

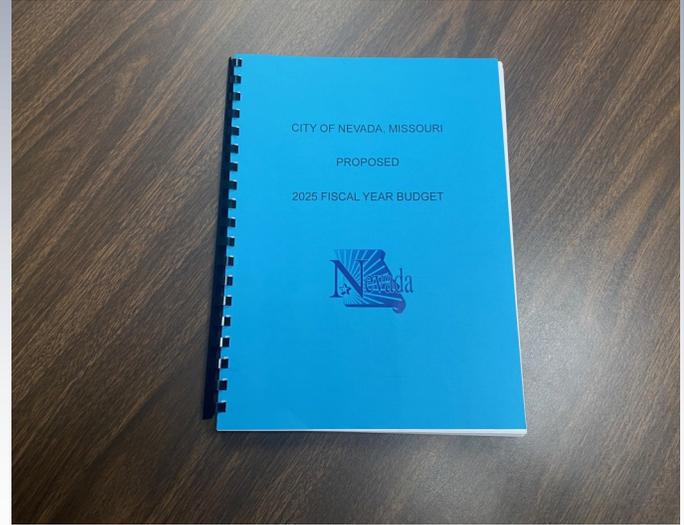


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The FY25 Nevada Operating Budget Is Approved

The FY25 budget is \$35,948,859. For one-time only reasons, this is higher than the regular approximately \$15 million. The City property tax levy remains at 0.7521 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. The FY25 budget will reflect the voter approved 3.5% Use Tax approved in April of 2024. A Use Tax is imposed on purchases made from out-of-state and on-line sales. Also approved in 2024 was the half-cent special sales tax. It will be divided evenly between Parks (new aquatic center) and Police and Fire for salary upgrades.

When preparing budgets, it always is wise to be conservative. For example, we have only planned for a 2% growth in sales tax. That is about \$2,676,000. This figure includes the recently approved 1/2 cent sales tax. Also, we have budgeted \$375,000 for the Use Tax, although the estimate is higher. Again, budgeting is a conservative process.

FY25 will see \$22,000,000 in capital expenditures. All city employees received a 2% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This budget also includes funding for a Finance Director, a position that has been vacant for over 5 years. It is important to be able to better maintain our city parks, so this budget includes 2 full time employees for that department. There is funding in this budget to share, with the County, the cost of an Economic Development Director. The need for a stronger General Fund must be addressed. The FY25 budget was unanimously approved during the December 17, 2024 City Council meeting.

Highland Project Begins

Traffic Counters will be out on January 30th to start the Highland interchange traffic impact study . They will be setting up cameras that will be in place for at least 3 days. Grant dollars were received to assist with this study. This project is the first step in exploring this area as a thoroughfare and possible business development.



The “Mayor’s Coffee” Was Well Attended

. On the morning of January 22nd at Precision Coffee, Mayor George Knox held his first “Mayor’s Coffee” of 2025 (see pic below) Participants in the well attended event gave numerous questions to Mayor Knox ranging from city parks to economic development. “The Mayor’s Coffee” is an ongoing event held by Mayor Knox to further strengthen communications between the City and Citizens. The Mayor’s Coffee gives every Nevada citizen an opportunity to meet and talk with Mayor George Knox.



City Square Development Moving forward

Located at the corner of Cedar and Cherry, the City Square Development continues to make progress. The demolition of the building seen above (109 Cherry) should be completed by the end of February. The design of this small city park and event center on the town square now is underway. The top picture above provides possible renditions of what the park could look like.

The Demolition of 118 Walnut On Hold For Now

Also located on the town square is 118 Walnut. The City had taken steps to demolish this building (see pic below), but the City’s decision is being challenged. Consequently, the matter is now in the courts.



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Here is your Nevada City Council:

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City Council Begins Work Sessions

The Nevada City Council has started holding monthly work sessions. The first was held January 30th. The purpose of a work session is to discuss issues in-depth and decide if they should be acted on during a regular council meeting. Regular council meetings are sometimes not conducive to in-depth analysis. No final council action is taken during a work session.



Aquatic Center Financing Process Underway

With the passage of the sales tax in 2024, funding now is available to pay for the renovation of the Nevada Aquatic Center. Currently, work is underway to set up a system for using those sales tax dollars to pay for the improvements. A summary of this issue (the offering document) that will be presented to potential bond buyers is written and now being reviewed by bond attorneys. The estimated cost for this popular community attraction is not known precisely, but it is estimated to be somewhere in the range of \$7 to \$8 million. The picture above gives one rendering of how your new Aquatic Center will appear.

Walton Lake Improvements Continue To Progress

Much needed repairs continue to progress at Walton Lake. The cleaning and dredging of the lake, parking lot improvements, trail improvements, a kayak boat ramp, a fishing jetty and better lighting are just some of the work that will be completed for this project.



City Employees Recognized



During a recent City Staff training and awards ceremony, several city workers were recognized for outstanding city service. L-R. Lori Baldwin, received the Employee of the Year award. Cindy Dye was recognized for 25 years of service with the City of Nevada. Mike White was acknowledged for his 5 years of service. Ashley Fast also has 5 years with the City as does Chad Ijams. Wayne Brown has worked for the City for 25 years.

Grass Fires Continue To Be A Problem For The Nevada Fire Department

The Nevada Fire Department has responded to six grass fires in January. Despite the snow, conditions remain very dry. Wind, low humidity and the lack of rain create a high risk of grass fires. Due to these conditions, Nevada Fire limited open burning in January. They hope to open it up in the coming weeks to allow for yard debris burning. The burn hotline is 417-448-5105 if you have questions and please follow all burning regulations when burning within the city limits.

