

City of Lower Burrell Budget Presentation November 10, 2025

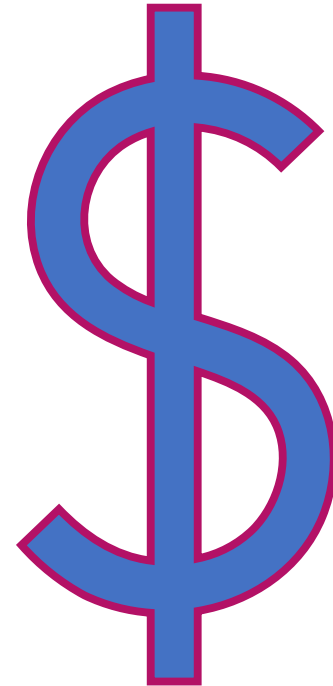
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Time Line – Budget Process

- ▶ Budget meeting Held November 10, 2025, Budget presented as Balanced at 24.75 mills with no tax increase indicated. Budget also will be advertised according to 3rd Class City Code requirements to be open for public inspection for 10 days beginning November 11, 2025. 6th consecutive year with no tax increase for City Residents

Time Line Continued

- ▶ Adoption planned for December 8, 2025
 - ▶ Planned millage, General Fund 24.75
 - ▶ Ongoing debt service for capital construction and City Hall renovations in 2019-20 cost totaling \$4.675 million as a General Obligation Bond.



Time Line Continued

- ▶ General Obligation Bond
 - ▶ Closed in August 2018
 - ▶ City S&P Global Rating "AA+"
 - ▶ Interest rate of 3.78%

Year	Assessed Value	Change +/-
2018	\$ 120,316,620	
2019	\$ 121,507,420	+ \$1,190,800
2020	\$ 122,092,410	+ \$584,990
2021	\$ 122,651,500	+ \$559,090
2022	\$ 123,124,360	+ \$472,860
2023	\$ 122,256,540	- \$867,820
2024	\$ 121,982,200	- \$274,340
2025	\$ 121,583,280	- \$398,920

Assessment Value Over Time

Budget 2026-Assessment



**Assessed Value for
2024**

\$121,583,280



Change

- \$398,920.00



Lost Revenue for 2025

\$9,873.00

Budget 2026 – Assessment History

- ▶ 2021
 - ▶ **2026**
 - ▶ \$1,068,220 decrease since 2021 which will provide for 2026 \$25,381 less in revenue to the budget than it would have in 2021.
- ▶ \$122,651,500
 - ▶ **\$121,583,280**



2026 Budget- General Fund

Dept. of Public Affairs

- \$2,671,365 Total Budget

Dept. of Accounts and Finance

- \$2,638,545 Total Budget

Dept. of Public Safety

- \$638,800 Total Budget

Dept. of Streets and Public Works

- \$1,044,925 Total Budget

Dept. of Parks

- \$991,570 Total Budget

2026 Budget- General Fund and Other funds

Sewer Fund

- \$3,794,363 Total Budget

Liquid Fuels

- \$522,901 Total Budget

General Fund

- \$7,985,205 Total Budget

State Fund-Liquid Fuels Allocation History

▶ 2019	▶ \$401,510
▶ 2020	▶ \$393,365
▶ 2021	▶ \$361,715
▶ 2022	▶ \$367,015
▶ 2023	▶ \$373,965
▶ 2024	▶ \$379,094
▶ 2025	▶ \$379,612

Decrease for 2026
projected

2026-\$365,626

Impact of current millage on Homeowner

- ▶ Currently home assessed at \$20,389.00 pays \$504 for City Taxes in Lower Burrell per year at 24.75 mills. City services cost \$42.00 per month for this homeowner



Tentative Public Works Planned Project for 2026



\$259,870 has been budgeted for a summer road project. The nature of the project and associated priorities on what will be completed is under review by the City Engineer and the Public Works Director



Other capital projects

Rodgers Drive – Liner replacement - \$20,045

Rodgers Drive – Inlets and storm pipe - \$8,300

Wayne Street – Inlet installation and storm pipe - \$14,000

Valleyview Drive – liner, storm pipe, access box - \$80,000

Carl Avenue – Storm line replacement \$21,625

Oakridge Drive – storm pipe \$3,436

Sylvan Drive – storm pipe - \$28,375



Public Works Projects for 2026

Each of the projects listed have impact on the city's MS-4 permitting requirements:

A Local Share Assessment grant Application has been submitted for Rodgers Drive

Please note they have also been included in the budget in case grant funding does not materialize

Public Affairs Outlook 2026



\$72,750 for new Police Cruiser and upfit



\$3,100 to meet Civil Service requirements



\$16,568 to support SWAT activities



\$54,000 in Legal Expense



\$60,000 For IT hardware and Software support



\$36,000 for internet services and reflecting the new VOIP phone system

Accounts and Finance- Outlook 2026

\$88,000 for Workers
Compensation
Premiums

\$125,000 in Property
and Fleet Insurance

\$9,000 for
Advertising and
Printing

\$1,218,642 for
Employee
Hospitalization
Insurance

\$11,000 for Audit
Services of City's
Finances

\$848,868 to meet
Pension Obligations
of the Uniformed
and Non-Uniformed
Pension Plans

