

Q11 Do you have any additional comments or ideas regarding the use of the local option sales tax revenue? (Please note that individual comments will be summarized by theme in the final report.)

Answered: 213 Skipped: 131

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please consider an ice arena as an avenue for these funds. As a parent whose child participated in hockey for the first time this year, it has become very apparent how much this is needed in our community. There is so much participation in the hockey program that the ice is full all the time. Practices start early in the morning and go late into the evening just to be able to give kids adequate time to practice. I would love to see more ice availability for general public events like open skate, but with the current facilities it seems that there just isn't enough ice time available.	2/17/2026 9:23 PM
2	Senior Center	2/17/2026 4:54 PM
3	Please review the proposal for the 'Fairmont Market Square' that was proposed a few years ago. This community has been trying to have a community center for 30 years and it hasn't happened. This proposal would be more fitting for this size of community. It would incorporate opportunities and events for people of all ages. Please revisit this idea. Now is the perfect time. 'Fairmont Market Square'	2/16/2026 11:40 PM
4	An ice complex would be great for the community. Something like Redwood where they have an ice complex and a field house connected. A place for people to walk while they are waiting for their kids are at hockey practice.	2/16/2026 9:57 PM
5	Supporting our art centers like the Fairmont Opera House and Red Rock Center for the Arts and the nw "Hive" on first street.	2/16/2026 9:36 PM
6	Im going to say that there are a few non profits in town that could benefit from some of this money. Or maybe some or all of the community wouldn't have to pay taxes for a year or 2 and that may help with our communities as well.	2/16/2026 9:07 PM
7	If we could keep our Opera House, witch should be considered an entertainment/ teaching of theatre in our Community, also brings people to our Community, and an Ice Arena for the growing interest in youth especially girls, this brings money to our community, not that a walking path would etc. This console needs to prioritize project that bring new visitors to us too. This feeds the business already hear.	2/16/2026 6:50 PM
8	Give the money back to taxpayers.	2/16/2026 4:13 PM
9	Help out Opera House Lap pool would be fantastic.. just 4 lanes IF that Great Aerobic low impact	2/16/2026 2:16 PM
10	We need a very large indoor pool - not the tiny one that was proposed in the YMCA. Ourdoor splash pad and more play areas/life gaurded areas around our lakes.	2/16/2026 12:25 PM
11	We should absolutely support and bring the Opera House back to the community. It drew people to Our town and is a Historic Treasure	2/16/2026 12:21 PM
12	I believe that the city of Fairmont should continue to pursue a community center. Fairmont citizens need a gathering place with amenities for all. Your survey (especially question #8), is slanted toward the views of this group and may not accurately reflect the views of the community.	2/16/2026 8:45 AM
13	Hockey arena with other indoor sports facility. the hockey tournaments bring extra business to town that can help fund our other wants.	2/15/2026 10:24 PM
14	I feel like the fact that it was supposed to be used for the community center and that idea got scrapped is pretty embarrassing	2/15/2026 7:48 PM

