



AGENDA

**Council Chambers
300 Wall Street, Fountain Inn, SC 29644**

**FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
Monday, December 1, 2025 at 6 p.m.**

Citizens may access the meeting at the following YouTube address:
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1. Call to Order
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
3. Oath of Office
 - a. Jason Sanders, Ward 1
 - b. A. J. Dearybury, Ward 3
 - c. John Don, Ward 5
4. Presentation
 - a. Christmas INN Our Town Proclamation
5. Public Forum - Persons wishing to speak may signup 15 minutes prior to the meeting. Signups will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Your remarks will be limited to 3 minutes.
6. Consent Agenda - There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.
 - a. Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting from November 13, 2025
 - b. Monthly Financials, October 2025
7. Mayor Pro-Tem Election
8. Appointment

Council may enter executive session to discuss any item on the agenda as permitted by S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70.


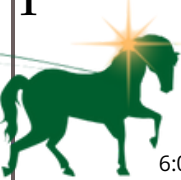












- a. Board of Zoning Appeals
Mayor's At-Large: Margaret McPartland (January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2029)
Ward 3: Stephan Thomas (unexpired term ending December 31, 2027)
- 9. City Administrator's Report - Shawn M. Bell
- 10. New Business
 - a. Approval of the 2026 Council Meeting Schedule
 - b. First reading of Ordinance 2025-08, providing for the acquisition and lease purchase financing of a fire protection vehicle and related equipment; authorizing the City Administrator to prescribe the form and details for the lease purchase financing; providing for the payment of the lease purchase financing; and providing for other related matters.
- 11. Executive Session -After coming out of executive session, Council may vote on items discussed during executive session.
 - a. Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area related to Project Ostrich.
- 12. Adjourn

Council may enter executive session to discuss any item on the agenda as permitted by S.C. Code Ann. § 30-4-70.

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The Inn Place to Be... Christmas INN OUR TOWN



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 <p>1</p>  <p>6:00 PM City Council</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5 - 8:00 PM Tree Lighting. FUN with Santa</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 - 8:00 PM Christmas Parade</p>	<p>4</p> <p>House Decorating Contest Judging</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>5</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Visit Santa</p> <p>The Younts Center Presents Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree 7:30 PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11 - 5:00 PM Merry Market</p> <p>The Younts Center Presents Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree 3:00 PM & 7:30 PM</p> <p>6:00 PM Rudolph Run</p> <p>*Downtown Recovery Round</p>	<p>7</p> <p>The Younts Center Presents Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree 3:00 PM</p> <p>Tour of Homes 2 - 5:00 PM</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Elf Night</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Holiday Story Time 5:30 & 6:30 pm</p> <p>6:00 PM Deck the Cart Parade</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Ugly Sweater Night</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:25 - 9:00 PM Carriage Rides</p> <p>Pajama Night</p> <p>Visit Santa</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Downtown Decorating Contest - People's Choice Award · Vote through Dec. 31</p> <p>Downtown Moonlight Madness 7 - 10:00 PM</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Downtown Businesses Open Late UNTIL 9:00 PM</p> 	<p>21</p>  	<p>22</p>  <p>Holiday Sweet Stroll Downtown Businesses 6 - 9:00 PM</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>Downtown Businesses Open Late UNTIL 9:00 PM</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>FOUNTAIN INN est 1886 Fountain Inn Founded 1886</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Christmas Day</p> 	<p>26</p>  <p>Downtown Businesses After Christmas Sale</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>Downtown Businesses After Christmas Sale</p>

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MINUTES
FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor McLeer called the meeting to order.

The following members of City Council were in attendance: GP McLeer, Jay Thomason, Phil Clemmer, Mack Blackstone, Jason Sanders, Joey Garrett

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Introduce New Employees

Melissa Woods introduced her Judge McAllister.

a. Jhonnea McAllister- Courts

4. Public Forum - Persons wishing to speak may signup 15 minutes prior to the meeting. Signups will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Your remarks will be limited to 3 minutes.

Kailey Zecouski spoke in reference to preserving Fountain Inn's historic landmarks.

