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CERTIFICATE

To the Clerk of Doniphan County, State of Kansas
We, the undersigned, officers of
City of Wathena
certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;
(2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was duly approved and adopted as the maximum expenditures for the various funds for the year 2026; and
(3) the Amount(s) of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations.

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Fund	**K.S.A.**				
General	12-101a	6	1,183,600	251,592	19.005
Debt Service	10-113				
Library	12-1220				
Employee Benefit		7	42,000	22,018	1.663
		7			
Special Highway		8	35,000		
Special Parks & Recreation		8	10,000		
Electric System		9	1,374,000		
Water System		9	373,900		
Sewer System		10	223,700		
Equipment Reserve		10	35,000		
City Sales Tax Infrastructure		11	210,000		
Law Enforcement		11	2,500		
Municipal Swimming Pool		12	15,000		
Asset Forfeiture		13	5,000		
Sewer Lagoon Replacement		14	20,000		
Electric Project Upgrade		15	51,118		
Totals		xxxxx	3,580,818	273,610	20.668
Budget Hearing Notice					County Clerk's Use Only
Combined Rate and Budget Hearing Notice		16			13,238,143
RNR Hearing Notice					Nov 1, 2025 Total Assessed Valuation
Neighborhood Revitalization					

Revenue Neutral Rate	19.328
Does budget require a resolution to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate?	**YES**

Assisted by:

Address:

Email:

Attest: September 26 2025

County Clerk

Governing Body

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Allocation of MV, RV, 16/20M, Commercial Vehicle, and Watercraft Tax Estimates

Budgeted Funds for 2025	Ad Valorem Levy Tax Year 2024	Allocation for Year 2026				
		MVT	RVT	16/20M Veh	Comm Veh	Watercraft
General	228,480	29,560	370	698	2,260	335
Debt Service						
Library						
Employee Benefit	27,371	3,541	44	84	271	40
TOTAL	255,851	33,101	414	782	2,531	375

County Treas Motor Vehicle Estimate	33,101				
County Treas Recreational Vehicle Estimate		414			
County Treas 16/20M Vehicle Estimate			782		
County Treas Commercial Vehicle Tax Estimate				2,531	
County Treas Watercraft Tax Estimate					375

Motor Vehicle Factor	0.12938				
Recreational Vehicle Factor		0.00162			
16/20M Vehicle Factor			0.00306		
Commercial Vehicle Factor				0.00989	
Watercraft Factor					0.00147

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Schedule of Transfers

Expenditure Fund Transferred From:	Receipt Fund Transferred To:	Actual Amount for 2024	Current Amount for 2025	Proposed Amount for 2026	Transfers Authorized by Statute
Electric System	General	95,000	75,000	80,000	
Electric System	Equipment Reserve	15,000	15,000	15,000	
Electric System	Parks & Recreation	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Sewer System	Lagoon Replacement	12,000	12,000	12,000	
Sewer System	Equipment Reserve	10,000	5,000	10,000	
Water System	Equipment Reserve	10,000	5,000	0	
General	Parks Reserve	0	0	10,000	
	Totals	147,000	117,000	132,000	
	Adjustments*				
	Adjusted Totals	147,000	117,000	132,000	

*Note: Adjustments are required only if the transfer is being made in 2025 and/or 2026 from a non-budgeted fund.

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STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

Type of Debt	Date of Issue	Date of Retirement	Interest Rate %	Amount Issued	Beginning Amount Outstanding Jan 1, 2025	Date Due Interest	Date Due Principal	Amount Due 2025 Interest	Amount Due 2025 Principal	Amount Due 2026 Interest	Amount Due 2026 Principal
General Obligation:											
					415,000	5/1 &11/1	5/1	6,703	45,000	6,118	45,000
Total G.O. Bonds					**415,000**			**6,703**	**45,000**	**6,118**	**45,000**
Revenue Bonds:											
Total Revenue Bonds					**830,000**			**13,406**	**90,000**	**12,235**	**90,000**
Other:											
Total Other					**0**			**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Indebtedness					**1,245,000**			**20,109**	**135,000**	**18,353**	**135,000**

