



City of Bowman 2012 Budget

Total General Fund Levy:	2011: \$165,200	2012: \$157,028
Total Other Fund Levy:	2011: \$88,350	2012: \$114,400
Mills Levied:	2011: 84.52	2012: 74.62
Value of One Mill:	2011: \$3,048	2012: \$3451 <i>estimate</i>

On your personal property tax statement the total City mills consists of:
City Mills; Park & Rec Mills; Library Mills; School Mills

Land Use and Growth Plan

With the future proposed oil activity in Bowman County, the City Commissioners decided to hire SRF Consulting of Fargo, ND, to help the City plan for future growth. The decision was also based in part by the oil activity in the northern counties and the rapid growth problems some communities are encountering.

The Land Use and Growth Plan will be developed along with corresponding maps that provide for the growth and future investment in the City of Bowman while ensuring the safety of the public.

It will include exploration of the following plan components:

- *Background and existing conditions
- *Projections for population, jobs and households
- *Land use and zoning;
- *Transportation – roadways, walking and bicycling
- *Alternative routes for industrial and general traffic
- *Housing
- *Natural Resources and Environment
- *Industry, Economy and Jobs
- *Public Services and Facilities
- *Quality of life
- *Implementation of the Plan: This element describes short, medium, and long range steps the City can take to achieve the goals and objectives of the plan.

2012 City Election

Offices that will be on the Ballot: *4 Year Office Term*

- *Commission President
- *2 City Commissioners
- *2 Park and Rec Members

Qualifications to run for Office:

- *Reside within city limits of the City of Bowman
- *Resident of the city of Bowman for at least 9 mo.
- *May not be in default to the City of Bowman

Required Forms: (May be picked up at City Hall)

SFN 10172: Statement of Interest
SFN 2704: Petition Form for Signatures
(Those who sign the petition must reside within City Limits)

January 14:

Earliest date to begin circulation of Petition

January 16:

Earliest date to file petition with City Auditor

April 13:

Latest date to file petitions: Petitions must be in the City Auditors office by 4:00 PM on April 13

June 12: Election Day

Neighborhood Crime Awareness Over the past year there has been a noticeable increase in crime taking place in the Bowman area. The Bowman Police Department held a Neighborhood Crime Awareness meeting at City Hall on October 6th to discuss how the community can take preventative action in curbing this increase. Chief Headley was pleased with the thirty plus citizens from the community who turned out to discuss how they could help decrease criminal activity. Suggested program ideas were a Neighborhood Watch Program, Business Watch, Safe Homes and Programs for our youth. Several members of the community have volunteered to assist the Bowman Police Department in forming a core committee to jump start crime prevention programs.

Meeting Highlights

- ❖ JK Construction completed a water main replacement on 2nd Ave SW to 4th St SW
- ❖ The joint City/County Impound lot will be located east of the police building
- ❖ A new liquor license was established: “On Sale Only” Beer and Liquor License. The El-Azteca was granted this license.
- ❖ SW Healthcare’s request was approved for \$180,000 City Sales Tax dollars to replace a tube in the CT Scanner
- ❖ Revised Ordinance 7.0125: The owner or owners of all real property in the city who are furnished water or sewer service or service line repairs shall be responsible for the payment of any and all such charges regardless of who the occupant or tenant may be. If such charges are not paid, the owner shall be responsible for such charges and they shall be assessed to the property served. It shall be the duty of the City Auditor to certify to the County Auditor such unpaid water, sewer or service charges that are unpaid in the same manner at the same time as other assessments are certified, and they shall be assessed and collected in the same manner.
- ❖ James has been appointed by Governor Dalrymple to serve on the newly formed Energy Impact Advisory Council as a City Representative.
- ❖ A Public Meeting was held to discuss truck traffic on 11th Ave West and 3rd Ave East. Motion was made to place signage “Closed to Thru Truck Traffic” at the intersection of Hwy12 & 11th Ave SW and at the section of 11th Ave NW and 6th St NW. A 25 MPH sign has been placed on 3rd Ave E. More research will be conducted regarding the axle weight limits.
- ❖ Renaissance Zone Projects completed: Jerry & Paulette Deibert; Dave & Tana Smolinikar; Twin Butte Properties
- ❖ Motion was made to give \$6000 to the Park and Rec to help with the Feasibility Study that will be done on the expansion of the Rec Center.
- ❖ The Bowman EDC request for the 2011 budgeted funds in amount of \$35,500 was approved.
- ❖ Motion was made to appoint Dean Pearson as the City Assessor.
- ❖ The City has applied for a Hazard Mitigation Grant to help with the improvements on 1st St E and 3rd Ave E drainage and drainage ditch improvements from the railroad south under Hwy 12 to the golf course road.
- ❖ The North Dakota Health Department issued a “Certificate of Compliance” and their congratulations to Bill Mason and Don Wallman for protecting the city’s public water system.
- ❖ The water main project in the alley north of Divide between 5th Ave NE and 6th Ave NE is completed.
- ❖ The City is audited annually by a Certified Accountant. Jim Wosepka, CPA completed the 2010 City audit and the audit was approved by the State Auditor’s Office.
- ❖ The North Dakota League of Cities and the Municipal Government Academy celebrate the leadership achievements of Lyn James who has achieved the 110% Award. A minimum of 200 hours of education is required to meet this award.

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