

2020 Proposed Budget Highlights

City of Kewaunee
Special City Council Meeting and
Public Hearing

November 25, 2019



Taxes/Levy= \$1,628,820

In 2018, it was \$1,462,717 – a \$166,103 increase.

Total Budget = \$6,625,227

So, the taxpayers receive \$4.07 in services for every City property tax dollar paid.

Return On Investment = 2.07

$$\frac{(\text{Gross Profit} - \text{Investment})}{\text{Investment}} = \frac{(4,996,407 - 1,628,820)}{1,628,820}$$



Mill Rate:

- The mill rate is a figure representing the amount per \$1,000 of the assessed value of property, which is used to calculate the amount of property tax. The term "millage" is derived from a Latin word meaning "thousandth," with 1 mill being equal to 1/1,000th of a currency unit.
- To determine the rate on every \$1,000 of value, multiply the rate by 1,000 or simply move the decimal point three places to the right.
- The City of Kewaunee Mill rate for 2019 is proposed to be .0106558357 or \$10.66 of every \$1,000 of property value.
- Or \$1,066.00 on a home assessed at \$100,000 **on average**.

Mill Rate:

- City Mill Rate: 2019 = .0106558357
- City Mill Rate: 2018 = .0095843762

- Residents will also be taxed by the County, the School District and the Technical College that will show on the Tax Bill from the City. However, the City only controls the City portion of your tax bill.

- School Mill Rate: 2019 = .0109176893
- County Mill Rate: 2019 = .0074542838
- NWTC Mill Rate: 2019 = .0008762810

Tax Credits:

- Tax credits maybe provided to homeowners for:
 - School
 - First Dollar
 - Lottery
- This may lower an individual's overall property tax burden, but the City has no control over these credits

2020 Budget Highlights:

The Budget Levy's for General Obligation Debt Incurred for Previous and Current City Projects Including:

- 2003 G.O. Bonds and a portion of the 2014 G.O. Bonds used for Road Improvements and Infrastructure Repair
- State Trust Fund
- H.V.A.C. System for City Hall
- Marquette School Demolition Project
- Highway 42 & Miller Street Project
- River Road Project

2020 Budget Highlights:

Continue Efforts with Building Inspection, Property Maintenance & Zoning:

- Moved from 32 hours to 40 hours a week
- Site Supervision of Marquette School Project
- Continue to work with homeowners to clean-up blighted properties, changing the look of the City's main corridors, many buildings spruced up in the City
- Fix inconsistencies and gaps in the zoning code
- Funding for abandoned/blighted structure demolition

2020 Budget Highlights:

Continue Efforts with Building Inspection, Property Maintenance & Zoning:

- Increase in building permits, thereby providing more equitable property assessments
- Demolished an abandoned house and an old barn thereby addressing a public health and safety concern
- Look to acquire and clean-up two properties in the City with CDBG-CLOSE funds

2020 Budget Highlights:

Community and Economic Development, Planning and Grant Writing

- Completion of Harbor Master Plan.
- Pull together previous planning efforts (Comprehensive Plan, Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan, Waterfront Plan, Integrated Planning Document and Retail Market Analysis) into a consistent framework or eighteen functional groupings.
- Develop a framework and process for City proposal development in pursuit of grant funding.
- Develop a framework and process for updating the City's Capital Improvement Plan.
- Develop a framework for reorganizing City Committees in pursuit of funding and influence.

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Community and Economic Development, Planning and Grant Writing

- Reestablished and reactivated City Plan Commission, which had not met for many years;
- Plan Commission Bootcamp put on by UW-Extension
- Bring in Economic Development training to create a consistent understanding of the economic development tools available to the City
- Planning for future use of Marquette School property

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Personnel:

- Provides a 3% Cost of Living Increase, thereby keeping up with a highly competitive market for talent.
- Funds one-half of the wage and salary increases called for in the 2018 study.

Budget and Finances:

- Started a fund for fire truck replacement
- Segregated donated funds, thereby regaining public trust for the community in donating to the City
- Put funds into Certificates of Deposits, thereby increasing revenue by \$9000 annually
- New debt issue, saving over \$500,000 over the life of the loan-about \$22,000 a year

2019 & 2020 Budget Highlights:

- Complete the River Road Reconstruction
- Continue Youth & Recreation Programs
- New Boat Launch & Handicapped Accessible Kayak Launch
- Planning for a Community Center
- Update Personnel Policies: Implement Wage & Salary Analysis Recommendations, Employee Evaluation Process leading to an Incentive System.
- Examine Possible Joint Accounting Efforts with Kewaunee County
- Possible Purchase of Salmon Harbor
- Paint the Water Tower

2019 Accomplishments:

- Cleaned up Reed Beds for Sewage treatment Plant
- New Bullet proof vests
- New Portable radios
- New Scoreboard at Haney Park
- Personnel: Hired a new Public Works Director, Building Inspector, Police Chief, Community & Economic Development Planner and Grant Writer, and Marina Manger
- Five new homes built in the City
- Lighthouse renovations, got rid of asbestos and lead paint, Fresnel lens and now offering tours
- Tug renovations - new gangway and over \$5,000 raised this year
- Completed Don and Jean Smith Lighthouse Park - new amenity for the community
- Six new Reader Boards - Historic Walk
- Put in the audio connects system linking city historic and tourist destinations of interest in the community

2019 Accomplishments:

- Opening of a new pharmacy & quilt shop and reopening of Karsten Hotel
- New electronic pay station for the boat launch that accepts credit cards, which makes it more convenient for the users
- New signs for the Riverview Cemetery
- New sign for Selner Park
- Repaired lights at memorial field
- New lines for the Tug
- Strengthened relationships with surrounding townships by holding regular fire and ambulance department meetings
- Negotiated a new Police Contract
- Sidewalk across Harbor Park connecting Port O'Call to Harrison Street
- Alta Survey on Ellis Point site thereby making the parcel more marketable to a potential developer

2018 Accomplishments:

- Goose depredation, cleaning up the problems of goose droppings in our harbor front area
- New electronic database for the cemetery greatly increasing efficiency in finding and locating gravesites
- New ambulance
- Ordinance codification, which had not been completed for several years
- Installed 25 smoke alarms into homes in the city
- American Farmers Grow Communities donated \$2500 to the fire department
- Krauss Family Foundation donated \$5000 to the fire department
- Estate of Alice Koller donated to the fire, ambulance and library departments

Thank you!