5. Appointment

a. Planning Commission: Four-year term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2029

Ward 2 (Councilmember Thomason) - Stutts Armstrong

Ward 4 (Councilmember Clemmer) - Brian DeRoberts

Ward 6 (Councilmember Blackstone) - Chris Ellis

Motion by Councilman Thomason to appoint Stutts Armstrong for the Planning Commission, four-year term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Motion by Councilman Clemmer to appoint Brian DeRoberts for the Planning Commission, four-year term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Motion by Councilman Blackstone to appoint Chris Ellisor for the Planning Commission, four-year term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

b. Board of Zoning Appeals: Four-year term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2029

Ward 2 (Councilmember Thomason) - Avis Kelley

Ward 4 (Councilmember Clemmer) - Connor McCraw

Motion by Councilman Thomason to appoint Avis Kelley for the Board of Zoning Appeals, four-year term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

Motion by Councilman Clemmer to appoint Connor McCraw for the Board of Zoning Appeals, four-year term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

6. Consent Agenda- There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.

Motion by Councilman Clemmer, seconded by Councilman Blackstone to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

a. Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on October 9, 2025

b. Minutes from the Special Called Council Meeting on October 21, 2025

7. City Administrator's Report- Shawn M. Bell

City Administrator, Shawn Bell covered the following items: Main Street Streetscape should be completed by the end of December with a ribbon-cutting in January or February, Jeepers Creepers 6600 attendees, Trick or Treating on

Main with 2,400 attendees, Christmas Inn Our Town is gearing up: Tree lighting on December 2, Merry Market on December 6, Rudolph Run on December 6, carriage rides December 4-18 with 5,200 tickets still available, Deck the Golf Cart Parade on December 11, Downtown Merchant events throughout December and listed on mainstreetfountaininn.org website. Fire Department: recruit school will graduate on November 21, Lt. Jody Garrett graduated from the South Carolina State Fire Fighter Association Officer Academy. A Code Enforcement officer accepted the job offer and we're working on start date now. In Natural Gas new milestone with 13,000 active customers, 2/3 of those customers are outside our City limits. Planning and Development: Inn the Zone, PC and BZA held a joint meeting on November 6, all information is available on the City's website, a public hearing for the Planning Commission on December 18 with the first Council reading on January 8. Impact Fees were adopted in July, through September the City received \$161,000 and Police and Fire fees will take effect January 1, 2026. In Recreation, our 12U tackle football team undefeated season, 8U All Stars won first round against Mauldin, basketball and wrestling both at capacity and registration is closed. 55+ program info scam meeting with representatives from Police and United Community Bank, 3rd annual Turkey Trot on November 20, and Feast for All on November 27 from 11-1pm. Younts Center Rocking around the Christmas Tree, Fountain Inn chorale on December 12 and 14, Chamber's Sporting Clays Tournament with the Christmas Parade on December 3, and the Museum has a WWII display until November 22.

a. Department Reports

8. Unfinished Business

a. Second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-07 amending No. Ordinance 2023-13, enacted November 9, 2023, which amended Ordinance No. 2021-11, enacted December 1, 2021, known as the City's Business License Ordinance, to update the standardized business licensee class schedule.

Motion by Councilman Clemmer, second by Councilman Garrett to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2025-07 amending No. Ordinance 2023-13, enacted November 9, 2023, which amended Ordinance No. 2021-11, enacted December 1, 2021, known as the City's Business License Ordinance, to update the standardized business licensee class schedule.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

b. Second and final reading of Ordinance PZ-2025-02 to amend the official zoning map of Fountain Inn, said amendment for the purpose

of changing the zoning classification of a portion of the property described in this ordinance (400 South Main Street).

Motion by Councilman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Blackstone to approve Second and final reading of Ordinance PZ-2025-02 to amend the official zoning map of Fountain Inn, said amendment for the purpose of changing the zoning classification of a portion of the property described in this ordinance (400 South Main Street)..