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STATEMENT OF CONDITIONAL LEASE-PURCHASE AND CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION*

Item Purchased	Contract Date	Term of Contract (Months)	Interest Rate %	Total Amount Financed (Beginning Principal)	Principal Balance On Jan 1, 2025	Payments Due 2025	Payments Due 2026
2025 AT41M F600 Truck	11/1/2025	60	4.00	242,648	0	0	54,363
Totals					**0**	**0**	**54,363**

***If leasing/renting with no intent to purchase, do not list--such transactions are not lease-purchases.**

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **General**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	716,384	758,102	582,493
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	226,113	228,480	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	427		
Motor Vehicle Tax	30,926	34,133	29,560
Recreational Vehicle Tax	374	548	370
16/20M Vehicle Tax	0	521	698
Commercial Vehicle Tax	2,396	4,055	2,260
Watercraft Tax	0	340	335
Gross Earning (Intangible) Tax	7,165	10,961	13,093
Fines & Fees	26,931	27,000	38,000
Local Alcoholic Liquor	843	803	780
Transfer from Electric System	95,000	75,000	80,000
Local Sales Tax	182,342	120,000	120,000
Franchise Tax	73,258	75,000	75,000
Licenses	1,221	700	500
In Lieu of Taxes (IRB)			
Interest on Idle Funds	1,235	1,000	500
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous	30,978	20,750	
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**679,209**	**599,291**	**361,096**
Resources Available:	**1,395,593**	**1,357,393**	**943,589**

FUND PAGE - GENERAL

Adopted Budget General	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Resources Available:	1,395,593	1,357,393	943,589
Expenditures:			
General Government	298,219	347,200	724,600
Public Safety	210,662	212,900	280,400
Highways & Streets	118,046	214,800	178,600
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0
Sub-Total detail page	626,927	774,900	1,183,600
Neighborhood Revitalization	10,564		
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**637,491**	**774,900**	**1,183,600**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	758,102	582,493	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount:	901,970	1,056,000	1,183,600
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	1,183,600
		Tax Required	240,011
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	4.8%	11,581
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	251,592

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Adopted Budget **General Fund - Detail Expenditures**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Expenditures:			
General Government			
Salaries	65,804	66,000	78,000
Contractual	103,175	96,700	100,000
Commodities	31,534	29,500	36,600
Capital Outlay	97,706	155,000	500,000
Transfer to Parks Reserve	0	0	10,000
Total	**298,219**	**347,200**	**724,600**
Public Safety			
Salaries	134,959	125,000	230,000
Contractual	19,706	21,500	21,500
Commodities	25,431	23,900	23,900
Capital Outlay	30,566	42,500	5,000
Total	**210,662**	**212,900**	**280,400**
Highways & Streets			
Salaries	54,025	56,800	77,100
Contractual	2,949	3,500	3,500
Commodities	45,045	54,500	53,000
Capital Outlay	16,027	100,000	45,000
Total	**118,046**	**214,800**	**178,600**
Salaries			
Contractual			
Commodities			
Capital Outlay			
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**
Salaries			
Contractual			
Commodities			
Capital Outlay			
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**
Salaries			
Contractual			
Commodities			
Capital Outlay			
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**
Salaries			
Contractual			
Commodities			
Capital Outlay			
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**
Salaries			
Contractual			
Commodities			
Capital Outlay			
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**
Page Total	**626,927**	**774,900**	**1,183,600**

(Note: Should agree with general sub-totals.)

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FUND PAGE FOR FUNDS WITH A TAX LEVY

Adopted Budget **Employee Benefit**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	24,259	18,982	17,015
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax	25,455	27,371	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax	61		
Motor Vehicle Tax	4,123	4,002	3,541
Recreational Vehicle Tax	49	64	44
16/20M Vehicle Tax	0	61	84
Commercial Vehicle Tax	318	475	271
Watercraft Tax	0	40	40
Interest on Idle Funds	53	20	
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**30,059**	**32,033**	**3,980**
Resources Available:	54,318	51,015	20,995
Expenditures:			
Payroll Taxes	5,023	5,000	6,500
Retirement	5,048	6,000	6,000
Health Insurance	24,877	22,000	27,000
Workers Compensation Insurance	388	1,000	2,500
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**35,336**	**34,000**	**42,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	18,982	17,015	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	45,000	43,000	42,000
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	42,000
		Tax Required	21,005
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	4.8%	1,013
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	22,018

