

City of Conover 2021-2022 Budget

As with previous years, the Conover City Council created the 2021-2022 Budget with one thing in mind: improving the quality of life for all Conover citizens. Over the past year, the City responded quickly and aggressively to prepare for any lost revenue and the economic uncertainty that the COVID-19 pandemic would bring upon us. Our conservative measures paid off, saving the City nearly \$1 million. Despite the pandemic, development in Conover has continued at a robust pace. In fact, we have experienced growth in all sectors, despite the turbulent times 2020 brought.

Just as a Conover citizen works to maintain their home, City Council works to maintain the city through repairs and replacement of infrastructure and equipment. For most residents, repairs and improvements are paid for by money that has been saved, rather than borrowing those funds. Here at the City, it works the same way. Historically, the City of Conover reserves cash funds, sometimes for many years, to purchase essential equipment including fire trucks, patrol cars, tractors, and sanitation trucks; all without borrowing money or paying interest.

For Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the City has various planned capital purchases that will benefit our community and citizens in many ways. At Conover City Hall, the Customer Service and Finance Departments will be moved to the first floor, making it more accessible and functional for all. This is phase one of a four-phase renovation that will take place to extend the life of our current building. Funds have also been allocated to begin engineering and design of an expansion to our Fleet Department building, as well as enlarge our Map Room in our Public Works facility. The Sanitation Department has allocated funds to purchase a new garbage truck and a one-ton truck to be used to collect white goods, electronics, and heavy objects; improving the services provided to Conover citizens. The 2021-2022 budget also provides funding for annual commitments for park equipment replacements that will improve safety and comply with ADA standards. An expansion of City Park will also take place that will feature an under-tree canopy and more walking trails, making the park a total of 10 acres.

The City of Conover purchases water from the City of Hickory, who has increased their water rate by 3%. The proposed budget will increase the Conover water rate by 3%, and the sewer rate by 3%. The average Conover water customer uses 5,000 gallons per month, making the increase an additional \$1.69 on your water bill. Capital improvements will also take place for our Utilities Department, including repairs and upgrades to the Northeast Wastewater Treatment Plant aeration system and headworks.

In an effort to improve public health and safety, City Council is excited to announce a new partnership with Shuford YMCA to offer free swim lessons to City of Conover residents between the ages of 6 months and 12 years old. Conover residents will need to complete a residency verification form at Conover City Hall. Free lessons will be given out on a first come, first serve basis. The Shuford YMCA is also working on a swim lesson plan for adults who want to learn to swim. Look for more details to be announced soon.



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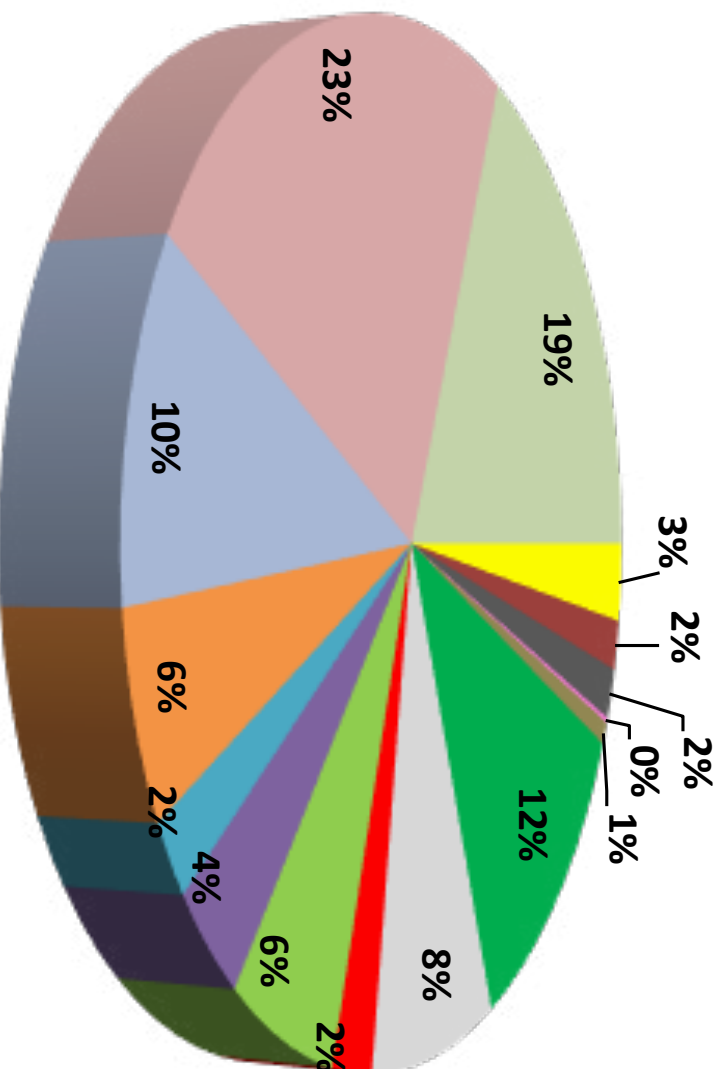
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2021-2022 CONOVER BUDGET

HOW YOUR MONEY IS SPENT



Admin/Mayor & Council	\$684,131
Planning	\$435,805
Information Tech	\$441,219
Attorney	\$43,945
Facilities	\$197,370
Police	\$3,031,474
Fire	\$2,038,103
Public Works/Fleet	\$616,976
Street/Powell Bill	\$1,552,248
Sanitation	\$964,451
Parks/Cemeteries/Grounds	\$585,340
Debt Service/Partnerships	\$1,471,390
Capital/Capital Reserves	\$2,528,169
Water/Sewer	\$5,645,305
Water/Sewer Capital & Res	\$4,711,343
Total	\$24,947,269