



# CITY OF EPHRATA MAYOR'S 2007 BUDGET MESSAGE

## GENERAL

The City of Ephrata continued to enjoy modest and encouraging growth in 2006.

Despite revenues that are still 29% lower than they were just five years ago, we have been able to maximize growth in our City. The 4.6% increase in overall revenue was fueled by the improving local economy. This manifested itself in more income from our utilities, and improved property and sales tax revenues, without rate hikes. 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 2007 will be \$9,231,404.

By preserving the minimum staff, eliminating ineffective spending, and creatively using the resources that the public has provided Ephrata; we are able to serve our citizens efficiently and make Ephrata the most livable community in Grant County.

## REVENUES

Other than income derived from new construction, I project the revenues for 2007 to be \$9,231,404. This figure is 4.6% higher than 2006.

<u>SOURCE OF REVENUE</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>	<u>±% CHANGE</u>
<i>Property Tax</i>	11%	+4.8%
<i>Sales Tax</i>	11%	+6.8%
<i>Fees, Fines, Charges, etc.</i>	2%	+17%
<i>State, Federal, or Other Governments</i>	8%	+11%
<i>Utility Fees</i>	37%	+1.6%
<i>All Other Revenues</i>	31%	+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:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>	<u>±% CHANGE</u>
<i>Current Expense</i>	30%	+3.7%
<i>Street</i>	5%	+10.7%
<i>Library</i>	1.8%	+7.6%
<i>Cemetery</i>	1.2%	+6.5%
<i>Park</i>	6.4%	+11.6%
<i>Tourism/Promotion</i>	.7%	+18.1%
<i>Street Light</i>	1.4%	-8.0%
<i>Sanitation</i>	9.9%	+8.9%
<i>Water/Sewer</i>	25.7%	-5.7%
<i>Water/Sewer Construction</i>	6.5%	0%
<i>Equipment Rental</i>	3.8%	-9.1%
<i>"Bond" Funds, Mandates</i>	7.6%	0%

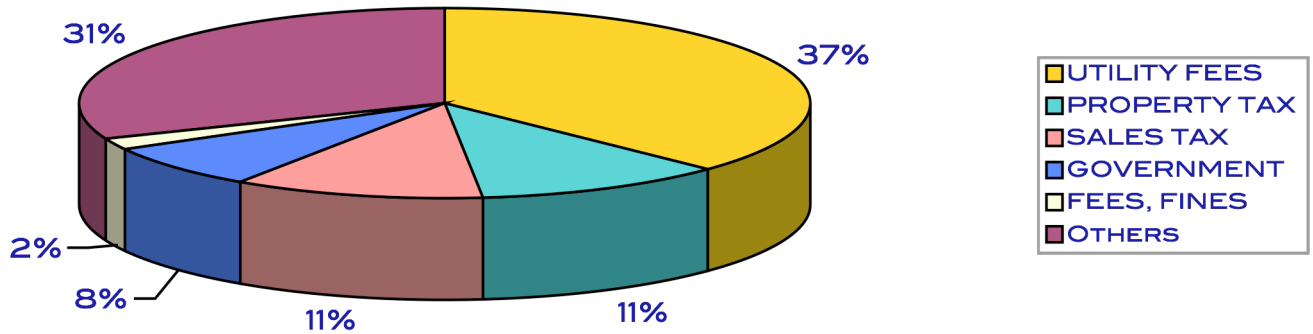
## RESERVES

I am expending \$311,231 of our cash balance. This is an increase of 7.8% over last year, representing significant savings and conservative budget discipline in 2006.

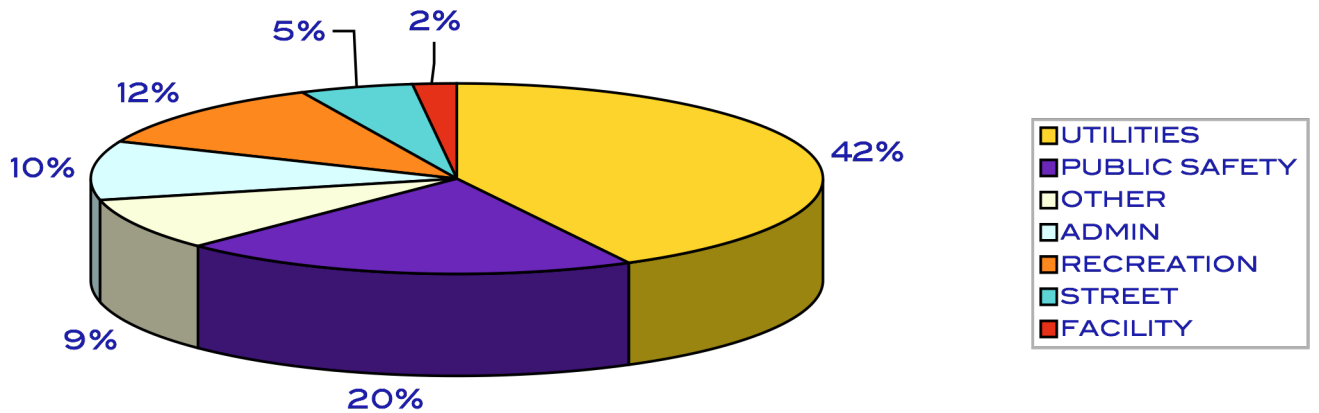
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Chris Jacobson  
MAYOR

### CITY OF EPHRATA REVENUES BY SOURCE



### CITY OF EPHRATA EXPENDITURES BY AREA OF BUDGET



### CITY OF EPHRATA REVENUE: 2002-2007