Adopted Budget 0	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1		0	0
Receipts:			
Ad Valorem Tax		0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Delinquent Tax			
Motor Vehicle Tax			
Recreational Vehicle Tax			
16/20M Vehicle Tax			
Commercial Vehicle Tax			
Watercraft Tax			
Interest on Idle Funds			
Neighborhood Revitalization Rebate			0
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**0**	**0**	**0**
Resources Available:	**0**	**0**	**0**
Expenditures:			
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**0**	**0**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	0	0	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	0	0	0
		Non-Appropriated Balance	
		Total Expenditure/Non-Appr Balance	0
		Tax Required	0
	Delinquent Comp Rate:	4.8%	0
		Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	0

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Adopted Budget **Special Highway**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	10,506	11,041	11,051
Receipts:			
State of Kansas Gas Tax	33,807	35,010	35,140
County Transfers Gas		0	0
Interest on Idle Funds	28		
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**33,835**	**35,010**	**35,140**
Resources Available:	**44,341**	**46,051**	**46,191**
Expenditures:			
Capital Outlay	33,300	35,000	35,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**33,300**	**35,000**	**35,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	11,041	11,051	11,191
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	35,000	35,000	35,000

Adopted Budget

Special Parks & Recreation	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	6,123	6,136	7,089
Receipts:			
Alcohol Tax	843	803	780
Transfer from Electric System	5,000	5,000	5,000
Interest on Idle Funds	10		
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**5,853**	**5,803**	**5,780**
Resources Available:	**11,976**	**11,939**	**12,869**
Expenditures:			
Capital Outlay	5,840	4,850	10,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**5,840**	**4,850**	**10,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	6,136	7,089	2,869
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	10,000	10,000	10,000

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Adopted Budget **Electric System**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	553,376	479,704	405,404
Receipts:			
Sales to Consumers	1,142,552	1,117,300	1,118,300
Interest on Idle Funds	5,608	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	30	100	100
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**1,148,190**	**1,120,400**	**1,121,400**
Resources Available:	**1,701,566**	**1,600,104**	**1,526,804**
Expenditures:			
Personnel Services	180,167	171,500	197,000
Contractual	813,791	833,000	949,000
Commodities	54,484	55,200	60,000
Capital Outlay & Transfers Out	171,540	135,000	168,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous	1,880		
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**1,221,862**	**1,194,700**	**1,374,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	479,704	405,404	152,804
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	1,380,000	1,349,000	1,374,000

Adopted Budget

Water System	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	183,670	148,747	115,747
Receipts:			
Sales to Consumers	287,513	308,700	308,700
Interest on Idle Funds	4,761	4,000	4,000
Miscellaneous	1,148	100	
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**293,422**	**312,800**	**312,700**
Resources Available:	**477,092**	**461,547**	**428,447**
Expenditures:			
Personnel Services	76,290	78,000	102,500
Contractual	186,140	197,600	208,200
Commodities	32,812	45,200	40,200
Capital Outlay	19,171	25,000	23,000
Transfer to Equipment Reserve	10,000	0	0
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous	3,932		
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**328,345**	**345,800**	**373,900**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	148,747	115,747	54,547
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	395,200	385,500	373,900

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Adopted Budget **Sewer System**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	224,509	253,464	217,664
Receipts:			
Sales to Consumers	165,594	170,000	175,000
Interest on Idle Funds	1,979	1,500	1,000
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**167,573**	**171,500**	**176,000**
Resources Available:	**392,082**	**424,964**	**393,664**
Expenditures:			
Personnel	76,288	87,500	101,700
Contractual	20,221	33,500	30,500
Commodities	23,234	49,300	49,500
Capital Outlay	0	20,000	20,000
Transfers Out	17,000	17,000	22,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous	1,875		
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**138,618**	**207,300**	**223,700**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	253,464	217,664	169,964
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	224,900	220,300	223,700