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15	I want the operas house saved. We have too many walking paths.	2/15/2026 4:51 PM
16	Fairmont Opera House funding should be included.	2/15/2026 4:35 PM
17	I would like an indoor walking/running track (no running allowed in the mall). It would be nice if some existing walking/biking trails could be connected into longer continuous routes.	2/15/2026 12:00 PM
18	no	2/14/2026 10:04 PM
19	I would love to have and indoor water park in our area similar to Brlldges Bay with water slides, lazy river, etc. Or an indoor trampoline park similar to Air Insanity in Rochester, or Sky Zone in the cities. I would love to not have to travel to take my kids out to do something fun year round. Please!! It would be something EVERYONE could use and enjoy, not JUST kids that play sports. Please, please, please!!	2/14/2026 9:35 PM
20	NOT THE OPERA HOUSE	2/14/2026 9:03 PM
21	Our city can not afford to maintain a sports complex. It would be a real bad investment.	2/14/2026 4:54 PM
22	An indoor establishment where basketball, volleyball, pickleball, soccer, tennis could be played. With tournaments taking place to bring huge crowds to the city.	2/14/2026 2:41 PM
23	Work harder on getting new businesses,repair and utilize what we already have.	2/14/2026 1:07 PM
24	expand local partnerships with other entities to spead costs and maintenance and operations we are a small town no need to duplicate services	2/14/2026 1:00 PM
25	Partner with the existing businesses for a Fieldhouse	2/14/2026 12:49 PM
26	A wowzone type facility. Where it has activities for kids and they can host birthday parties. Then at night a place where adults can socialize and get together but it needs good acoustics because our current restaurants it's hard to talk and hear over the table due to the loudness. It could have minigolf, roller skating that then turns to a walk area or broom ball games.	2/14/2026 12:28 PM
27	Put it to a community vote. Change the wording on lost to make funding (loan) for the FOH. We can't lose it.	2/14/2026 9:35 AM
28	You need to CLEAN UP THE LAKES! Tha alage and slime is horrible no to mention the smell. It's the City of Lakes and they look horrible. You have fish advisory to not not eat then. With the emerald Ash boer and all the ash trees removed REPLACE THEM. IT WILL HELP CLEAN THE AIR AND INVEST IN OUR FUTURE.	2/13/2026 6:45 PM
29	Indoor and outdoor pickleball courts	2/13/2026 6:24 PM
30	No	2/13/2026 5:44 PM
31	We had some of the sports amenities in the past but no longer exist. (Indoor pool, par three golf, archery range, cross country skiing)	2/13/2026 5:16 PM
32	Everyone uses the streets! Spend some on them, they are on the way to all of the plans we surveyed, Thanks	2/13/2026 1:51 PM
33	Fund the opera house! It is accessed by all age groups, school groups, plays, youth to seniors. If it is not maintained the cost to tear it down or remove is going to be astronomical! Stop wasting time on this and just get it done!! We have 5 beautiful lakes that need to be clear of weeds, algae, so they can be enjoyed!	2/13/2026 1:37 PM
34	Yes, find a way to give the Opera House \$\$\$ to save this city treasure!	2/13/2026 12:19 PM
35	I'd like to see some walking / biking trails added around the soccer complex. Having some paddle boat rentals would be nice in addition to kayaks.	2/13/2026 12:19 PM
36	The Opera House needs the money. Look in to how it can qualify to get some money.	2/13/2026 12:04 PM
37	I do not have any comments	2/13/2026 11:40 AM
38	Opera House. 2 sheets of ice. Indoor pool . Amenities that can help companies retain mid-upper level management families in the community so businesses can grow and thrive and add jobs.	2/13/2026 11:38 AM
39	fairmont Opera house remodeling. 2nd sheet of ice to expand size of arena	2/13/2026 11:32 AM