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- c. **Second and final reading of Ordinance PZ-2025-03 to amend the official zoning map of Fountain Inn, said amendment for the purpose of changing the zoning classification of a portion of the property described in this ordinance (201 Chevy Drive).**

Motion by Councilman Garrett, seconded by Councilman Thomason to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance PZ-2025-03 to amend the official zoning map of Fountain Inn, said amendment for the purpose of changing the zoning classification of a portion of the property described in this ordinance (201 Chevy Drive)..

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

9. **New Business**

- a. **First and final reading of Resolution 2025-08, a resolution certifying certain real property in the City of Fountain Inn as an abandoned textile mill site.**

Motion by Mayor McLeer, seconded by Councilman Blackstone to approve First and final reading of Resolution 2025-08, a resolution certifying certain real property in the City of Fountain Inn as an abandoned textile mill site.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

10. **Executive Session -After coming out of executive session, Council may vote on items discussed during executive session.**

Motion by Councilman Sanders, seconded by Councilman Blackstone to go into Executive Session.

The motion carried unanimously 6/0.

- a. **Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements related to the Finance Department and 610 Fairview Street.**

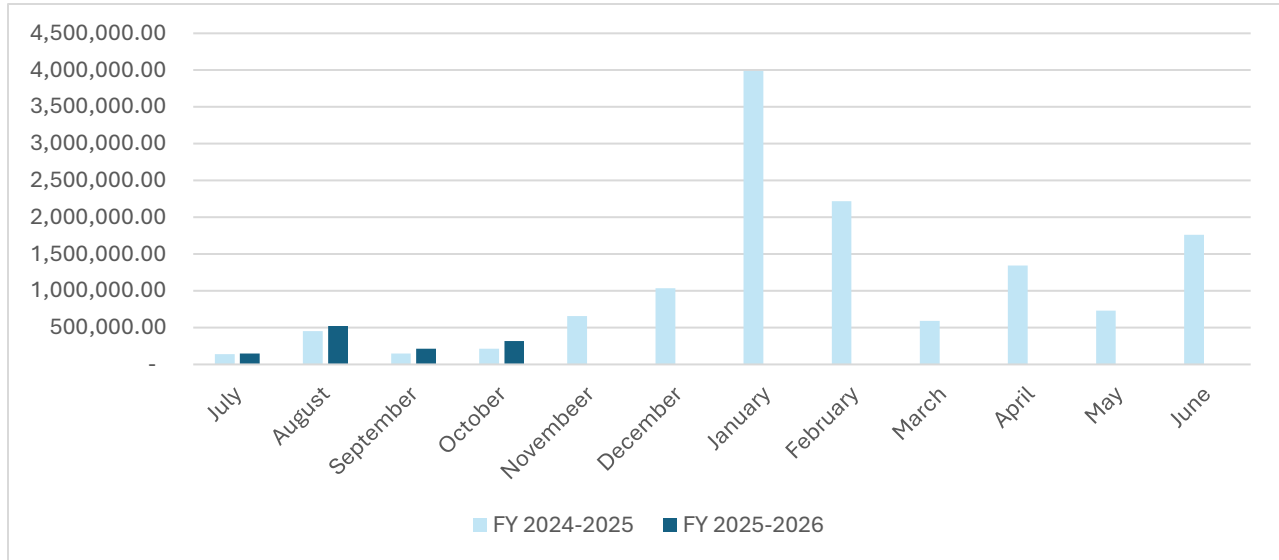
- b. Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee related to the Director of Human Resources.**

11. Adjourn

No action was taken during Executive Session. Mayor McLeer adjourned the meeting.