Adopted Budget

Equipment Reserve	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	173,790	197,286	194,286
Receipts:			
Tansfers In	30,000	20,000	
Interest on Idle Funds	2,668	2,000	1,500
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**32,668**	**22,000**	**1,500**
Resources Available:	**206,458**	**219,286**	**195,786**
Expenditures:			
Capital Outlay	9,172	25,000	35,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**9,172**	**25,000**	**35,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	197,286	194,286	160,786
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	53,000	40,000	35,000

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Adopted Budget **City Sales Tax Infrastructure**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	556,579	680,461	596,311
Receipts:			
City Sales Tax	288,867	275,000	280,000
Interest on Idle Funds	840	850	500
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**289,707**	**275,850**	**280,500**
Resources Available:	**846,286**	**956,311**	**876,811**
Expenditures:			
Capital Outlay	165,825	360,000	210,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**165,825**	**360,000**	**210,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	680,461	596,311	666,811
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	255,000	395,000	210,000

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Law Enforcement	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	8,976	5,556	7,056
Receipts:			
	1,760	2,000	2,500
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**1,760**	**2,000**	**2,500**
Resources Available:	**10,736**	**7,556**	**9,556**
Expenditures:			
Capital outlay	5,180	500	2,500
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**5,180**	**500**	**2,500**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	5,556	7,056	7,056
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amoun	5,200	2,500	2,500

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Adopted Budget **Municipal Swimming Pool**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	69,982	70,032	65,132
Receipts:			
Interest on Idle Funds	107	100	100
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**107**	**100**	**100**
Resources Available:	**70,089**	**70,132**	**65,232**
Expenditures:			
Capital Outlay	57	5,000	15,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**57**	**5,000**	**15,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	70,032	65,132	50,232
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	15,000	10,000	15,000

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Adopted Budget **Asset Forfeiture**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	1	1	1
Receipts:			
		5,000	5,000
Interest on Idle Funds			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**0**	**5,000**	**5,000**
Resources Available:	**1**	**5,001**	**5,001**
Expenditures:			
Capital Outlay		5,000	5,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**5,000**	**5,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	1	1	1
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	5,000	5,000	5,000

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Adopted Budget **Sewer Lagoon Replacement**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	80,267	92,387	84,387
Receipts:			
Transfers from Sewer System	12,000	12,000	12,000
Interest on Idle Funds	120		
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**12,120**	**12,000**	**12,000**
Resources Available:	**92,387**	**104,387**	**96,387**
Expenditures:			
Capital Outlay		20,000	20,000
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**0**	**20,000**	**20,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	92,387	84,387	76,387
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	20,000	20,000	20,000

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Adopted Budget **Electric Project Upgrade**	Prior Year Actual for 2024	Current Year Estimate for 2025	Proposed Budget Year for 2026
Unencumbered Cash Balance Jan 1	301,499	324,019	342,616
Receipts:			
Special Assessment	69,273	70,000	70,000
Interest on Idle Funds	472	300	200
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Rec			
Total Receipts	**69,745**	**70,300**	**70,200**
Resources Available:	**371,244**	**394,319**	**412,816**
Expenditures:			
Debt Service Principal	40,000	45,000	45,000
Debt Service Interest	7,225	6,703	6,118
Cash Reserve (2026 column)			
Miscellaneous			
Does miscellaneous exceed 10% Total Exp			
Total Expenditures	**47,225**	**51,703**	**51,118**
Unencumbered Cash Balance Dec 31	324,019	342,616	361,698
2024/2025/2026 Budget Authority Amount	47,225	46,703	51,118

