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## FY23 Audit Fieldwork Is Underway

The City of Nevada is in the process of catching up on several years of outstanding financial audits, including fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, and the soon-to-be-due FY 2024. The FY 2021 audit was completed earlier this year, and work on the FY 2022 audit was completed in December. The City's auditing firm, Forvis-Mazars of Kansas City, conducted fieldwork for the FY 2023 audit during the week of December 15, and the FY 2023 audit is expected to be completed soon. Audits are a critical component of City government, as they assess the City's financial health, promote transparency, and serve as an important tool for economic development efforts. Both past and current audits are also essential when pursuing up-front financing for major capital improvement projects, such as the community aquatic center/swimming pool.





## 118 Walnut Is Down! Finally!

It took more than two years, but the on-the-square building located at 118 Walnut has finally been demolished (see photo above). The demolition followed the City's dangerous building procedures and was delayed by nearly a year of court proceedings after the property owner filed a lawsuit. After the legal process concluded, the City completed the required steps to request and award demolition bids. After all of that mandatory red-tape, the actual removal work only took a couple of days.

## “Shop With A Hero” Event Was A Success

On Saturday, December 13th, the Nevada Police Department proudly hosted our annual “Shop With A Hero” program, (see photo below). This year the event was expanded . Partners included the Vernon County Sheriff's Department, the Nevada Fire Department and the Vernon County Ambulance District. First responders picked up local children in Vernon County and Nevada to take them shopping at the Nevada Walmart. According to Police Chief Casey Crain: “This is more than a shopping trip. It's an investment in our kids and the community's future.



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## Police Officer Schwebach Sworn-In

Nevada's newest police officer is Tucker Schwebach. He was sworn-in on December 12th. Tucker has been with the City since June 2024, serving as the Code Enforcement Officer before transferring to a police officer Trainee position in August of this year. Tucker attended the Law Enforcement Academy at MSSU in Joplin. He graduated on December 11th.



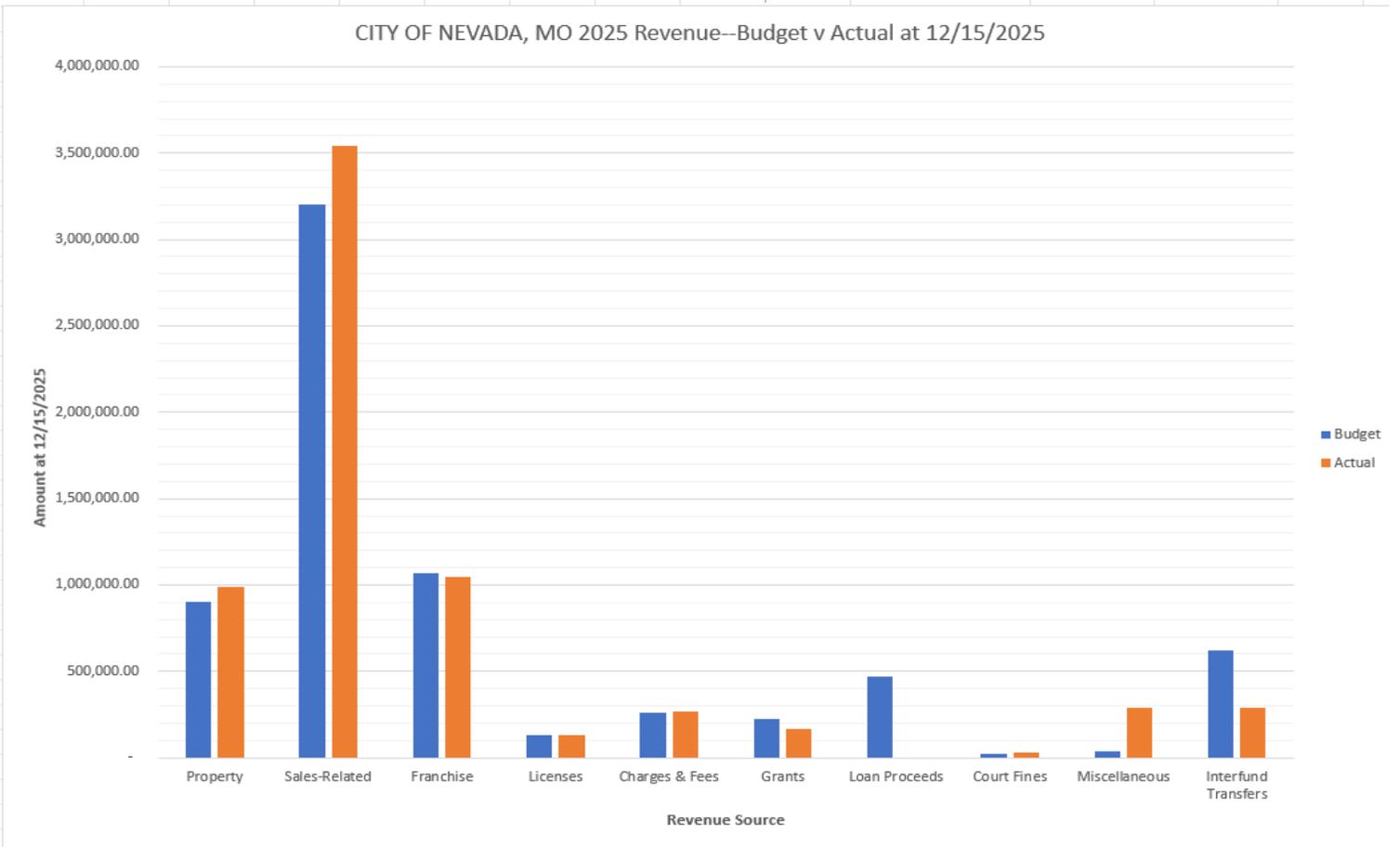
## City Council Gives Final Approval To FY26 Operating Budget

**(With A Strong Fund Balance)**

The Fiscal Year 2026 budget has overall revenues of \$42,199,149 and a beginning balance of \$6,107,072.53 for a total of \$48,306,221.53. This is the amount of revenue we have for all operating expenses during the upcoming fiscal year. Those expenditures amount to \$42,386,501.26. A city should not have a General Fund Balance below 25%. Last year, it was at a dangerously low level of 9%. This year it has increased to 15% and the goal is to be up to the standard 25% by the end of 2026.

This year we started a brand new budget preparation process. By all accounts it went smoothly and we anticipate that is the process that will be followed next year.

# Here is how revenues for the Nevada General Fund for 2025 came in:



**City of Nevada 2026 Organizational Chart**