Preliminary Monthly Financial Update–October 2025

GENERAL FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$139,462.24	July 2025	\$149,610.04
August 2024	\$454,594.25	August 2025	\$520,144.73
September 2024	\$146,204.88	September 2025	\$211,468.47
October 2024	\$214,149.24	October 2025	\$318,688.62
November 2024	\$658,884.69	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$1,033,738.22	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$3,988,534.88	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$2,217,082.30	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$592,858.25	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$1,344,155.54	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$730,858.80	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$1,759,951.43	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date Other Financing Sources	\$3,886,205.31	Year to Date Other Financing Sources	\$4,091,033.39
YTD Revenue	\$17,166,680.03	YTD Revenue	\$5,290,945.25
% of Budget	106%	% of Budget	31%
BUDGET	\$13,138,528.00	BUDGET	\$13,827,899.00
Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$3,045,913.00	Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$3,276,624.00
Total Budget FYE 25	\$16,184,441.00	Total Budget FYE 26	\$17,104,523.00

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GENERAL FUND – Other Financing Sources Detail

Account – Other Financing Sources	Budget	Year to Date
GO Bond Proceeds 2025A – Annual	\$639,000.00	\$852,000.00
GO Bond Proceeds 2025B	\$0.00	\$1,964,508.32
Transfer In – Local Option Sales Tax	\$372,317.00	\$148,044.50
Transfer In – Gas Fund	\$1,235,269.00	\$411,756.32
Transfer In – Sewer Fund	\$110,038.00	\$27,509.49
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Christmas)	\$450,000.00	\$150,000.00
Transfer In – Gas Fund (Special Events)	\$100,000.00	\$33,333.32
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Special Events)	\$50,000.00	\$20,833.34
Transfer In – ARPA	\$0.00	\$257,260.19
Insurance Proceeds	\$0.00	\$4,465.95
Proceeds on Disposal of Capital Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund	\$0.00	\$114,655.32
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Street & Grounds)	\$220,000.00	\$73,333.32
Transfer In – Hospitality Fund (Community Relations Grant)	\$100,000.00	\$33,333.32
Total FY 2024-2025	\$3,276,624.00	\$4,091,033.39

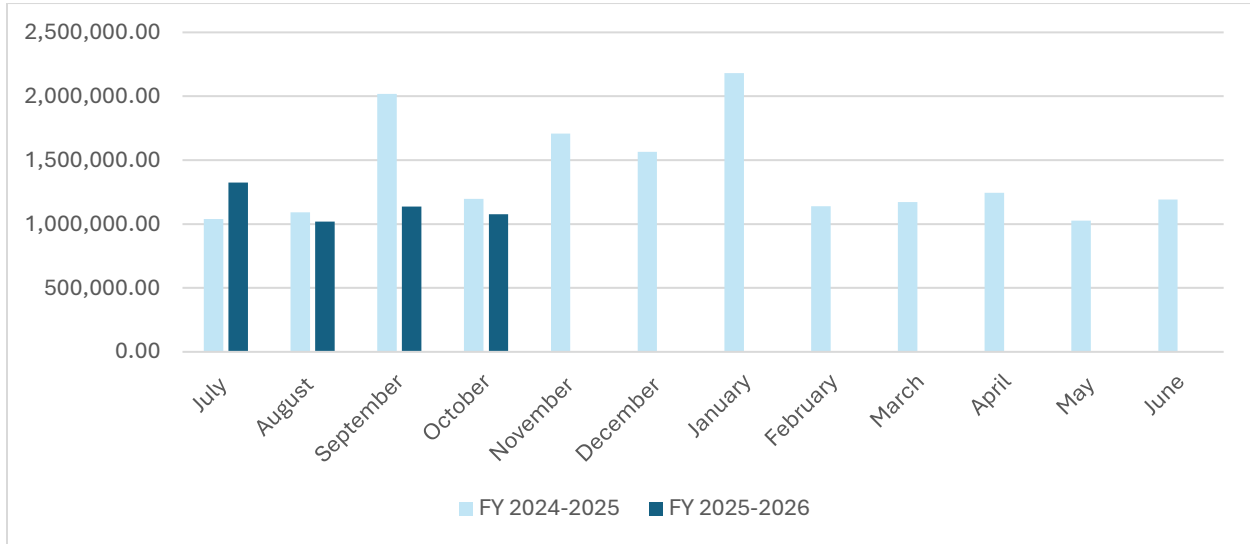
GENERAL FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2026	Amount Still Due in FYE 2026
2019 IPRB Woodside Park Recreation	6/30/2039	\$4,349,000.00	\$3,591,000.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$325,221.20
2019 IPRB Ladder Truck Fire	6/30/2039	\$1,391,000.00	\$602,000.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$162,986.40
2019 IPRB Debris Truck Solid Waste	6/30/2039	\$459,000.00	\$71,000.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$73,357.20

