



Overview: Indianola's FY22 Budget

How are public dollars being managed in Indianola? And what does this mean to you?

At the City of Indianola, we believe that our residents should be able to quickly and easily understand how public dollars are being managed within our community. That's why we put together this quick overview of the City's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Here, we explain the basic facts of the budget, run through the major projects of the coming year, attempt to answer some of the questions you may have, and provide contact information in case you have additional questions.

Sound good? Now, let's take a closer look.

Basic Facts: The FY22 Budget

What is it? The FY22 Budget details how the City of Indianola plans to manage public dollars within our community over the course of one year.

Who approves the budget? The Indianola City Council approved the City's fiscal budget on March 15th, 2021.

When is FY22? Fiscal year 2022 begins July 1st, 2021 and ends June 30, 2022.

How big is the budget? The approved budget includes expenditures of \$50,728,680*.

**This does not include numbers from IMU's approved budget. IMU's budget is reviewed and approved by the IMU Board of Trustees.*

Will this budget require an increase in the property tax levy? No. The City will maintain its property tax levy of \$13.63.

Budget Breakdown

As we mentioned above, the City's approved budget includes expenditures of **\$50,728,680**. These funds will cover a variety of much-needed items within our community—from new emergency personnel and critical infrastructure, to roadwork and storm-sewer repairs.

Here are some of the specific items covered by this year's budget:



Personnel

- The City will hire three new firefighter/paramedic personnel. This is the final step of a 2018 public-safety staffing recommendation.
- We will also hire a new rental-inspector. This is mandated by the State of Iowa, since our community's population is expected to surpass 15,000 following the 2021 census.

Infrastructure

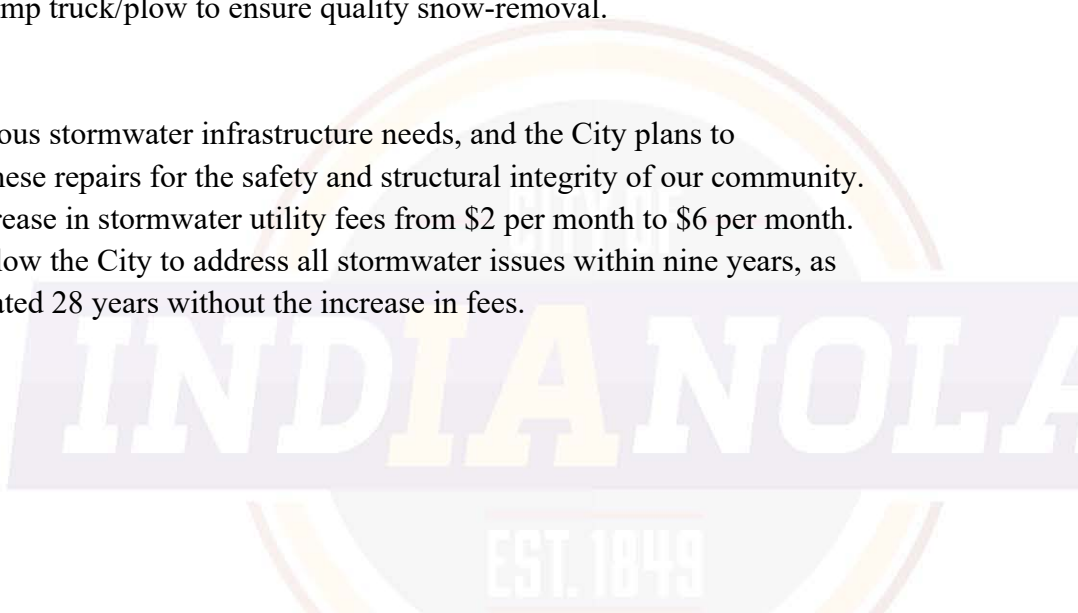
- The City will make improvements on the Downtown Square Streetscape to complement the new Warren County Justice Center.
- Construction will continue on the state-of-the-art Water Resource Recovery Facility, which utilizes the latest technology in wastewater treatment.
- The eastern end of Iowa Avenue will be paved. This will open the industrial park for further development, potentially bringing new businesses and jobs to our community.
- We will begin engineering and design work for improvements to Hillcrest Avenue and K Street.
- The City will install a new pedestrian/bike trail segment along Hillcrest, from 4th Street to Jefferson Way. This will improve the trail flow in this area.

Vehicles & Equipment

- Among other vehicle and equipment replacements, the City will replace two police squad vehicles and one ambulance. This will ensure a prompt emergency response.
- We will replace the digital information board in front of City Hall. This will improve our ability to inform the public of urgent updates.
- We will replace a dump truck/plow to ensure quality snow-removal.

Stormwater Repairs

- Indianola has numerous stormwater infrastructure needs, and the City plans to aggressively make these repairs for the safety and structural integrity of our community. There will be an increase in stormwater utility fees from \$2 per month to \$6 per month. This increase will allow the City to address all stormwater issues within nine years, as opposed to an estimated 28 years without the increase in fees.





Recap & How to Learn More

In summary, the City of Indianola is allocating its FY22 Budget to cover critical infrastructure requirements and safety needs, while continuing to improve our residents' quality of life and attracting new businesses to our community. The budget will NOT require an increase in the property tax levy—it will remain at \$13.63—but there will be a slight increase in stormwater utility fees to cover essential maintenance and repairs.

“At our meeting on March 15th, the City Council approved a balanced budget that keeps our property tax rate flat, continues investment in our community’s vital infrastructure and ensures we have enough fire fighters and inspectors to protect Indianola,” says Mayor Pam Pepper.

“This is made possible in large part to the positive economic and population growth in our community. I’m very proud of all involved in this process, especially the City staff for their diligence and dedication to the budget process.”

Thanks for reading! Want to learn more? Find more information about the FY22 Budget [on the City of Indianola website](#) or call (515) 961-9410.