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40	Pickleball building would be wonderful	2/13/2026 8:25 AM
41	Two things: -Connecting Bike/walking trails -Lake improvements	2/12/2026 9:16 PM
42	We've known for years the math on the proposed community center wasn't going to work and would only get worse as construction costs increased over time. Why weren't we using LOST money for park projects in recent years? Sylvania park band shell, Cedar Park trail and new shelter house, trail/bridge from Margaret St to McDonalds, Gomsrud Park boat launch/parking/retention pond, Eastside Park playground equipment, WASC scoreboard, aquatic park improvements, and the list goes on. Other than Amber Lake boat landing and ice arena mechanicals, millions of dollars were spent with nothing to show for it. (Designing a community center we couldn't afford and then a half million dollars designing a new ice arena the voters hadn't even voted on. Let's be smarter going forward.	2/12/2026 8:43 PM
43	Activities that can be used by a wide age range to get the most out of the dollars spent.	2/12/2026 8:19 PM
44	When the City Council discussed the 2026 budget, their packet included plans to spend \$482,000 for Aquatic Park improvements and pay for it with liquor store funds. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of liquor store money was budgeted for new playground equipment at 5 parks along with new pickleball courts, Skate Park, Veterans Park shelter house, fishing docks, etc. Why not use the sales tax money for those projects? Seems like "recreational amenities" to me. We act like we have \$12 million of sales tax money burning a hole in our pocket and don't know what to do with it. In reality, we have projects already in the works or in the 5-year plan that could easily consume 4 to 5 million dollars of LOST money.	2/12/2026 8:06 PM
45	Why didn't we use the sales tax money for the Gomsrud Park boat ramp and parking lot that cost almost \$1 million? The Sentinel article quoted Mathew York saying liquor store profits were used for the Gomsrud parking lot. Sales tax money was used for the Amber Lake boat ramp and parking lot, so we should use it for the Gomsrud project.	2/12/2026 6:50 PM
46	Clean and maintain what we already have. I.e lakes, playgrounds restrooms	2/12/2026 6:33 PM
47	Something to bring out of town revenue and add quality to year round residents would be optimal. You could distribute the tax revenue as incentives to small business or to larger businesses if they are creating significant jobs. That, or return the tax to the people as a stimulus or additional refund.	2/12/2026 6:21 PM
48	Please do the equivalent to what the community center would have done, esp. for those who can't afford fitness centers, etc.	2/12/2026 6:20 PM
49	Encourage small businesses to open, get people to spend money in town, stop making it so difficult to bring value to the city, encourage and make it easy to bring something positive to the city that will bring in more money locally.	2/12/2026 6:09 PM
50	Who cares if something interferes with a for profit exercise facility. Is the council getting kickbacks from them?	2/12/2026 6:07 PM
51	I want an indoor pool or a refund of tax dollars.	2/12/2026 5:51 PM
52	Fairmont is known for being a very unfriendly town. Fairmont does not welcome businesses or families into town. Fairmont needs to have the "Welcome Wagon" come back and let the people of Fairmont lead the way to growth. We need better & stronger leadership that has the same goals that the citizens want for the future. Currently our administration is very immature and self serving and they do not have the best interests of the Fairmont residents.	2/12/2026 5:46 PM
53	Laser tag and trampoline park. And a nicer and larger indoor children's ball pit.	2/12/2026 3:23 PM
54	I would love to see the cedar creek walking and biking trail connect to knollwood drive. It would enable people to be able to run or bike around hall lake with out the danger of highway traffic. Also, fairmont needs to invest in a decent OUTDOOR ice rink with boards and a warming house. This would offer the community to enjoy skating without the giant price tag to build and maintain an indoor hockey arena. Lastly, we should invest in a multiuse walking and bike pedestrian path on the old rail bed behind fairmont foods to live fit. That is all. Thank you!	2/12/2026 3:05 PM
55	Indoor and outdoor splash pad, and Indoor and outdoor pickleball courts.	2/12/2026 1:19 PM
56	Lake water quality. Curly leaf pond weed control. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input!!	2/12/2026 12:47 PM
57	I do wish that there would be a way to use some of the money for the Opera House. I know it has been said it can't BUT there has to be a way around it as I think a lot of people in the	2/12/2026 12:23 PM

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	community want it used that way.	
58	Fix the bandshell before it deteriorates beyond repair	2/12/2026 10:31 AM
59	Need at least 2 indoor sheets of ice for hockey. Need a much larger dog park with hiking trails accessible to interstate for local and travelers! Clean up lakes!!	2/12/2026 8:22 AM
60	We need an indoor pool.	2/12/2026 12:08 AM
61	No Ice Arena	2/11/2026 9:50 PM
62	I feel the existing revenue generated from the sales tax should be used appropriately as comments to the survey however, no future tax should be extended or added	2/11/2026 5:26 PM
63	Updating and improving existing older playgrounds like Lincoln Park. Nothing has been added to this park for quite a few years.	2/11/2026 3:44 PM
64	It would be great if Fairmont could have a facility like "Vine Faith in Action" in Mankato.	2/11/2026 2:14 PM
65	It is sad that this city could not put aside differences to work together. I would like to see the sales tax go to a major project that will provide entertainment for locals and be a draw for tourists. I believe that the community center would have achieved that. I would hope the city and this group tries to obtain the same amenities. We also need real bike trails and indoor pickleball courts	2/11/2026 12:54 PM
66	Yes, I have been following the youth hockey program in Fairmont. The Fairmont hockey rink in a martin county fair building is very subpar compared to some of the seround towns. All of the surrounding cities have a ice area for year round use. Nice bathroom, bleachers , locker rooms and consesion stand. These tournaments draw 100's of people into the community's. Very good for the town ,restaurants, motels, grocery stores and gas stations. It's to bad the city of Fairmont does not step up for the youth in our community like other cities around us do. It's never to late to start a great youth program in Fairmont.	2/10/2026 7:38 PM
67	Ice complex within city limits would generate much needed revenue and growth within community.	2/10/2026 5:53 PM
68	Should have built a community center run by the YMCA	2/9/2026 1:12 PM
69	The Opera House!	2/9/2026 12:07 PM
70	I would like to see some indoor pool option w programming and fun for all age groups! as well as a gathering place for large groups w multi-functional areas like a community center!!	2/9/2026 8:57 AM
71	Save the opera house. Fine arts facility that serves all ages is a very important amenity for this city.	2/9/2026 5:37 AM
72	Clean our lakes and shores	2/6/2026 8:30 PM
73	Opera House roof	2/6/2026 5:14 PM
74	HOCKEY ARENA, it was specifically named in original tax question.	2/6/2026 5:12 PM
75	would like to see improvements to the lakes	2/6/2026 2:38 PM
76	none except they should repeal the local tax now and not continue to collect. Overtaxed on everything else.	2/6/2026 1:12 PM
77	Opera House	2/6/2026 12:59 PM
78	Clean and dredge the lakes!	2/5/2026 8:35 PM
79	Lakes are Fairmont asset and they are letting them die, fix the attraction to the lakes and revenue will come x10	2/5/2026 6:55 PM
80	Fix the lakes!!!!	2/5/2026 6:46 PM
81	Hockey ice	2/5/2026 5:09 PM
82	Reappropriate other funding and save the Opera House	2/4/2026 8:03 PM
83	I think this was a helpful survey.	2/4/2026 12:11 PM
84	2 sheets of ice for hockey and figure skating would bring tournaments and revenue to both	2/4/2026 11:56 AM

