



Annual Operating Budget



Fiscal Year

October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026



CITY OF BELLS
Fiscal Year 2025-2026
BUDGET

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$82,016, which is a 12.23 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$19,807.

The members of the governing body voted on the budget as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBER	ABSENT:	FOR:	AGAINST:	PRESENT AND NOT VOTING
Mike Whitmire		X		
Tammy Hartline		X		
Amanda Smith	X			
Kody Kirkland		X		
Bill Richtermeyer		X		

Property Tax Rate

	2025
Property Tax Rate:	\$0.600000/100
Proposed Tax Rate:	\$0.665032/100
No-New Revenue Tax Rate:	\$0.545845/100
Voter Approval Tax Rate::	\$0.665032/100
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Description	2024 -2025 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 YTD Actuals 08/31/2025	2025-2026 Adopted Budget
Advalorem Taxes M & O	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 521,176.54	\$ 500,000.00
Texoma Housing HUD	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,022.00	\$ 3,000.00
Franchise Tax	\$ 64,625.00	\$ 62,654.69	\$ 64,625.00
Sales Tax	\$ 196,400.00	\$ 202,622.56	\$ 220,000.00
Permits	\$ 22,450.00	\$ 25,279.51	\$ 22,450.00
Interest	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 13,499.66	\$ 10,000.00
Other Income	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 2,893.14	\$ 1,200.00
Copies/Fax/Notary	\$ 250.00	\$ 66.25	\$ 100.00
Donations/Special Projects	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,376.67	\$ 500.00
Transfer In/Utilities	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Capital Improvements - Streets	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Internet Tower Electric	\$ 675.00	\$ 675.84	\$ 675.00
Solid Waste - Commerical	\$ 83,700.00	\$ 76,365.04	\$ 86,520.00
Solid Waste - Residential	\$ 165,500.00	\$ 13,774.59	\$ 171,000.00
MunCourt - Court Cost and Fine Revenue	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 46,232.88	\$ 45,000.00
MunCourt - Omni Base Reimbursement	\$ 380.00	\$ 243.42	\$ 380.00
MunCourt - Warrant Fee	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,000.00
MunCourt - Collections	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,356.41	\$ 5,000.00
Opioid Abatement Funds	\$ 115.00	\$ 563.55	\$ 115.00
Sale of Vehicles	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
LEOSE PD Training Fund	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,776.73	\$ -
Police Reports	\$ 100.00	\$ 118.00	\$ 100.00
GC Fire Runs	\$ 27,900.00	\$ 25,575.00	\$ 27,900.00
Other Income	\$ -	\$ 19,368.73	\$ -
Reimbursement of VFD Benefit Policy	\$ 2,371.00	\$ -	\$ 2,371.00
Sale of Vehicles	\$ 8,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Grant Funds	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
Fire Recovery	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
BYS Electric Reimbursement	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00
Other Income	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
Rent Income - Parks/Pavilion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rent Income - Ballfield Complex	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Rent Income -107 E. Park	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -
Interest	\$ 150.00	\$ 37.61	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 450.00	\$ -
Return Check Fee	\$ 300.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 400.00
Sale of Vehicles	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Rent Income - Vertical Tower	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 7,981.12	\$ 7,800.00