General Fund - Cash on hand as of 11/24/25: \$1,946,746.67

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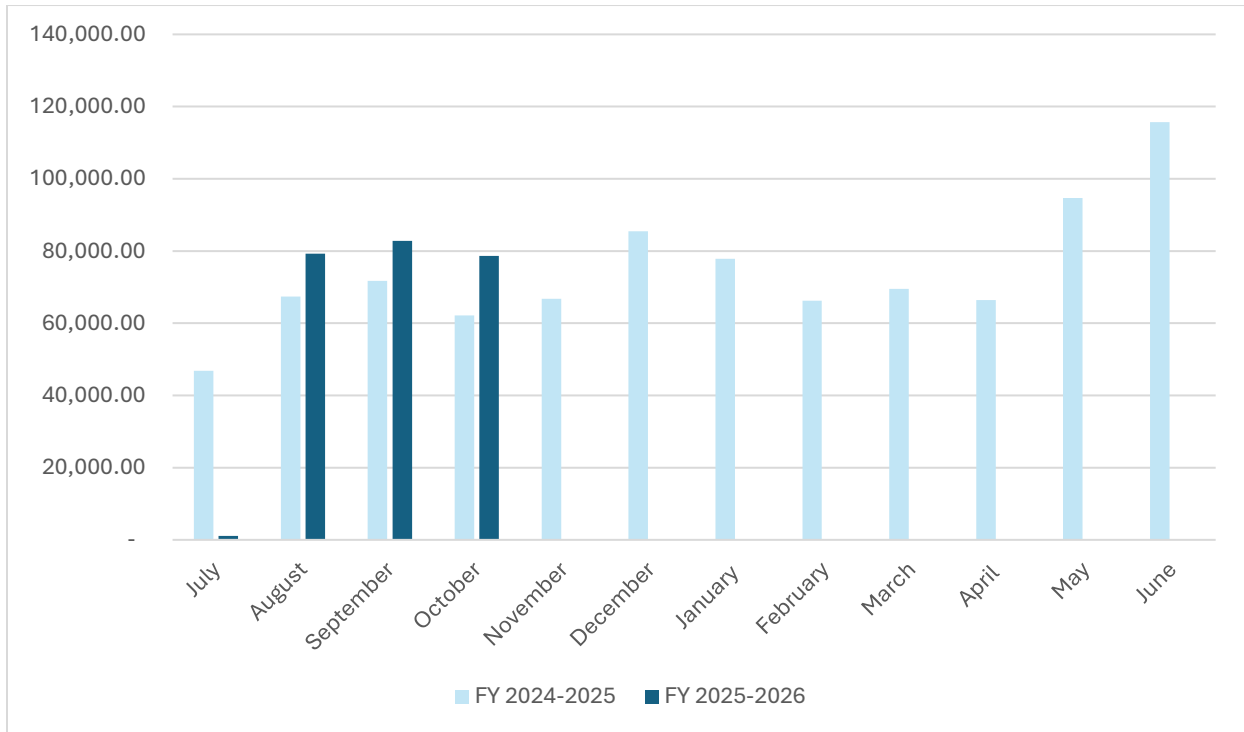
GENERAL FUND – Expenditure Overview



