



CITY OF EPHRATA

MAYOR'S 2006 BUDGET MESSAGE

GENERAL

The City of Ephrata saw modest and encouraging growth in 2005.

Despite revenues that are still 36% lower than they were just four years ago, we have been able to maximize and take advantage of a rise in our population. The 2.9% increase in overall revenue was fueled by the economic expansion of the larger citizenry. This manifested itself in more income from our utilities without a rate change, and improved property and sales tax revenues, again without a rate hike. There were also small enhancements in State contributions to Ephrata. This has allowed our City, made efficient by previous years, to capitalize on our ability to act and to serve. The total balanced budget for 2006 will be \$8,826,656.

By preserving the minimum staff, eliminating the ineffective spending, and creatively using the resources that the public has provided Ephrata; we are able, put simply, to do the most with what we receive.

REVENUES

Other than income derived from new construction, I project the revenues for 2006 to be \$8,826,656. This figure is 2.91% higher than 2005.

SOURCE OF REVENUE	% OF TOTAL	±% CHANGE
<i>Property Tax</i>	10.5%	+6%
<i>Sales Tax</i>	10.2%	+1%
<i>Fees, Fines, Charges, etc.</i>	1.1%	+22%
<i>State, Federal, or Other Governments</i>	2.5%	+35%
<i>Utility Fees</i>	46%	+2%
<i>All Other Revenues</i>	30%	+1%

EXPENSES

Of the City's 35 funds, 24 are related to bond redemption, capital, mandated reserve, or some other form of debt repayment and are therefore non-discretionary. The remaining 11 funds were adjusted accordingly:

FUND	% OF TOTAL	±% CHANGE
<i>Current Expense</i>	31%	+10%
<i>Street</i>	5%	-4%
<i>Library</i>	2%	+1%
<i>Cemetery</i>	1%	-23%
<i>Park</i>	6%	-2.3%
<i>Tourism/Promotion</i>	.5%	+15%
<i>Street Light</i>	2%	0%
<i>Sanitation</i>	9%	-5%
<i>Water/Sewer</i>	30%	+15%
<i>Water/Sewer Construction</i>	7%	-32%
<i>Equipment Rental</i>	4%	-5%
<i>"Bond" Funds, Mandates</i>	2.5%	0%

RESERVES

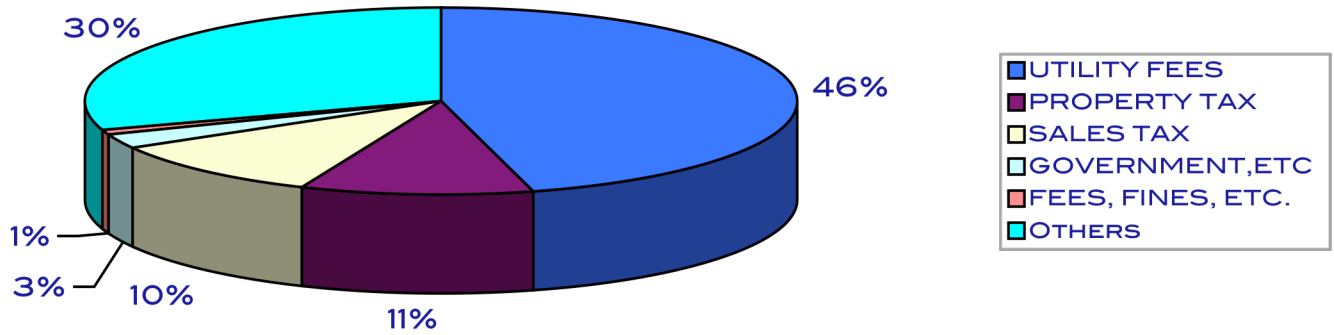
In order to stabilize the 2006 budget, I am expending \$20,636 of our cash balance. This is a decrease of over 73% from last year, representing a more efficient budget.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

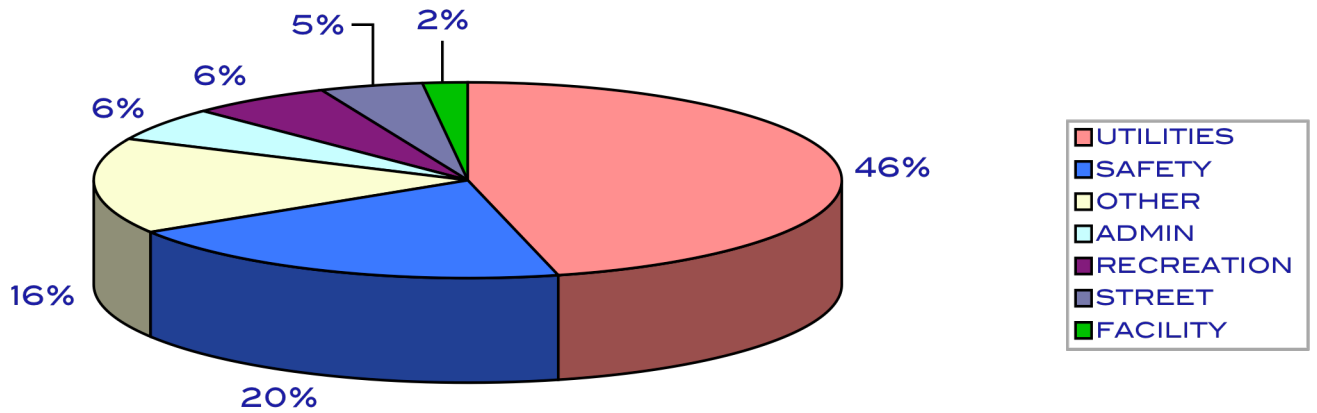
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CITY OF EPHRATA REVENUES BY SOURCE



CITY OF EPHRATA EXPENDITURES BY AREA OF BUDGET



CITY OF EPHRATA REVENUE: 2002-2006