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	business and our tax revenues to FMT	
85	2 ice rinks would bring tournaments and tourists to FMT, great for business and tax revenue.	2/4/2026 11:49 AM
86	2 hickey rinks would ultimatelt benefit the city tax rolls and help business.	2/4/2026 11:35 AM
87	No more taxes.	2/3/2026 7:57 PM
88	I still support a community center facility	2/3/2026 4:34 PM
89	Anything for young families and teens to have something more to do in town than just the bowling alley and movie theater. Please prioritize the youth and more people will want to come to Fairmont to spend money!	2/3/2026 2:55 PM
90	-	2/3/2026 12:42 PM
91	I strongly support using Local Option Sales Tax funds to invest in a comprehensive sports facility that meets Fairmont's growing and year-round needs, with two sheets of ice included as a critical component. Our community currently lacks adequate space for in-season sports, off-season training, and association activities, forcing programs to make do with temporary or insufficient arrangements—such as our gymnastics team operating out of the Armory while repeatedly setting up and tearing down equipment stored in a trailer. Including two sheets of ice would allow Fairmont to remain competitive with surrounding communities while supporting youth hockey, figure skating, open skate, and community events like Rock on Ice that benefit far more than just hockey families. In addition, I support continued investment in the Fairmont Opera House, which is an essential space for fine arts performances, concerts, and a thriving community theatre program serving youth through adults. Investing in both athletics and the arts ensures Fairmont continues to grow as a well-rounded, vibrant community for all ages.	2/3/2026 12:38 PM
92	Please just consider those that live in Fairmont that drive to other towns to do fun things - create those environments in town to keep us here and to attract from other towns. Fairmont is a great place to call home but the city needs to also encourage and believe in that.	2/3/2026 12:36 PM
93	Fairmont has SO much potential. We have beautiful lakes, restaurants, and so many young families that want to stay here. Why don't we listen to them? Having food trucks, big events on the lake, more bike trails that connect and make a big loop around the area, a campground on a lake?? Why wouldn't we want to show our town off and have people come and enjoy it and bring business to our city?? So many opportunities...	2/3/2026 12:31 PM
94	Help the Opera house	2/3/2026 12:28 PM
95	Splash pad!	2/3/2026 12:18 PM
96	Need all year long ice in Fairmont.	2/3/2026 10:59 AM
97	adding a new arena for our community would be huge also would be nice to have it also used for other activities to help our kids succeed on and off the ice!	2/2/2026 10:29 PM
98	Ice arena with field hockey and community center	2/2/2026 8:37 PM
99	Fairmont blew it already with an outdoor aquatic park and the subsequent closing of the swimming pool. Its time for year round skating at least. Partner with the Hockey Association and build an arena that competes with other towns.	2/2/2026 7:25 PM
100	Hockey arena...	2/2/2026 7:24 PM
101	A year round hockey rink would be wonderful for my family and the future of hockey in Fairmont. We could host year round trainings instead of having to go to new ulm, Mankato, Albert Lea etc. it would help keep money in the Fairmont community instead of forcing us to go outside of it.	2/2/2026 7:17 PM
102	I support using local option sales tax funds to build a new ice arena that serves Fairmont's youth, families, and seniors.	2/2/2026 7:13 PM
103	Probably does not fall under the question. But I think Fairmont should try and build a YMCA again. I went to the one in Winona a few times and it was amazing how big of a community builder it was	2/2/2026 6:54 PM
104	Hockey/skating/curling arena	2/2/2026 6:35 PM
105	I voted to use the money towards a community center with a field house and a hockey arena.	2/2/2026 6:31 PM

