

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET**  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

City of: **ELKADER**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Elkader City Hall (lower level of the Opera House at 207 N. Main Street)  
Meeting Date: 4/13/2026 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property 27.10927

The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is 2.9759

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Phone Number (563) 245-2098 City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Jennifer Cowsert

		Budget FY 2027	Re-estimated FY 2026	Actual FY 2025
<b>Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	1,577,839	1,639,904	1,506,171
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
<b>Net Current Property Taxes</b>	3	1,577,839	1,639,904	1,506,171
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	76,571	64,000	26,141
Other City Taxes	6	295,370	250,250	270,747
Licenses & Permits	7	3,900	6,075	3,714
Use of Money and Property	8	106,311	82,900	95,520
Intergovernmental	9	225,191	412,156	599,772
Charges for Fees & Service	10	1,340,160	1,265,864	1,353,108
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	67,913	81,680	109,795
Other Financing Sources	13	0	445,000	2,655,057
Transfers In	14	0	167,678	14,258
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	15	3,693,255	4,415,507	6,634,283
<b>Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>				
Public Safety	16	447,866	658,054	448,995
Public Works	17	639,078	775,288	669,580
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	435,249	367,008	444,529
Community and Economic Development	20	202,298	244,322	269,097
General Government	21	334,294	354,031	622,346
Debt Service	22	699,929	644,409	2,703,234
Capital Projects	23	0	0	571,341
<b>Total Government Activities Expenditures</b>	24	2,758,714	3,043,112	5,729,122
Business Type / Enterprises	25	934,541	962,347	1,143,773
<b>Total ALL Expenditures</b>	26	3,693,255	4,005,459	6,872,895
Transfers Out	27	0	167,678	14,258
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	3,693,255	4,173,137	6,887,153
<b>Excess Revenues &amp; Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out</b>	29	0	242,370	-252,870
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	476,643	234,273	487,143
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>	31	476,643	476,643	234,273

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City of: **FARMERSBURG**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Farmersburg City Hall, 208 S. Main St, Farmersburg, IA Meeting Date: 4/13/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.

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The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property 13.09408

The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is 3.00375

At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

Phone Number (563) 536-2390 City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Heidi Landt

		Budget FY 2027	Re-estimated FY 2026	Actual FY 2025
<b>Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	70,901	63,874	67,515
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	6,900	5,997	7,047
<b>Net Current Property Taxes</b>	3	64,001	57,877	60,468
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	390	432
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	44,318	45,372	38,503
Licenses & Permits	7	200	80	159
Use of Money and Property	8	11,300	11,297	12,552
Intergovernmental	9	45,550	45,475	45,974
Charges for Fees & Service	10	176,346	178,717	179,046
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	14,500	6,101	18,180
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	1,000	1,091	1,000
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	15	357,215	346,400	356,314
<b>Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>				
Public Safety	16	32,018	36,305	14,659
Public Works	17	131,400	127,536	73,005
Health and Social Services	18	390	390	300
Culture and Recreation	19	54,600	51,226	39,935
Community and Economic Development	20	7,700	7,327	3,264
General Government	21	41,742	42,130	39,118
Debt Service	22	0	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	0	0
<b>Total Government Activities Expenditures</b>	24	267,850	264,914	170,281
Business Type / Enterprises	25	116,380	129,315	99,514
<b>Total ALL Expenditures</b>	26	384,230	394,229	269,795
Transfers Out	27	1,000	1,091	1,000
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	385,230	395,320	270,795
<b>Excess Revenues &amp; Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out</b>	29	-28,015	-48,920	85,519
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	574,792	623,712	538,193
<b>Ending Fund Balance June 30</b>	31	546,777	574,792	623,712

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**ELKADER, IOWA**

March 23, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Board Meeting & Budget Hearing

President Josh Embretson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Board Present:** Abby Heitman, Andrew Clark, Michael Whittle, Marcus Belsler, Jared Funk, and Josh Embretson

**Board Absent:** Jarod Bormann

**Staff:** Micah Gearhart and Allison Walch

**Approved Agenda**

Abby Heitman made a motion to approve the agenda for March 23, 2026. Jared Funk seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

**Consent Items**

**Hiring**

Physical Education/Health Teacher-Erin Buehler

Jared Funk made a motion to approve the consent item. Abby Heitman seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

**Budget Hearing**

The public hearing opened at 6:04 PM

**Receive Written Statement**

No written statements were received.

**Receive Oral Comment**

No oral comments were received.

The public hearing closed at 6:05 PM

**Adjournment**

Marcus Belsler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Clark seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Allison R. Walch Board Secretary  
Josh Embretson Board President

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**Elkader City Council Proceedings**

The Elkader City Council met on Monday, March 23, 2026 in regular session at 6:30 p.m. at the Elkader City Hall with Mayor Josh R. Pope presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken. Roll call: Present: Randy Henning, Curtis Ruhser, Roger Buchholz, Bob Garms and Tony Hauber

Mayor Pope opened the public hearing for proposed property tax levy for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027. No comments were received before or during the public hearing. Mayor Pope closed the public hearing.

