, which is a \$34,880 or 205% increase over the 2025 amount of \$16,000. The \$50,880 amount reflects duty crew pay for all weekends of the year. The Fire Department has not provided information regarding the days and times when duty pay is needed to ensure an adequate number of firefighters are available to respond to a call. This makes it difficult to determine the level of duty pay that is needed at this time.

Looking Forward

There may be a need for significant increases in funding for the Fire Department in the coming years, and it may be prudent to begin to plan for additional funding, but at this time, it is not clear what the level of future funding needs will be. There is not a solid basis for determining the need to provide substantial additional funding at this time. The Fire Department Long Term Planning Study that is currently underway may provide answers to some of the questions regarding the main expenditure increase items in the proposed Fire Department budget. But the study may not be completed until September.

2026 Operating Tax Levy - Summary Allocation

LSCV FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Total Operating Tax Levy		\$732,292							
CITY	POPULATION	POPULATION % OF TOTAL	TAX CAPACITY	TAX CAPACITY % OF TOTAL	COMBINED PERCENT OF TOTAL	2026 Levy	2025 Levy	INCREASE	PERCENT INCREASE
AFTON	3044	47.2891%	\$10,581,518	58.5804%	52.9347%	\$387,637	\$325,211	\$62,426	19.20%
LAKELAND	1656	25.7263%	\$3,580,733	19.8233%	22.7748%	\$166,778	\$139,308	\$27,470	19.72%
LAKELAND SHORES	327	5.0800%	\$926,013	5.1265%	5.1033%	\$37,371	\$29,978	\$7,393	24.66%
LAKE ST CROIX BEACH	1037	16.1100%	\$1,645,305	9.1086%	12.6093%	\$92,337	\$77,242	\$15,095	19.54%
ST MARY'S POINT	373	5.7946%	\$1,329,676	7.3612%	6.5779%	\$48,170	\$37,937	\$10,233	26.97%
	6437	100.0000%	\$18,063,245	100.0000%	100.000%	\$732,293	\$609,676	\$122,617	20.11%

SOURCES: POPULATION - METROPOLITAN COUNCIL Metropolitan Council - 2023 Estimate (Pub July 2024) \$640,160

(THIS WILL CHANGE ONLY IF CORRECTED BY MET COUNCIL)

TOTAL TAX CAPACITY - WASHINGTON COUNTY Final Pay 2025 Values \$92,133

TAX CAPACITY IS BASED ON TOTAL BEFORE DEDUCTIONS

Amount to get to 5%

BASIS FOR APPORTIONMENT TO CITIES: 50% ON POPULATION AND 50% ON TAX CAPACITY

THIS TABLE SHOWS THE EFFECTIVE COST PER PERSON,
PER DOLLAR OF TAX CAPACITY AND PER HOUSEHOLD
FOR EACH CITY.

	COST/CAPITA	Rank	COST/TAX CAP	Rank	COST/HH	Rank	Households 2023 Estimate
AFTON	\$127.34	2	\$0.037	4	\$338.25	1	1,146
LAKELAND	\$100.71	4	\$0.047	2	\$242.41	4	688
LAKELAND SH	\$114.28	3	\$0.040	3	\$316.70	3	118
LAKE SCB	\$89.04	5	\$0.056	1	\$195.63	5	472
ST MARY'S PT	\$129.14	1	\$0.036	5	\$323.29	2	149
TOTAL DISTRICT	\$113.76		\$0.041		\$284.61		2,573

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Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Protection District
Budget FY 2026 Worksheet

	Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	% Change 2025-2024	Annual Avg (Actual) 2021- 2024	2024 Budget compared to 2024 Actual	Budget 2024
I. Tax Levies - Reserve Funds									
Tax Levy - Medical	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	0.0%	\$3,250	\$0	\$3,000
Tax Levy - Tires & Batteries	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%	\$1,750	(\$0)	\$2,000
Tax Levy - Equipment Replacement	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	0.0%	\$9,250	\$0	\$10,000
Tax Levy - Vehicle Replacement	\$164,513	\$167,803	\$164,513	\$178,006	\$185,126	4.0%	\$164,529	(\$0)	\$164,513
Tax Levy - Facility	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$35,000	1066.7%	\$3,750	\$0	\$3,000
Tax Levy - Designated Fund	\$0	\$0	(\$20,000)	(\$46,000)	\$0	-100.0%	(\$5,000)	\$0	(\$20,000)
Total I.A. Tax Levies - Reserve Funds	\$182,513	\$187,803	\$162,513	\$155,006	\$240,126	54.9%	\$177,529	(\$0)	\$162,513
II. Income and Expense - Operations (F& A)	50.72%	0.447478904	0.410149749	47.25%	45.00%		46%		46.00%
II. A. - Operating Tax Levies & District Income									
340.0 - Ambulance Service Billings	\$466,702	\$407,541	\$403,641	\$400,000	\$505,000	26.3%	\$408,065	(\$53,641)	\$350,000
340.3 - Ambulance Billing Adjustments	(\$236,690)	(182,366)	(165,553)	(189,000)	(227,250)	20.2%	(\$186,078)	\$4,553	(161,000)
340.4 - EMT Trng Classes, Contrib & Grants	\$1,750	\$19,503	\$82,494	\$7,242	\$7,242	0.0%	\$25,956	(\$78,694)	\$3,800
340.6 - Fire & Rescue Services	\$50	\$3,853	\$50	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%	\$1,332	\$950	\$1,000
360.0 - Interest Earned	\$3,944	\$14,562	\$15,031	\$11,500	\$11,500	0.0%	\$8,399	(\$6,031)	\$9,000
361.0 - Fire Inspections/Burn Permits	\$2,085	\$3,156	\$2,475	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.0%	\$2,623	(\$475)	\$2,000
362.0 - Other Income/Service Charges	\$0	\$574	\$12,188	\$500	\$500	0.0%	\$3,244	(\$11,688)	\$500
Subtotal- District Income	\$237,841	\$266,823	\$350,326	\$234,242	\$300,992	28.5%	\$263,541	(\$145,026)	\$205,300
310.0 - Tax Levy - General Operations	\$374,821	\$394,654	\$399,049	\$454,671	\$492,166	8.2%	\$381,817	\$20,001	\$419,050
Total II. A. - Oper Tax Levies & Dist Inc	\$612,662	\$661,477	\$749,375	\$688,913	\$793,158	15.1%	\$645,358	(\$125,025)	\$624,350