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That's what my vote was for and that's what we voted on.

106	Hockey Arena	2/2/2026 5:46 PM
107	We play hockey all year long and if something is not done for the hockey community it will be gone. Hockey fills hotels and restraunts when they have tournaments.	2/2/2026 5:37 PM
108	The hockey arena needs to be updated. Our locker rooms are some of the smallest around. We have no space to move when hosting a tournament. A 2nd sheet would help avoid 10pm practices for 13 and 14 year old that need sleep.	2/2/2026 5:35 PM
109	We live in the state of hockey! Every competing/neighborng association has year round ice, and in many cases 2 sheets of ice. Take hockey out of the equation: this is about keeping families in Fairmont, not exporting them to areas that do have year round hockey opportunities. Not to mention all of the multi use options: Learn-to-skate & youth hockey High school / youth off-season training Adult leagues Figure skating clubs Sled hockey / adaptive sports Summer camps Curling (big in MN, under-served) Dry-floor use (events, expos) if designed right.	2/2/2026 5:06 PM
110	No. Additional ice for hockey as well as a field house with amenities would be a great addition to the community.	2/2/2026 4:35 PM
111	Year round public spaces for people to gather and hold events is needed. Currently this city does not have many youth related things to do for birthday parties and similar things besides bowling. I like hockey and would support a hockey rink.	2/2/2026 4:27 PM
112	Hockey needs a new ice arena	2/2/2026 4:17 PM
113	New Ice Arena near the school with access to sport facilities.	2/2/2026 4:12 PM
114	Fairmont needs a new and improved year round ice arena! Bringing more than just hockey; figure skating, curling, open skating, etc. Facility could all house an indoor playground, rollerskating rink, indoor pool, and/or senior center. Many options to bring community engagement and revenue!	2/2/2026 4:07 PM
115	Fairmont really needs an updated hockey arena. The program has good participation and I believe the value added to the community in increased sales tax revenue and the added amenity is well worth it. Without a new arena soon, the program might not exist for future generations.	2/2/2026 3:45 PM
116	I support the ides presented by FYHA to construct a new year around Ice arena that can be built with meeting spaces for events or senior gatherings, and is resurrected with the intention to add a second sheet of ice and a field house to the same complex in the near future.	2/2/2026 3:18 PM
117	No	2/2/2026 3:02 PM
118	I would like to advocate for a recent proposal The FYHA Board has submitted preliminary plans for. These plans include the potential to build a new facility that doesn't just serve hockey, but serves the entire Fairmont community. At the heart of this vision is a modern ice arena for youth hockey and skating programs, paired with a senior center that provides a welcoming place for older residents to stay connected and engaged. Beyond that, there's also the exciting possibility of adding a fieldhouse—a flexible space that could host sports, recreation, and community events. While the arena and senior center form the foundation of the project, a fieldhouse would expand its impact and truly make this a hub for families and residents of all ages.	2/2/2026 2:58 PM
119	Year round Ice Hockey Arena	2/2/2026 2:30 PM
120	An ice arena would bring in revenue as well as continue to grow the winter activities for people of all ages within Martin County. It would not only be for hockey, but learn to skate, figure skating, curling, etc.	2/2/2026 2:28 PM
121	We absolutely need a all year round ice hockey arena. We champion hockey and are in a perfect area for it.	2/2/2026 2:23 PM
122	New hockey arena. Look at Le Seuer community center for inspiration.	2/2/2026 2:21 PM
123	Litchfield and Estherville are smaller than Fairmont and have amazing recreational centers. It is extremely sad that we don't have this and would be a HUGE asset to the community. Instead of birthday parties or events being held in Mankato, we could bring more back here.	2/2/2026 2:19 PM

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And then more business could grow if people weren't always having to leave Fairmont to do anything.