Henning moved to adjourn the meeting. Garms seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes: Garms, Henning, Ruhser, Buchholz, Hauber. Nays: none  
Mayor Pope declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

ATTEST:  
Jennifer K. Cowsert, City Administrator/Clerk

**Elkader City Council Proceedings**

The Elkader City Council met on Monday, March 23, 2026 in regular session at 6:35 p.m. at the Elkader City Hall with Mayor Josh R. Pope presiding. Roll call: Present: Randy Henning, Curtis Ruhser, Roger Buchholz, Bob Garms and Tony Hauber

Henning moved to approve the consent agenda. Garms seconded the motion.

- a. Minutes from the March 9, 2026 meeting
- b. Financial report (Treasurer's report)
- c. Bills (March 6-19, 2026)
- d. Approval of liquor license renewals for Vigen Enterprises Inc. d.b.a Gene's Place (Class C Retail) and Deb's Brewtopia(Class C Retail)
- e. Approval of purchase of replacement vehicle for the Fire Department (Ford F-350 SRW) from Summit Automotive for \$45,782.00
- f. Approval of Resolution 2026-20 - Setting a Public Hearing for the City of Elkader FY 2026-27 Budget
- g. Approval of Resolution 2026-21-Establishing rates of compensation. Roll call: Ayes: Garms, Henning, Ruhser, Buchholz, Hauber. Nays: none  
Public comments Pedro Calderon from Congresswoman Ashley Hinson's Dubuque office was in attendance to remind residents about the constituent services available through their office.

Public hearing on the proposed expansion of the Elkader Commercial Urban Renewal Area

Mayor Pope opened the public hearing on the proposed expansion of the Elkader Commercial Urban Renewal Area. No comments were received before or during the public hearing. Mayor Pope closed the public hearing.

Garms moved to approve Resolution 2026-22 - Resolution to Declare Necessity and Establish an Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.4 of the Code of Iowa and Approve Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Elkader Commercial Urban Renewal Area. Hauber seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes: Garms, Henning, Ruhser, Buchholz, Hauber. Nays: none  
Police Chief Seitz provided an update to the Council.

Public hearing on a proposed development agreement with AJJ LLC Mayor Pope opened the public hearing on the proposed development agreement with AJJ LLC. No comments were received before or during the public hearing. Mayor Pope closed the public hearing. Buchholz moved to approve Resolution 2026-23 - Resolution Approving Development Agreement with AJJ LLC, Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement. Hauber seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes: Garms, Henning, Ruhser, Buchholz, Hauber. Nays: none

Public hearing on the proposed disposition of City property (declaring Fire Department 2009 Kenworth Pumper surplus property) Mayor Pope opened the public hearing on the proposed disposition of city property (declaring Fire Department 2009 Kenworth Pumper surplus property). No comments were received before or during the public hearing. Mayor Pope closed the public hearing.

Administrative staff update The City Administrator updated the Council on several issues. Staff also asked for Council guidance on sign code pertaining to wall signs in the C2 district.

Adjournment Garms moved to adjourn. Ruhser seconded the motion. Roll call: Ayes: Garms, Hauber, Henning, Ruhser, Buchholz. Nays: none  
Mayor Pope declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:  
Jennifer K. Cowsert, City Administrator/Clerk

**Elkader City Council**

**Claims for 3/23/2026**

NORBY'S C/O JOHN DEERE CREDIT, MISC SUPPLIES .....	\$526.42
KRISTEN GLAZER, MARKETING .....	\$1,250.00
MADISON NATIONAL LIFE INS CO, LIFE & AD&D; STD; LTD.....	\$408.01
MERCY HEALTH SERVICES-CHICAGO,	
HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE .....	\$187.32
MEUSER LUMBER CO., SUPPLIES .....	\$11.99
MICHAEL TODD & CO INC, SNOW BLADE.....	\$1,378.14
MOHN SURVEYING, STAHR ADD. SEWER EASEMENT PLAT .....	\$2,250.00
PEOPLESERVICE, INC, WATER/WASTEWATER SERVICE.....	\$24,106.00
PETTY CASH, MISC EXPENSE.....	\$107.05
PLEGGENKUHLE CHIROPRACTIC,	
HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE .....	\$45.90
STOREY KENWORTHY, OFFICE SUPPLIES .....	\$439.27
TIMES REGISTER, LEGAL PUBLICATIONS.....	\$220.79
TRINITY HEALTH, HEALTH INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE .....	\$129.53
US CELLULAR, PHONE SERVICE .....	\$79.56
VERIZON, PHONES .....	\$342.42
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS, HEALTH INSURANCE .....	\$15,180.76
Payroll check #2289-2304.....	\$18,902.96
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$122,931.46</b>
<b>Expenses by fund:</b>	
GENERAL .....	\$61,296.87
ROAD USE TAX .....	\$4,520.46
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TAX .....	\$21,111.54
LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX .....	\$2,110.54
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX.....	\$2,760.89
WATER.....	\$15,065.85
SEWER .....	\$16,065.31
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$122,931.46</b>

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