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

City of Wathena

will meet on September 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM at City Hall, 206 St. Joseph Street, Wathena, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax, and the Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at City Hall, 206 St. Joseph Street, Wathena, KS and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	637,491	19.532	774,900	17.913	1,183,600	251,592	19.005
Debt Service							
Library							
Employee Benefit	35,336	2.290	34,000	2.146	42,000	22,018	1.663
Special Highway	33,300		35,000		35,000		
Special Parks & Recreation	5,840		4,850		10,000		
Electric System	1,221,862		1,194,700		1,374,000		
Water System	328,345		345,800		373,900		
Sewer System	138,618		207,300		223,700		
Equipment Reserve	9,172		25,000		35,000		
City Sales Tax Infrastructure	165,825		360,000		210,000		
Law Enforcement	5,180		500		2,500		
Municipal Swimming Pool	57		5,000		15,000		
Asset Forfeiture			5,000		5,000		
Sewer Lagoon Replacement			20,000		20,000		
Electric Project Upgrade	47,225		51,703		51,118		
Totals	2,628,251	21.822	3,063,753	20.059	3,580,818	273,610	20.668
						*Revenue Neutral Rate***	*19.328*
Less: Transfers	147,000		117,000		132,000		
Net Expenditure	2,481,251		2,946,753		3,448,818		
Total Tax Levied	263,742		255,851		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	12,086,077		12,756,009		13,237,906		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	415,000
Revenue Bonds	0	415,000	830,000
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	415,000	1,245,000

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

** *Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Tammy Bembrick

Official Title: City Clerk

Wallingford, Jr., of the real estate described below which prays that descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Doniphan County, Kansas:

Lots 23 and 24 in Block 157 in the Original Town, now City of Elwood,

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate the decedent above named at the time of her death and that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of his death be assigned pursuant to the Kansas laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 4, 2025, at 8:30 o'clock a.m. in such Court in the City of Troy, in Doniphan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

KENNETH WALLINGFORD, JR., PETITIONER

EULER LAW OFFICES, LLC
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Attorneys for Petitioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

(First Published in the Kansas Chief, August 7, 2025) 3t

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF DONIPHAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY JEAN TRACY, DECEASED

CASE NO. 2025 PR 23

NOTICE OF HEARING AND *NOTICE TO CREDITORS*

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 1, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Darla A. Tracy, an heir, devisee and legatee and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Dorothy Jean Tracy, Deceased, praying for the admission to probate and record of the March 31, 1999, Last Will and Testament of Dorothy Jean Tracy and praying further for the appointment of Darla A. Tracy, as Executor of such testamentary instrument, without bond, and, that she be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 2, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of such day, in this Court, in the City of Troy, in Doniphan County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors of the above named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

DARLA A. TRACY,
Executor of the Will and Estate of Dorothy Jean Tracy, Deceased
ROBYN JOHNSON, #13787
Attorney at Law
130 East Walnut, P.O. Box 206
Troy, Kansas, 66087
785-985-2121/785-741-1561
Attorney for Executor

The governing body of

City of Wathena

will meet on September 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM at City Hall, 206 St. Joseph Street, Wathena, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax, and the Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at City Hall, 206 St. Joseph Street, Wathena, KS and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
FUND	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	637,491	19.532	774,900	17.913	1,183,600	251,592	19.005
Debt Service							
Library							
Employee Benefit	35,336	2.290	34,000	2.146	42,000	22,018	1.663
Special Highway	33,300		35,000		35,000		
Special Parks & Recreation	5,840		4,850		10,000		
Electric System	1,221,862		1,194,700		1,374,000		
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Sewer System	138,618		207,300		223,700		
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Assessed Valuation	12,086,077		12,756,009		13,237,906		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	415,000
Revenue Bonds	0	415,000	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	415,000	415,000

*Tax rates are expressed in mills

*** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988*

Tammy Bembrick
Official Title: City Clerk



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NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of

City of Wathena

will meet on September 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM at City Hall, 206 S. Walnut Street, Wathena, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Any interested taxpayer may attend.

Detailed budget information is available at City Hall, 206 S. Walnut Street, Wathena, KS and will be available at the hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits for the 2026 budget.

Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Proposed Budget for 2026		
Fund	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Ad Valorem Tax	Expenditures	Ad Valorem Tax	Estimated Tax Rate*
General	1,637,791	38.889	1,677,700	1,011,000	1,787,600	1,099,000	38.000
Debt Service							
Library							
Employee Benefits	218,936	22.206	234,000	214,140	242,000	218,018	
Special Highway	43,891.00		53,000		45,000		
Special Parks & Recreation	26,840		34,500		10,000		
Electric System	1,221,862		1,194,700		1,277,000		
Water System	318,145		345,800		345,000		
Sewer System	330,618		307,400		325,000		
Equipment Reserve	17		22,000		43,000		
City Sales Tax Capital Improvement	45,825		360,000		360,000		
Cemetery Improvement	78,580		30,000		30,000		
Municipal Swimming Pool	89		5,000		5,000		
Assessment Improvement	69		5,000		5,000		
Sewer Lagoon Improvement	37,226		20,000		20,000		
Pickle Project Improvement	67,226						
Totals	4,027,291	61.095	4,301,050	1,225,140	4,499,600	1,317,018	
Delinquent Tax*	118,000		115,000		132,000		
Motor Vehicle	148,200		2,895,050		2,997,700		
Total Tax Levied	265,242		4,235,190		4,446,718		
Assessed Valuation	12,036,207		12,750,000		13,147,000		

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,

	2023	2024	2025
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0
Revenue Bonds	0	413,000	0
Other	0	0	0
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0
Total	0	413,000	0

*Tax rate is expressed in mills

Tammy Benbrick

City Clerk

Official Title

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, DONIPHAN COUNTY, SS:

Dana D. Foley, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That he is publisher of *The Kansas Chief* a weekly newspaper printed in the State of Kansas, and published in and of general circulation in Doniphan County, Kansas, with a general paid circulation on a yearly basis in Doniphan County, Kansas, and that said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication.

Said newspaper is weekly published at least weekly 50 times a year; has been so published continuously and uninterruptedly in said county and state for a period of more than five years prior to the first publication of said notice; and has been admitted at the post office of Wathena, Kansas, in said County as periodicals postage paid.

That the attached notice is a true copy thereof and was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper for 1 consecutive weeks, the first publication thereof being made as aforesaid on the 14 day of August, 2025, with subsequent publications being made on the following dates:

_____, 20___

_____, 20___

_____, 20___

Publisher

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August, 2025.

Dwight D. Foley

Notary Public

My commission expires 1-24-26

Printer's fee/ Affidavit fee $

DWIGHT D. FOLEY
Notary Public - State of Kansas
My Appt. Exp: 1-24-26

County Clerk's Office

INDICATION OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE

PURSUANT TO K.S.A 79-1460, 79-1801, 79-2024, 79-2925c

Please indicate below whether your governing body will be exceeding the Revenue Neutral rate:

☑ Yes, we intend to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and our proposed mill levy is 19.005 – General

The date of the Hearing is 09/15/25 at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at City Hall, 206 St. Joseph Street in Wathena, KS

☐ No, we do not plan to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and will submit our budget to the County Clerk on or before August 25, 2022.

Tony C Bernick 7/8/25

SIGNATURE DATE

City Clerk

Title

City of Wathena, Kansas

Tax District

County Clerk's Office

INDICATION OF REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE

PURSUANT TO K.S.A 79-1460, 79-1801, 79-2024, 79-2925c

Please indicate below whether your governing body will be exceeding the Revenue Neutral rate:

☑ Yes, we intend to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and our proposed mill levy is 1.663 - Employee Benefit

The date of the Hearing is 09/15/25 at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at City Hall, 206 St. Joseph Street in Wathena, KS

☐ No, we do not plan to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and will submit our budget to the County Clerk on or before August 25, 2022.

Tony C Bennick 7/8/25

SIGNATURE DATE

City Clerk

Title

City of Wathena, Kansas

Tax District

Roll Call Vote

A Roll Call Vote of the City of Wathena, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate

Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate held on September 15, 2025

Resolution No. 2025-2

Governing Body Member	Yes	No	No Vote
John Hontz, Mayor			X
Cory Shue, Council Member	X		
Bob Ryser, Council Member	X		
Jarod Jackson, Council Member			X
Aaron Cluck, Council Member			X
Bob Halter, Council Member	X		
TOTAL	3	0	3

Certified:

Tanya C Barnick

City Clerk 9/15/25

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for the City of Wathena was calculated as 19.328 mills by the Doniphan County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of the City of Wathena will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on September 15, 2025, allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Wathena, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WATHENA:

The City of Wathena shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 19.328 mills.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED this 15th day of September, 2025 and **SIGNED** by the Mayor.

Mayor

Attested:

City Clerk