124	I am in complete support of a new year round hockey arena with a senior center. There is more than enough support for this between youth and seniors.	2/2/2026 2:10 PM
125	Please consider using these funds to build new or improve Fairmonts ice hockey arena. Our kids and community deserves a place to play ice hockey year round.	2/2/2026 2:08 PM
126	Nothing	2/2/2026 6:15 AM
127	if a consensus cant be had then giv it back to the citizens of fairmount	2/1/2026 11:20 AM
128	Use some of the money to fix Opera House	1/31/2026 5:02 PM
129	SMEC, the opera house	1/31/2026 3:54 PM
130	A new sheet of ice was part of the original plan and I am sad to see that the city is brushing this off when the hockey association brings in weekend long tournaments that puts dollars into our community with food, lodging and gas as the main purchases .	1/31/2026 9:23 AM
131	None	1/30/2026 2:11 PM
132	Provide funds needed to repair the Fairmont Opera House. This is a recreational amenity.	1/30/2026 12:23 PM
133	We should use this option to save the Opera House.	1/30/2026 12:16 PM
134	A combination hockey/gymnastics center would provide the most beneficial use for YOUTH in our city/area... youth activities is what brings young families to our area	1/30/2026 11:55 AM
135	Anything done should tie in with, shopping , overnight stay, eating. Anything that will bring in money to business in the community.	1/30/2026 10:26 AM
136	Streets!!!!	1/30/2026 7:03 AM
137	If possible, give a large amount to the Opera House	1/29/2026 7:41 PM
138	Prefer the streets being taken care of and maintained.	1/29/2026 6:54 PM
139	Build a smaller scale community center as done in Lake Crystal that does not compete with existing recreational options. If possible, allocate some of the recreational assets to the Fairmont Opera House.	1/29/2026 6:41 PM
140	Mountain biking trails	1/29/2026 6:04 PM
141	Our Opera House is a valuable asset and we have the money available to repair it and that is what should happen. It's recreational, cultural , theatrical and desperately needs to be repaired.	1/29/2026 4:29 PM
142	Indoor pool, improve beaches, add water activities on lakes, add trails, snowshoeing and cross county ski trails too, par 3 golf course	1/29/2026 4:03 PM
143	No	1/29/2026 2:26 PM
144	Our lakes and parks are some Fairmont's greatest assets. It is very important to maintain and/or upgrade them. The thing I feel is needed the most is more opportunities for seniors to stay fit. Water is one of the best forms of exercise for seniors. If there was a way to have an indoor aquatic center I feel that would be the best use of tax dollars. It would be valuable for all ages. With all our lakes it is extremely important to offer swimming lessons to everyone. This would allow year round lessons and opportunities for everyone to learn, maintain and practice their skills.	1/29/2026 10:58 AM
145	Convert 3M site to community activities	1/29/2026 10:24 AM
146	We need to find a way to have an indoor pool.	1/29/2026 8:52 AM
147	Indoor amenities are needed in this town. We need a fieldhouse for various INDOOR recreation options. You did not include fieldhouse in the list of new amenities.	1/29/2026 6:51 AM
148	Lighting along some parts of the bike/hiking trails. Like the short lights in downtown plaza	1/28/2026 8:40 PM
149	After school care Wow zone type space...indoor games for kids and teens	1/28/2026 7:57 PM
150	We should maintain our existing parks. Hockey does bring in money to Fairmont, but it should	1/28/2026 6:17 PM

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be built fiscally not elaborate. We could get rid of a few of the small parks in town and sell the land. An indoor pool would be great, but it doesn't need to be super fancy. And extra courts for volleyball, basketball, pickleball in town would be nice, but I would put other priorities ahead of that!