Public Safety Outlook 2026

\$105,000 to meet contractual obligations with City Fire Departments



\$95,000 in additional Fire Department support with gas royalty money



\$20,000 for Code Enforcement



\$88,000 to support EMS operations



\$14,250 for hydrant rentals



\$20,000 for Engineering Services

Public Works Outlook 2026

\$150,000 budgeted for stormwater projects/catch basin replacement and MS4 compliance

\$35,000 for street repairs, road restoration and aggregates

\$549,665 for Personnel costs

\$45,000 for Fleet Maintenance

\$259,870 for summer project from Liquid Fuels

\$125,000 for Salt and Winter Maintenance

Public Works Outlook 2026

\$28,000 For Rotary Lifts

\$11,000 for Street Signs

\$21,000 for a Bobcat planer and Miller

\$60,000 for engineering services

\$10,717 for capital payments

\$45,000 for fleet maintenance

Parks Dept. Outlook 2026

\$60,000 for Bldg Maintenance-City Hall Campus

\$70,000 for Park upkeep-Fisher Hall etc.

\$30,000 for various equipment, zero turn mower, Trimmers, Backpack blower

\$270,000 for Building Debt Service

\$35,000 for Public Library

\$340,000 for City Recycling

\$5,000 for Park Programming

Recycling Analysis

- ▶ Waste Management contract dictates an increase every year per residential unit charged to the city:
 - ▶ 2023 \$4.80 per unit/month
 - ▶ 2024 \$5.18 per unit/month
 - ▶ 2025 \$5.59 per unit/month
 - ▶ 2026 \$6.04 per unit/month
- ▶ Residential rate currently being charged
 - ▶ 2025 \$5.33/ per unit month or \$16.00 per quarter
 - ▶ In order to meet contractual obligation with Waste Management recommended rate increase for 2026
 - ▶ 2026 \$6.00/unit per month or \$18.00 per quarter
 - ▶ .67 cents per month increase

Sewer Dept. Outlook 2026

\$8,000 for software support (Arcview and Vialytics)

\$175,00 for CWM contract as well as pump station maintenance

\$632,236 for debt obligations

\$2,284,128 million for treatment obligations with MSANK

\$50,000 for system repairs and supplies

\$15,000 for Engineering Services

\$68,000 covering utilities required to run the system

Sewer Analysis - Rates

- ▶ The City of Lower Burrell is required to remit an annual sewer revenue payment to the Municipal Sanitary Authority of the City of New Kensington (MSANK).
- ▶ MSANK has increased its annual revenue assessment to the City from \$2,177,257.08 (2025) to \$2,284,128.66 (2026) — an increase of \$106,871.58 (approx. 5%).
- ▶ This assessment funds regional wastewater treatment and compliance obligations that are outside the City's direct control.
- ▶ To ensure continued fiscal responsibility, the City must pass through this cost increase to maintain a balanced sewer fund.
- ▶ The proposed 5% rate adjustment for 2026 reflects this external cost increase and supports sustainable system operations.

Commitment to Reliable and Sustainable Sewer Service

- ▶ **City's sewer system faces ongoing fiscal responsibilities for:**
 - ▶ Operation and maintenance of collection and transmission infrastructure
 - ▶ Pump station upkeep and energy costs
 - ▶ Debt service on capital improvements
- ▶ **Rate revenues must fully support these obligations to avoid deferred maintenance or infrastructure failure.**
- ▶ **The 5% rate increase ensures:**
 - ▶ Continued compliance with MSANK regional requirements
 - ▶ Preservation of system reliability and service quality
 - ▶ Stable funding for future maintenance and debt obligations
 - ▶ This adjustment is a measured response to external cost pressures not a reflection of increased City operating costs.

Fiscal and Operational Impact

Year	Quarterly Base Rate	Usage Rate (per 1,000 gal)	Avg. Usage (10,000 gal/qtr)	Avg. Quarterly Bill	Avg. Monthly Bill
2025 (Current)	\$117.93	\$4.40	10	\$161.93	\$55
2026 (proposed 5%)	\$128.16	\$4.78	10	\$175.96	\$59

Grant Funding Pending

An application has been submitted through the Local Share Assessment Program – CAT 4 to purchase a speed/marquis sign to improve traffic safety

An application has also been submitted for an emergency truck through the LSA – CAT 4 program

An application has also been submitted for a stormwater project through the LSA – CAT 4 program

Revenue Assumptions 2026



97% of R.E. Taxes will be collected in 2026



Projecting a 5% fund balance moving into 2026



EIT has been consistent with previous year.



Interest Earnings are slightly down projected for 2026



Delinquent LST had a higher collection rate for 2025 so planning for the same in 2026.

Expenditure Assumptions 2026

- ▶ Personnel services projected 2 – 5% in accordance with CBA and Negotiated Contracts as well as non-union employees.
- ▶ \$35,000 donation to People's Library
- ▶ Health Insurance increase of 14.0% projected (MBS Self Insured in 2013), offered Highmark and UPMC through the MBS Trust for 2026. \$242,000 for retiree health benefits.
- ▶ Continued Principal and Interest on the Long-Term Debt issued through our General Obligation Bond.

Expenditure Assumptions 2026

- ▶ Funding indicated to continue compliance with our MS4 implementation
- ▶ Road Projects, Seal Coat, Crack Sealing, Storm Drain Replacement \$300,000 plus.
- ▶ \$3,000 to implement blight strategies



Thank you

Q&A?