Rent Income - Texomas Broad Band	\$	5,100.00	\$	4,400.00	\$	5,100.00
Rent Income - Tek Wave	\$	7,800.00	\$	7,150.00	\$	7,800.00
Rent Income - 514 S Pecan St.	\$	-	\$	1,687.50	\$	3,800.00
Late Fee	\$	15,000.00	\$	14,614.55	\$	15,000.00
Delinquent Fee	\$	6,500.00	\$	7,615.07	\$	6,500.00
Transfer Fee	\$	25.00	\$	75.00	\$	25.00
I & S Transfer In	\$	-	\$	-	\$	176,000.00
Other Income	\$	-	\$	44,533.00	\$	-
4A Income/SWIFT Bond	\$	-	\$	-	\$	16,000.00
4B Income/SWIFT Bond	\$	-	\$	-	\$	28,400.00
Capital Improvements	\$	4,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
Water Revenue	\$	502,000.00	\$	469,356.48	\$	515,000.00
Bulk Water Revenue	\$	5,000.00	\$	6,276.10	\$	5,000.00
Water Tap	\$	10,000.00	\$	16,080.00	\$	5,000.00
I & S Transfer In	\$	-	\$	-	\$	44,000.00
4A Income/2005 Bond	\$	-	\$	-	\$	30,000.00
4A Income/SWIFT Bond	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,000.00
4B Income/SWIFT Bond	\$	-	\$	-	\$	7,100.00
Capital Improvements	\$	4,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
Sewer Revenue	\$	279,800.00	\$	259,153.27	\$	300,000.00
Sewer tap	\$	7,500.00	\$	17,500.00	\$	-
Sales Tax - Merchant	\$	98,000.00	\$	81,049.83	\$	98,000.00
Interest	\$	8,500.00	\$	9,245.19	\$	8,500.00
Sales Tax - Merchant	\$	98,000.00	\$	81,049.83	\$	98,000.00
Interest	\$	4,000.00	\$	2,701.87	\$	3,500.00
Transfer in - Reserves	\$	25,900.00	\$	-	\$	-
Interest	\$	3,000.00	\$	5,148.90	\$	5,000.00
Cemetery Plots	\$	3,000.00	\$	2,200.00	\$	2,000.00
Gate Key (Grave Openings)	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,200.00	\$	2,000.00
GC Clerk Filing Fee	\$	90.00	\$	90.00	\$	90.00
Salaries	\$	126,000.00	\$	49,384.62	\$	118,500.00
Longevity	\$	410.00	\$	410.00	\$	470.00
Administrator Expenses	\$	537.00	\$	-	\$	-
Payroll Expenses	\$	3,360.00	\$	14,316.75	\$	28,550.00
Contract Labor	\$	139,910.00	\$	212,342.74	\$	152,000.00
Professional Dues	\$	13,400.00	\$	14,045.24	\$	14,000.00
Specal Project Expenditures	\$	1,500.00	\$	100.93	\$	500.00
Surety/Notary Bonds	\$	200.00	\$	271.00	\$	200.00
TML Insurance	\$	3,778.00	\$	5,145.88	\$	5,420.00
Utilities	\$	34,980.00	\$	40,408.82	\$	40,000.00