151	The streets need to be improved. The current condition of our streets are a detriment to anyone thinking of moving into or community.	1/28/2026 5:56 PM
152	NO Community center!!	1/28/2026 4:16 PM
153	Save the Opera House!!!! Indoor play space for winter time	1/28/2026 2:53 PM
154	I would like to see the "rules" for that money changed so it could be used for the Opera House. That is something unique to our town and does bring in revenue, which our town sorely needs. The restoration is started. Let's provide the funds to finish it instead of letting it sit there and deteriorate further.	1/28/2026 2:23 PM
155	Fairmont needs to have positive people in leadership to help our community grow and prosper. Fairmont is a beautiful town with many unique things to offer- band shell, lakes , Opera House just to name a few!!	1/28/2026 1:39 PM
156	Improve lake water quality. Attack aquatic weeds.	1/28/2026 1:23 PM
157	Support opera house and red rock center	1/28/2026 1:09 PM
158	Get money back from non existent ymca. Improving Fairmont with an eye to attracting visitors.	1/28/2026 12:09 PM
159	Many of the activities listed add to the quality of life in Fairmont making it a much more enjoyable place to live	1/28/2026 11:23 AM
160	Opera House being repaired.	1/28/2026 10:38 AM
161	Hockey Arena Opera House	1/27/2026 5:56 PM
162	I want the Community Center that we were told was going to be built if the LOST was voted for and passed back in 2016! THAT is what it was put on the ballot for! Perhaps we could use some of the money for the Opera House. The Lakes need a lot of attention! This survey is very one sided. Question #8 is unfair. New things should be added even if it competes with other facilities. A little competition is good for any business. Funds/loans should NOT be given to the 2 private facilities already here! Hockey is another sport that never gets any help. They deserve to get more year-round ice! Very disappointed that this group drove the community center out of Fairmont! Put the money into the lakes for better tourist attraction!	1/27/2026 4:00 PM
163	Question 8 is misleading - you are forcing us to say yes, provided that they do not duplicate or compete with..... This part of the question makes it an inappropriate query. This is lie "leading the witness" in court. The city has give aid in the past to businesses that compete with our local businesses (giving Mayo TIF assistance i nt he past, etc.). This question should be tossed out!!	1/27/2026 8:54 AM
164	Not at this time	1/26/2026 11:29 AM
165	If the money is being taken, it should be used for the good of the people.	1/26/2026 10:47 AM
166	I'd like the C4SF to decide what to do with this money	1/25/2026 11:59 PM
167	No additional bike trails as the city does not do them properly. The existing bike trail does not draw any out of town bikers.	1/25/2026 1:36 PM
168	N/A	1/25/2026 11:54 AM
169	Save opera house	1/23/2026 9:53 PM
170	We were told it would go to a rec center. Use the money for what we voted for and quit being so dang cheap! No one wants pool tables and checker boards like this group keeps pushing. 3m building might be an option with a field house type building with basketball courts and rental rooms for weddings etc and a 2 sheets of ice on the other side of big parking lot	1/22/2026 3:13 PM
171	We need an indoor pool and community center!	1/22/2026 11:44 AM
172	No	1/22/2026 10:02 AM
173	4-8 court Pickleball bring in tournament options. Finish Goms boat launch	1/22/2026 7:10 AM