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II. B. Operating Expense					\$125,262				
II. B1. · Board, Fire & Amb Personnel									
401.1 · Comp-Board	\$5,746	\$6,606	\$5,266	\$6,804	\$6,424	-5.6%	\$5,707	\$652	\$5,918
401.2 · Comp-Fire	\$121,474	\$109,811	\$115,729	\$115,000	\$119,201	3.7%	\$112,855	\$9,389	\$125,118
401.3 · Comp-Ambulance	\$33,612	\$37,277	\$34,611	\$38,395	\$35,649	-7.2%	\$32,893	\$9	\$34,620
401.34 · Comp - Duty Crew (Weekends Only)		\$12,596	\$13,916	\$16,000	\$50,880	218.0%	\$13,256	(\$13,916)	
401.4 · Comp-Fire Chief	\$91,045	\$92,902	\$95,689	\$98,560	\$101,517	3.0%	\$92,419	(\$1,913)	\$93,776
401.5 · Comp-Officers/Admin	\$17,846	\$22,333	\$24,378	\$20,583	\$25,109	22.0%	\$20,806	(\$5,997)	\$18,381
401.6 · Comp-Fire Chief Add on	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$26,700	26600.0%	\$53	\$200	\$200
401.7 · Reimb Expense/Equip Allowance (REEA)	\$15,484	\$14,620	\$14,417	\$15,600	\$15,600	0.0%	\$15,093	\$1,532	\$15,949
401.8 · Comp-Vac Pay for Volunteers	\$3,375	\$1,750	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	0.0%	\$2,313	\$1,476	\$3,476
403.0 · FICA-Employers Portion	\$9,696	\$9,837	\$11,068	\$10,050	\$12,548	24.9%	\$9,707	(\$1,081)	\$9,987
403.2 · Medicare-Employers Portion	\$4,052	\$4,114	\$4,409	\$4,200	\$4,407	4.9%	\$4,062	(\$235)	\$4,174
403.6 · PERA EMT	\$4,434	\$5,468	\$7,652	\$5,632	\$7,881	39.9%	\$5,252	(\$3,085)	\$4,567
403.7 · PERA Police & Fire - Employers Portion	\$16,115	\$16,444	\$16,937	\$16,937	\$17,445	3.0%	\$16,358	(\$339)	\$16,598
403.8 · Medical & Oth Benefits - Employers Portion	\$6,295	\$6,295	\$6,295	\$6,300	\$6,300	0.0%	\$6,295	\$5	\$6,300
Total II. B1. · Board, Fire & Amb Personnel	\$329,174	\$340,053	\$352,366	\$356,162	\$431,660	21.2%	\$330,440	(\$13,302)	\$339,064
II.B2.· Facilities & Administration									
404.3 · Facility Cash Contrib - Amb	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200	0.0%	\$4,200	\$0	\$4,200
404.4 · Comp - Administrative Assistant	\$1,483	\$1,528	\$1,574	\$1,621	\$1,670	3.0%	\$1,506	(\$74)	\$1,500
404.5 · Comp - Facility Personnel	\$3,860	\$2,659	\$2,850	\$2,821	\$2,906	3.0%	\$3,558	\$650	\$3,500
404.6 · Employer Paid Taxes - Facility & Admin	\$698	\$494	\$357	\$530	\$546	3.0%	\$597	\$133	\$490
405.0 · Taxes, Licenses & Fees	\$390	\$312	\$1,223	\$500	\$1,000	100.0%	\$581	(\$823)	\$400
405.5 · Prof Fees (Legal, Acct & Audit)	\$37,575	\$52,461	\$79,282	\$58,220	\$65,000	11.6%	\$49,080	(\$31,282)	\$48,000
405.7 · Fire & Amb Billing & Collections	\$6,097	\$4,743	\$10,759	\$6,000	\$8,400	40.0%	\$6,824	(\$4,759)	\$6,000
406.1 · Light & Power	\$6,405	\$6,517	\$5,072	\$6,917	\$6,917	0.0%	\$5,923	\$1,845	\$6,917
407.1 · Heat	\$5,960	\$5,446	\$4,128	\$5,750	\$5,750	0.0%	\$4,967	\$2,308	\$6,436
408.1 · Telephone/Internet	\$5,433	\$5,344	\$5,615	\$7,000	\$7,000	0.0%	\$5,471	\$1,385	\$7,000
409.1 · Admin Office Supplies & Software	\$3,785	\$3,746	\$2,541	\$6,000	\$6,000	0.0%	\$3,417	\$1,659	\$4,200
415.1 · Repairs & Maint - Building	\$7,465	\$8,652	\$7,206	\$8,600	\$8,600	0.0%	\$7,116	(\$1,706)	\$5,500
Total II.B2.· Facilities & Administration	\$83,351	\$96,102	\$124,807	\$108,159	\$117,988	9.1%	\$93,238	(\$30,664)	\$94,143

