



City of Conover

City of Conover 2020-2021 Budget

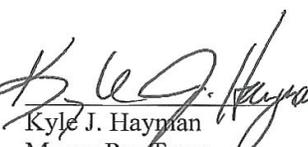
Conover City Council continues to focus on improving the quality of life for all residents. This past year we replaced Fire Engine #2 and upgraded Engine #1, after another engine was damaged in a collision with a commercial dump truck. Thankfully our firefighter sustained only superficial injuries and was not at fault. Through our partnership with Catawba County we now have two ambulances stationed in the city. The addition of the Norman B. Coley Amphitheater, pickle ball courts, and outdoor exercise equipment generated new enthusiasm for outdoor activity in Conover.

Just as you maintain your home, Council works to maintain the city through repairs and replacement of equipment. For most residents, repairs or improvements to their homes are saved for and paid for as needed rather than borrowing money. It is the same for your Conover government. Historically, the City of Conover reserves cash funds, in some cases, for many years to purchase essential equipment like fire trucks, patrol cars, tractors, snowplows, and sanitation trucks; all without borrowing and paying interest. This year's planned capital purchases include; replacement of a dump truck and skid steer unit, replacement of three patrol cars, zero turn mower, and a new semi-automated leaf and grass collection vacuum. The largest purchase this year includes complete replacement of the City's financial software that operates payroll, accounts payable, and utility billing. The current software is more than 30 years old and is no longer serviceable; 15 years of savings are being applied to make this purchase.

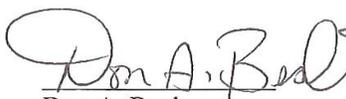
The City of Conover purchases our water from the City of Hickory, who is increasing their rate by 3.00%. Rather than pass this entire increase along, the proposed budget will increase the rate on water by 2.75% and 2.0% for sewer. The average customer uses 5,000 gallons per month equating to an additional \$1.37 per month. The list of capital improvements for utilities include repairs and upgrade to the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Plant aeration system and headworks. The COVID-19 pandemic will forever change the way we interact and conduct business. The City will continue austerity measures limiting purchases to only essential items at least until October 1st and limit hiring to essential personnel.

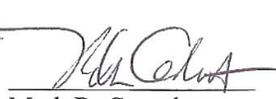
Conover is proud of all of our departments, especially our Police Department. No human is perfect, and our officers are no exception. As a City we condemn the needless death of George Floyd. The actions of these officers have unfortunately cast a bad light on good officers as well. The Conover Police Department has been a Nationally Accredited Agency since 2004 and uses the best industry practices to maintain peace and promote safety in our community. We are not silent on the issue; we act every day to make our community a better place. As a result of this effort we have had no use of force complaints filed with the Department of Justice in 15 years. Because of their quiet strength and their dedication to their profession, your officers have demonstrated how we can stand together with different ideals. We ask you all to pray for wisdom, and work for peace. Remember to look after each other. We are all that we have.

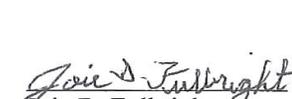

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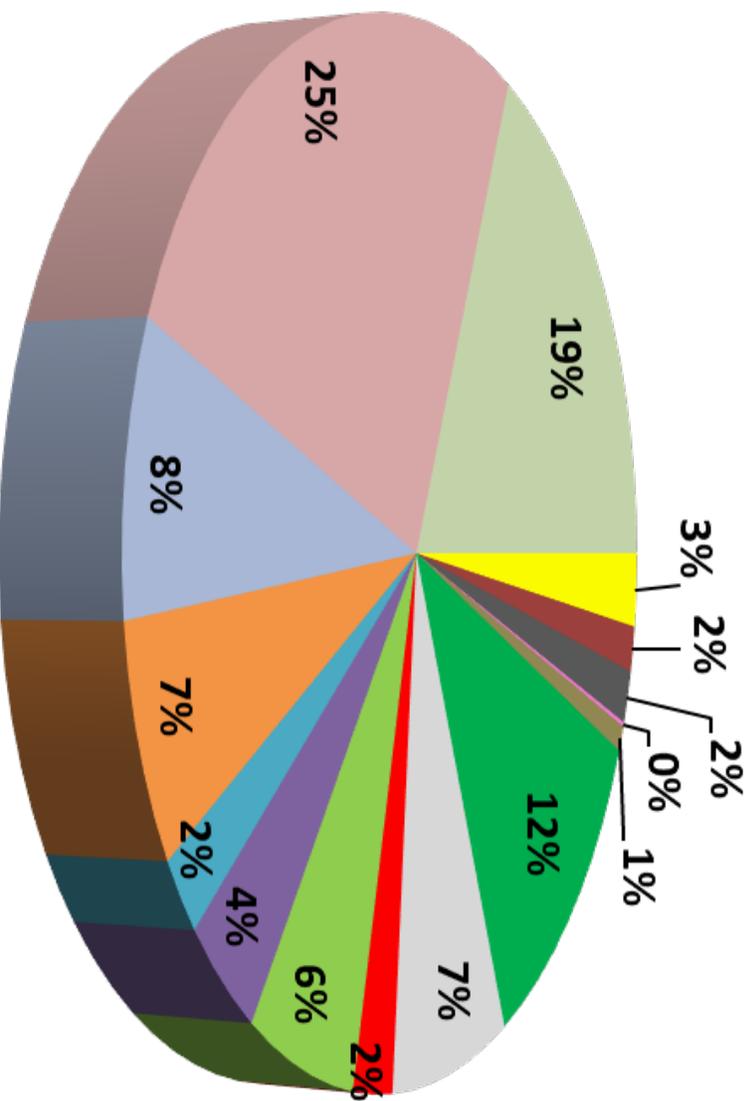

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2020-2021 CONOVER BUDGET

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT



Admin/Mayor & Council	\$576,571
Planning	\$357,497
Information Tech	\$411,354
Attorney	\$33,300
Facilities	\$200,079
Police	\$2,802,862
Fire	\$1,728,351
Public Works/Fleet	\$55,185
Street/Powell Bill	\$1,449,953
Sanitation	\$938,863
Parks/Cemeteries/Grounds	\$538,119
Debt Service/Partnerships	\$1,537,427
Capital/Capital Reserves	\$1,841,773
Water/Sewer	\$5,774,125
Water/Sewer Capital & Res	\$4,315,980
Total	\$23,064,439