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174	Follow what we voted on, when the .05%sales tax passed!	1/21/2026 9:12 PM
175	City should spend sales tax on a combination of all three sales tax listed items. Community center Fieldhouse. Parks trails, Recreational amenities that are new	1/21/2026 9:07 PM
176	Thanks for asking my opinion. I hope the city will listen to the results of this survey.	1/21/2026 8:19 PM
177	Cleaning up our lakes is extremely important	1/21/2026 6:43 PM
178	The opera house is in danger of closing. Why can't the city give some money? The city will end up with it anyway if it has to close and it'll take a lot of city money to tear it down. Why not help it stay open?	1/21/2026 4:19 PM
179	We need a facility to house more sporting events and things for kids to do. A pavilion like in sioux falls or rochester. Several courts. You can have basketball, pickleball, volleyball, tennis. And also an indoor pool	1/21/2026 12:15 PM
180	Paved bike trails that circles the city and avoids traffic	1/21/2026 11:46 AM
181	I love the ideas of the pavilion. In regards to the Opera House, I feel like we have poured so much money into this for YEARS. The repairs seem never ending. If we end up building a recreation building of a sort, could we keep in mind of building a new theatre within? Like a convention center almost. A good example is the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester. They have courts, ballrooms/recreation space, theatres. We need to keep in mind what is going to keep younger generations in town. Less job opportunities, less amenities we have = lower population due to people leaving. We need to welcome new businesses with open arms. The idea of a trades school or small community college will also bring in young people.	1/21/2026 9:22 AM
182	NOT the opera house	1/21/2026 8:58 AM
183	no	1/20/2026 10:32 PM
184	Investments in activities for children, families, and seniors to do enriches the lives of our community residents allowing them to thrive.	1/20/2026 7:46 PM
185	Improving ice availability through use of Pavillion that can be used for multiple uses year round. Multi-sport/purpose fieldhouse	1/20/2026 7:44 PM
186	Fix roads and sidewalks and infrastructure	1/20/2026 5:53 PM
187	Stop spending my money on programs no one wants or asked for.	1/20/2026 5:40 PM
188	It would be nice to have a year around rec center	1/20/2026 5:33 PM
189	Opera house	1/20/2026 5:11 PM
190	If the city can find a way to legally save the Opera House it should do so.	1/20/2026 3:50 PM
191	Tax Refund	1/20/2026 2:37 PM
192	Take advantage and utilize the lakes, beaches and boat ramps	1/20/2026 2:24 PM
193	The lakes need serious attention. Every single year that we don't fix the weed problem the issue gets worse and more expensive to fix. Our lakes are an essential part of our economy. We can't make the future generation pay for our mistakes! This issue should've been solves four years ago before it became a disaster.	1/20/2026 2:22 PM
194	Not another fitness center or YmCA	1/20/2026 2:13 PM
195	I voted for the community center the first time around based on the ORIGINAL plans which included an indoor hockey arena. It was a big selling point and very prominent in the initial artists/architectural plans/display at the Martin county fair. After it was approved, then the plans changed and it pissed a lot of people off. So much so that I was totally against it. Going forward, build what you say you're going to build. If it was a new liquor store, or a new city shop or infrastructure building, it goes up almost immediately.. and most likely nothing gets cut. Do the same with whatever you would decide to build or improve in the future. Don't argue like 13 year olds.	1/20/2026 1:16 PM
196	Opera House if legal Downtown	1/20/2026 1:15 PM
197	We as older citizens need to realize we need to step aside and let the younger generation	1/20/2026 1:13 PM

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	decide what's needed. Our egos are too big.	
198	INDOOR pickleball courts are badly needed. Outdoor courts are in bad repair, but are only usable 3 months out of the year. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the US	1/20/2026 1:11 PM
199	Things for families with kids to do indoors during the cold winter months. An indoor swimming pool and track for walking would be top of my list. Then amenities that we do t currently have. Splash pad, connecting current walking/biking trails, archery range, paved walking path around playgrounds for parents to exercise while kids play, etc.	1/20/2026 1:06 PM
200	No hockey arena-that is a private Entity	1/20/2026 12:44 PM
201	Put it towards things that attract families so the community can grow. Also things for the youth to keep them active and away from drugs or negative activities. A hockey arena and other activities would be so beneficial for this area. You would create more growth which would create more income.	1/20/2026 12:41 PM
202	Add a walking path/sidewalk along Shoreacres Drive as there are safety concerns when walking around the lake.	1/20/2026 12:26 PM
203	Not Opera House. That would be inappropriate.	1/20/2026 12:21 PM
204	Question 8 is misleading and specifically worded to assuage Mark Ossenfort's crusade. Youth sports facilities and related programming run by the city are unlikely to compete with his favored commercial enterprises.	1/20/2026 11:56 AM
205	Build one big field house with an indoor 200m track capable of hosting year round track meets and other events. One large space with basketball/volleyball/tennis markings inside the track does not compete with any existing business as no existing business has a full size basketball, tennis, or volleyball court inside a track.	1/20/2026 11:18 AM
206	Indoor recreation/community center/ indoor pool	1/20/2026 11:18 AM
207	I would like to see an indoor playground for kids for winter use. The one In the Mall seems to get good use. No new building needed just make use of existing space like the Penny's part of the Mall. Could have a coffee bar/snack bar included for required parent attendance. Could roller skating be included here? Also can a way be found to help the Opera House? It is such a draw for our community and reaps benefits for all ages. Finally, a request for our city council to start working together with less animosity and more good decision making.	1/20/2026 11:04 AM
208	Get with the times, and let's get this community back on track	1/20/2026 10:57 AM
209	A RC flying field	1/20/2026 10:45 AM
210	Build a Dome - They will come	1/20/2026 10:31 AM
211	If you don't use it give it back.	1/20/2026 10:31 AM
212	Opera House!!!!	1/20/2026 9:04 AM
213	Thank you for making this survey available.	1/20/2026 6:07 AM