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II.B3. · Insurance									
410.1 · Insurance-Vehicle Fleet	\$3,879	\$3,980	\$4,896	\$4,992	\$4,992	0.0%	\$4,071	(\$629)	\$4,267
410.2 · Insurance-Commercial Package	\$6,674	\$10,017	\$12,706	\$12,565	\$12,565	0.0%	\$8,501	(\$5,365)	\$7,341
410.4 · Insurance-Disablty Income/AD&D	\$2,134	\$2,140	\$2,140	\$2,684	\$2,684	0.0%	\$2,130	\$207	\$2,347
410.5 · Insurance-General Liability	\$2,885	\$3,182	\$2,573	\$3,992	\$3,992	0.0%	\$2,800	\$601	\$3,174
410.8 · Ins-Worker's Comp/Unemploy Claims	\$16,002	\$18,215	\$21,157	\$22,849	\$22,849	0.0%	\$17,870	(\$3,555)	\$17,602
410.9 - Insurance - Equipment	\$0			\$0	\$0			\$0	\$0
Total II.B3. · Insurance	\$31,574	\$37,534	\$43,472	\$47,082	\$47,082	0.0%	\$35,371	(\$8,741)	\$34,731
II.B4. · Vehicles & Equipment									
411.2 · Minor Equip - Fire	\$3,840	\$19,520	\$13,007	\$6,000	\$6,000	0.0%	\$10,218	(\$7,007)	\$6,000
411.3 · Minor Equip - Ambulance	\$1,638	\$1,225	\$1,407	\$2,100	\$2,100	0.0%	\$1,544	\$393	\$1,800
411.4 · Minor Equip - Boat		\$67	\$1,793	\$500	\$500		\$930	(\$1,793)	
412.2 Supplies - Fire	\$511	\$521	\$462	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%	\$702	\$1,038	\$1,500
412.3 · Supplies - Ambulance	\$7,624	\$10,639	\$9,416	\$12,000	\$11,000	-8.3%	\$9,346	\$84	\$9,500
413.2 · Vehicle-Fuel/Oil - Fire	\$14,628	\$13,371	\$8,658	\$13,000	\$13,000	0.0%	\$11,722	\$3,342	\$12,000
413.3 · Vehicle-Fuel/Oil - Ambulance	\$4,890	\$4,271	\$2,874	\$4,600	\$4,600	0.0%	\$3,853	\$1,126	\$4,000
413.4 · Vehicle-Fuel/Oil - Boat			\$199	\$0	\$200		\$199	(\$199)	
414.1 · 800 Mhz System County User Fee	\$10,802	\$11,702	\$12,002	\$12,300	\$12,300	0.0%	\$11,327	(\$1,002)	\$11,000
414.2 · Vehicle Maintenance - Fire	\$10,724	\$16,188	\$13,738	\$14,500	\$14,500	0.0%	\$14,856	(\$1,738)	\$12,000
414.3 · Vehicle-Maintenance - Ambulance	\$2,185	\$3,836	\$9,008	\$3,200	\$3,200	0.0%	\$4,475	(\$6,808)	\$2,200
414.4 · Vehicle Maintenance - Boat	\$0	\$1,000	\$8	\$750	\$750	0.0%	\$252	\$1,242	\$1,250
415.2 - Equip Maint & Uniforms - Fire	\$5,305	\$7,957	\$8,572	\$6,500	\$6,500	0.0%	\$6,112	(\$2,572)	\$6,000
415.3 - Equip Maint - Ambulance	\$2,891	\$2,007	\$1,430	\$2,500	\$2,500	0.0%	\$1,651	(\$430)	\$1,000
417.3 - Amb Replacement Cash Contrib	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$25,000	\$25,000	0.0%	\$19,500	\$0	\$19,500
418.3 -Duty Veh Cash Contrib - Amb	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$1,260	\$1,260	0.0%	\$1,260	\$0	\$1,260
419.3 - EMS Equip Cash Contrib - Amb	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	0.0%	\$1,200	\$0	\$1,200
420.3 - T&B Amb Cash Contrib - Amb	\$420	\$420	\$420	\$420	\$420	0.0%	\$420	\$0	\$420
421.3 - T&B Duty Veh Cash Contrib - Amb	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	\$180	0.0%	\$180	\$0	\$180
Total II.B4. · Vehicles & Equipment	\$87,598	\$114,864	\$105,133	\$107,510	\$106,710	-0.7%	\$99,133	(\$14,323)	\$90,810

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*Lower St. Croix Valley Fire Protection District
Budget FY 2026 Worksheet*

	Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	% Change 2025-2024	Annual Avg (Actual) 2021- 2024	2024 Budget compared to 2024 Actual	Budget 2024
II.B5. - Training									
422.2 - Training - Fire	\$16,075	\$19,548	(\$8,725)	\$18,000	\$18,000	0.0%	\$7,716	\$26,725	\$18,000
422.3 - Training - Ambulance	\$4,968	\$5,493	\$5,274	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.0%	\$4,140	(\$274)	\$5,000
422.4 - Training Exp - EMT/CPR Classes	\$485	\$1,581	\$4,912	\$0	\$500		\$1,770	(\$4,912)	\$0
Total II.B5. - Training	\$21,528	\$26,622	\$1,462	\$23,000	\$23,500	2.2%	\$13,626	\$21,538	\$23,000
II.B6. - Other Expenses									
431.2 - Fire Prevention	\$1,690	\$411	\$1,643	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%	\$1,132	(\$143)	\$1,500
433.2 - Dues & Subs - Fire	\$1,760	\$2,662	\$3,064	\$1,800	\$1,800	0.0%	\$2,093	(\$1,264)	\$1,800
433.3 - Dues & Subs - Amb	\$564	\$476	\$793	\$1,000	\$1,000	0.0%	\$724	\$207	\$1,000
434.2 - Confer & Meetings - Fire	\$4,970	\$4,496	\$4,884	\$5,700	\$5,700	0.0%	\$5,034	\$1,116	\$6,000
434.3 - Confer & Meetings - Ambulance	\$708	\$0	\$259	\$1,600	\$1,600	0.0%	\$470	\$1,341	\$1,600
435.3 - Prov for Amb Writeoffs	\$11,199	\$32,610	\$57,260	\$30,000	\$47,218	57.4%	\$28,013	(\$32,260)	\$25,000
436.3 - Medical Direction Fees	\$1,661	\$1,804	\$1,865	\$2,000	\$4,000	100.0%	\$1,746	(\$65)	\$1,800
437.3 - Med Exam Cash Contrib - Amb	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	0.0%	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
Total II.B6. - Other Expenses	\$24,052	\$43,959	\$71,267	\$44,600	\$63,818	43.1%	\$40,712	(\$31,067)	\$40,200
II.B7. - Recruitment and Recognition									
440.1 - Employee Recruitment	\$45	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$11	\$2	\$2
440.2 - Employee Recognition	\$100	\$0	\$3,007	\$2,400	\$2,400	0.0%	\$862	(\$607)	\$2,400
Total II.B7. - Recruit and Recog	\$145	\$0	\$3,007	\$2,400	\$2,400	0.0%	\$873	(\$605)	\$2,402
Total II.B. Operating Expense	\$577,422	\$659,133	\$701,514	\$688,913	\$793,158	15.1%	\$613,393	(\$77,164)	\$624,350
Net Oper Inc (Exp) b/4 Trf/Debt Serv	\$35,240	\$2,344	\$47,860	\$0	\$0		\$ 31,965	(\$47,860)	\$0
388.0 - Transfers In		\$15,120	\$174,701				\$94,911	(\$174,701)	
888.0 - Transfers Out	(\$2,355)	(\$2,400)	(\$197,049)				(\$51,026)	\$197,049	
II. Net Operating Income (Expense)	\$32,885	\$15,064	\$25,513	\$0	\$0		\$28,394	(\$25,513)	\$0
	50.72%	44.75%	41.0%	47.3%	45.0%				
			45.5%						
	4.9%	14.5%	24.0%	14.2%	17.0%				

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Budget FY 2026 Worksheet*

	Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	% Change 2025-2024	Annual Avg (Actual) 2021- 2024	2024 Budget compared to 2024 Actual	Budget 2024
340.0 - Ambulance Service Billings	\$ 466,702	\$ 407,541	\$ 403,641	\$ 400,000	\$ 505,000				\$ 350,000
340.3 - Ambulance Billing Adjustments	(236,690)	(182,366)	(165,553)	(189,000)	(227,250)				(161,000)
435.3 - Prov for Amb Writeoffs	(11,199)	(32,610)	(57,260)	(30,000)	(47,218)				(25,000)
Net Ambulance \$	218,813	192,565	180,828	181,000	230,533				164,000
Net Ambulance % of Billings	46.9%	47.3%	44.8%	45.3%	45.7%				46.9%

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Meeting Date June 30, 2025

Council Action Memo

To: Mayor Palmquist and City Council Members

From: Ron Moorse, City Administrator

Date: June 26, 2025

Re: Use of ATVs

The City's current regulations regarding ATVs, including side-by-side ATVs, prohibits the use of ATVs on all local roadways and rights-of-way. Staff has received a small number of requests regarding using ATVs for Ag use-related transportation on the roadway shoulder of public rights-of-way that are adjacent to Ag property to access the Ag property. Staff is bringing this topic to the Council to determine if there is interest in considering allowing limited use of ATVs on public rights-of-way for Ag uses.

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Re: City Administrator Updates

The City Administrator will provide updates regarding any new information related to projects, needs, etc.