Technology	\$	7,883.00	\$	6,436.55	\$	6,300.00
Operating Expense	\$	3,850.00	\$	2,142.19	\$	3,000.00
Training	\$	750.00	\$	45.00	\$	750.00
City Hall Repair/Maintenance	\$	1,000.00	\$	2,375.00	\$	3,000.00
Street Maintenance	\$	30,000.00	\$	9,226.47	\$	-
Debt	\$	12,000.00	\$	10,000.00	\$	-
Contractor Solid Waste Residential	\$	126,928.00	\$	116,258.70	\$	131,218.00
Contractor Solid Waste Commercial	\$	70,315.00	\$	59,460.50	\$	72,691.00
Contract Labor	\$	7,200.00	\$	6,500.00	\$	9,600.00
Technology	\$	4,035.00	\$	3,441.48	\$	4,035.00
Operating Expense	\$	150.00	\$	204.80	\$	100.00
Training	\$	900.00	\$	865.60	\$	900.00
MunCourt - Collections	\$	750.00	\$	4,444.34	\$	4,000.00
OmniBase	\$	300.00	\$	84.00	\$	116.00
Salaries	\$	221,835.00	\$	194,884.46	\$	232,500.00
Longevity	\$	2,115.00	\$	2,115.00	\$	2,120.00
Payroll Expenses	\$	62,346.00	\$	54,626.53	\$	65,370.00
TML Insurance	\$	17,168.00	\$	19,216.32	\$	18,335.00
Utilities	\$	3,132.00	\$	2,883.79	\$	3,200.00
Fuel	\$	15,000.00	\$	11,840.58	\$	11,000.00
Technology	\$	4,700.00	\$	4,144.09	\$	3,000.00
Copsync	\$	3,678.00	\$	2,725.80	\$	2,900.00
Operating Expense	\$	500.00	\$	556.67	\$	500.00
Office Supplies	\$	200.00	\$	59.99	\$	150.00
Postage	\$	300.00	\$	440.48	\$	400.00
Uniforms	\$	1,500.00	\$	536.23	\$	1,000.00
Training	\$	800.00	\$	592.60	\$	1,000.00
TCLEOSE Ed Training	\$	2,500.00	\$	-	\$	2,500.00
Fleet	\$	72,000.00	\$	60,126.43	\$	70,000.00
Equipment Purchase	\$	2,676.00	\$	1,401.15	\$	1,000.00
Equipment Repair	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	-
GC Jail	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
Salaries	\$	25,060.00	\$	19,038.46	\$	20,000.00
Longevity	\$	60.00	\$	-	\$	70.00
Payroll Expenses	\$	3,501.00	\$	2,752.37	\$	2,994.00
VFD Benefit Policy	\$	2,371.00	\$	-	\$	2,371.00
Contract Pest Control	\$	540.00	\$	495.00	\$	540.00
TML Insurance	\$	9,823.00	\$	12,089.15	\$	11,009.00
Utilities	\$	6,498.00	\$	7,249.94	\$	6,600.00
Fuel	\$	4,000.00	\$	3,945.42	\$	4,000.00
Technology	\$	4,000.00	\$	5,058.63	\$	13,000.00
Operating Expense	\$	5,150.00	\$	1,200.90	\$	2,150.00
Uniforms	\$	1,000.00	\$	115.00	\$	1,000.00

Training	\$	1,700.00	\$	20.87	\$	1,700.00
Fire Station Repair/Maintenance	\$	5,000.00	\$	738.00	\$	3,000.00
Fleet	\$	25,440.00	\$	40,271.55	\$	35,000.00
Radio Equip	\$	2,500.00	\$	-	\$	1,409.00
Equipment Purchase	\$	5,000.00	\$	2,793.34	\$	1,000.00
Equipment Repair	\$	4,000.00	\$	2,623.60	\$	6,000.00
Grant Funds Expenditures	\$	-	\$	15,000.00	\$	-
Debt	\$	28,440.00	\$	26,069.78	\$	28,440.00
TML Insurance	\$	122.00	\$	60.90	\$	122.00
Elec Park Ballfield Complex	\$	3,200.00	\$	5,652.40	\$	5,500.00
Elec Park Pavillion	\$	275.00	\$	977.13	\$	1,000.00
Operating Expense	\$	10,000.00	\$	2,125.99	\$	2,000.00
Community Squad	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	1,000.00
Street Maintenance	\$	-	\$	-	\$	44,306.00
Salaries	\$	219,057.00	\$	205,611.34	\$	187,437.00
Longevity	\$	925.00	\$	925.00	\$	995.00
Overtime	\$	6,946.00	\$	9,205.08	\$	5,000.00
Payroll Expenses	\$	71,186.00	\$	64,122.11	\$	59,331.00
Drug Testing	\$	250.00	\$	-	\$	250.00
Immunizations	\$	250.00	\$	-	\$	250.00
Contract Labor	\$	77,055.00	\$	90,749.80	\$	74,379.00
Publications	\$	200.00	\$	-	\$	200.00
Surety/Notary Bonds	\$	200.00	\$	171.00	\$	150.00
TML Insurance	\$	18,214.00	\$	23,877.75	\$	27,105.00
Utilities	\$	2,896.00	\$	2,648.67	\$	3,000.00
Fuel	\$	7,850.00	\$	10,680.03	\$	10,000.00
Technology	\$	15,356.00	\$	15,182.61	\$	16,630.00
Operating Expense	\$	10,390.00	\$	9,201.56	\$	11,000.00
Training	\$	1,750.00	\$	2,207.22	\$	1,700.00
514 S. Pecan Maintenance	\$	350.00	\$	895.07	\$	350.00
514 S Pecan Property Taxes	\$	1,500.00	\$	-	\$	1,500.00
Fleet	\$	51,500.00	\$	39,793.93	\$	40,000.00
Equipment	\$	4,780.00	\$	2,879.70	\$	-
Equipment Purchase	\$	500.00	\$	1,914.96	\$	1,000.00
Equipment Repair	\$	1,000.00	\$	321.86	\$	8,000.00
Community Squad	\$	4,000.00	\$	2,021.17	\$	3,000.00
Transfer to General	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00
Debt	\$	24,628.00	\$	22,575.30	\$	24,628.00
Contract Labor	\$	-	\$	3,526.25	\$	3,500.00
Permitting Fee's	\$	1,750.00	\$	1,715.00	\$	1,720.00
Utilities	\$	35,020.00	\$	53,746.19	\$	55,000.00
Well Repairs	\$	16,000.00	\$	45,281.12	\$	25,000.00
Tank Inspection	\$	700.00	\$	-	\$	1,500.00

