Village of Rycroft
Request for Decision

Council Meeting Date: May 7, 2025

TOPIC: 2025 to 2027 Operating Budgets and 2025 to 2029 Capital Budgets

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. That Council approve the updated 2025 to 2027 Operating budgets as presented.
2. That Council approve the updated 2025 to 2029 Capital budgets as presented.

BACKGROUND: Council reviewed and updated the 2025 to 2027 provisional operating budgets and the 2025 to 2029 provisional capital budgets at the December 17, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Now that we have all the information on the requisition requirements, the final budget can be approved.

With the plan, reserve funds will be fully replenished within the next 3 budget cycles, giving future Councils more options to improve future services.

ASSESSMENT

The Assessor notes the following about assessment changes that took place in Rycroft for the 2024 Assessment Year, the 2025 Tax Year:

- *Maintained assessment values on land assessment in the industrial subdivision. After a substantial reduction in 2023/24. This brings it in line with the sale(s) that we recently had and close to the values in the appraisal from last year. Most vacant lots were sold in 2025 and increases in assessment will not show until next assessment year.*
  Vacant lots will drop on average 67% in 2023. Those properties in the subdivision that are developed will see far less of a reduction (on a % basis).

There have been minor changes to the budget, as more information allows us to budget more accurately. Noteworthy highlights/adjustments made after the December 17, 2024 meeting include:

OPERATING REVENUES:

- LGFF Operating grant this year will be $64,946 (2024 was $64,946)
- Saddle Hills County Unconditional Grant Agreement is $750K (received Feb. 2025)
- Water, sewer, and solid waste services are all at comparable levels to regional municipalities, are recovering their costs, and building reserve fund accounts

- We are collecting ~$43,000 more in Local Improvement tax for the East Side Paving.
- Total Revenues are budgeted at $2,960,208 (2024 budget was $2,610,625)

OPERATING EXPENSES:

- Police Funding Costs projected to $34K
- $40K for Ball Diamond Landscape/Tree Planting
- The budget includes ~$157K surplus contributions to water, sewer, and other reserve accounts
- Road maintenance including gravel purchases have been maintained at $70,000 to be more reflective of recent inflationary costs.
- Total Expenses budgeted at $2,093,911 (2024 budget was $2,105,774)

CAPITAL REVENUES:

- LGFF Capital grant this year will be $283,261 (2024 LGFF was $263,768)

2025 CAPITAL BUDGET:

- $60,000 for New Water Main Line Engineering work AND $300,000 budgeted for planned construction in 2025
- $45,000 for Administration Building Special Needs Doors (grant contingent)
- $120K for the 3 Ton new truck
- Due to inflation and age of infrastructure a Capital Contingency of 10% =$71K
- $90,000 for new street sweeper
- $100,000 for arena lobby upgrades
- New street sanding unit purchased Feb. 2025 $18,000.
- Total Capital Expenditures are budgeted at $804,000

The $45K for front door renovation project to accommodate Special Needs is grant dependent.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: As listed above.

POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS: Council must annually approve a three-year operating budget and a five-year capital budget.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. Council could suggest other changes to the budgets.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 2025 to 2027 Operating Budget
2. 2025 to 2029 Capital Budget

Kevin Keller — **Chief Administrative Officer**

May 7, 2025 — **Date**