Infrastructure Maint/Repairs	\$	25,000.00	\$	29,932.98	\$	44,708.00
Lab Fees	\$	3,000.00	\$	5,699.00	\$	6,000.00
Red River Authority Well Fees	\$	4,446.00	\$	3,715.42	\$	4,500.00
Chlorine	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,052.50	\$	5,500.00
Equipment Purchase	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
2022 SWIFT Bonds (GTUA)	\$	99,509.00	\$	82,924.20	\$	306,798.00

Contract Labor	\$	-	\$	5,187.50	\$	1,500.00
Contractor Solid Waste Sludge	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
Permitting Fee's	\$	1,300.00	\$	2,900.00	\$	1,300.00
Utilities	\$	21,300.00	\$	18,882.09	\$	21,500.00
WWTP Maint/Repairs	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,586.65	\$	7,000.00
Lift Station Repairs	\$	13,500.00	\$	23,413.02	\$	15,000.00
Infrastructure Maint/Repairs	\$	15,000.00	\$	43,338.50	\$	32,958.00
Lab Fees	\$	4,000.00	\$	4,009.00	\$	4,500.00
Chlorine	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,052.50	\$	5,500.00
Generator	\$	1,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
Equipment Repair	\$	500.00	\$	-	\$	2,000.00
2022 SWIFT Bonds (GTUA)	\$	24,937.00	\$	21,122.80	\$	76,700.00
2005 Bond (GTUA)	\$	28,230.00	\$	26,517.37	\$	56,836.00

Specal Project Expenditures	\$	54,100.00	\$	229,077.50	\$	52,600.00
Audit	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	2,500.00
Operating Expense	\$	600.00	\$	600.00	\$	600.00
Training	\$	800.00	\$	-	\$	800.00
Debt	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00	\$	30,000.00
2005 Bond (GTUA)	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00

Specal Project Expenditures	\$	78,000.00	\$	81,343.00	\$	50,100.00
Audit	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	2,500.00
Operating Expense	\$	600.00	\$	600.00	\$	600.00
Training	\$	800.00	\$	-	\$	800.00
Park Maintenance	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,000.00	\$	12,000.00
Transfer to General	\$	35,500.00	\$	35,500.00	\$	35,500.00

GC Clerk Filing Fee	\$	225.00	\$	49.20	\$	200.00
Elec Street Lights	\$	110.00	\$	72.92	\$	110.00
Fuel	\$	700.00	\$	-	\$	1,080.00
Operating Expense	\$	5,055.00	\$	1,167.24	\$	5,000.00
Community Squad	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,700.00