FY 2024-2025	Expenditures	FY 2025- 2026	Expenditures
July 2024	\$1,038,038.44	July 2025	\$1,267,980.97
August 2024	\$1,092,057.09	August 2025	\$1,123,947.35
September 2024	\$2,017,417.90	September 2025	\$1,136,812.08
October 2024	\$1,196,473.90	October 2025	\$1,078,034.00
November 2024	\$1,708,730.24	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$1,565,277.49	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$2,179,860.31	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$1,139,916.62	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$1,170,752.41	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$1,244,570.87	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$1,026,462.13	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$1,191,660.17	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date Other Financing Use	\$77,000.00	Year to Date Other Financing Use	\$53,097.32
Year to Date	\$16,648,217.57	Year to Date	\$4,659,871.72
% of Budget	105%	% of Budget	27%
BUDGET	\$15,788,640.00	BUDGET	\$17,104,523.00
Budgeted Other Financing Use	\$395,801.00	Budgeted Other Financing Use	\$0.00
Budget FYE 25	\$15,788,640.00	Budget FYE 26	\$17,104,523.00

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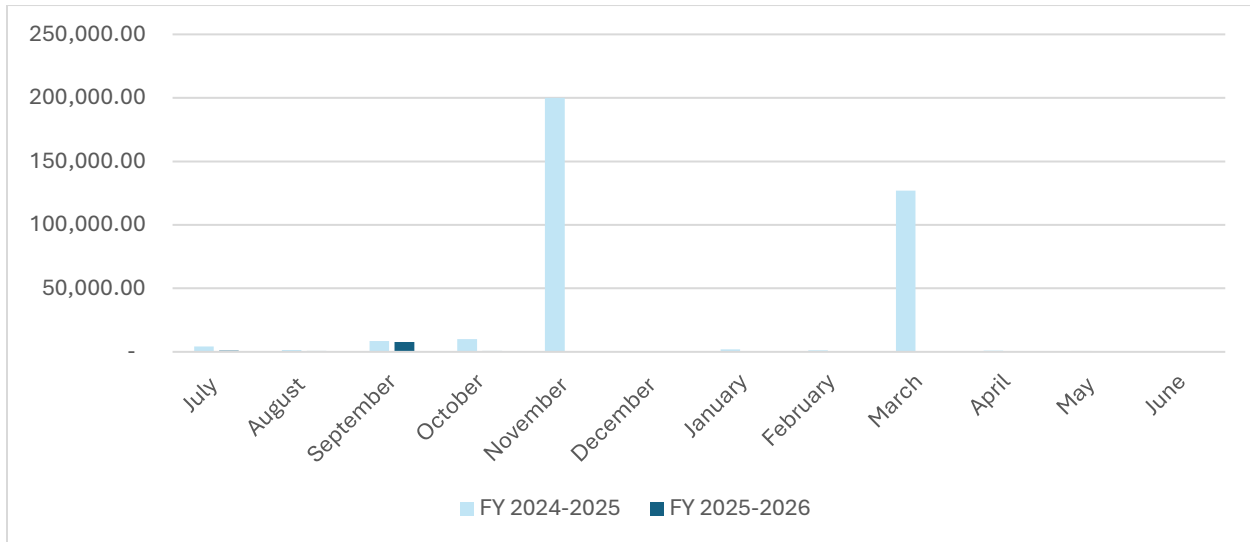
HOSPITALITY FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$46,855.02	July 2025	\$8,697.99
August 2024	\$67,354.35	August 2025	\$79,266.38
September 2024	\$71,696.16	September 2025	\$82,770.25
October 2024	\$62,168.82	October 2025	\$78,666.04
November 2024	\$66,778.83	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$85,454.91	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$77,803.03	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$66,237.36	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$69,543.07	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$66,420.25	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$94,717.58	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$115,646.02	June 2026	\$0.00
YTD Revenue	\$890,675.40	YTD Revenue	\$249,400.66
% of Budget	94%	% of Budget	25%
Total Budget FYE 25	\$949,939.00	Total Budget FYE 26	\$2,066,000.00

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HOSPITALITY FUND – Expenditure Overview



FY 2024-2025	Expenditures	FY 2025- 2026	Expenditures
July 2024	\$4,313.26	July 2025	\$893.43
August 2024	\$1,490.46	August 2025	\$631.59
September 2024	\$8,468.94	September 2025	\$7,668.57
October 2024	\$10,139.05	October 2025	\$616.59
November 2024	\$200,139.05	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$550.95	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$1,939.05	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$1,159.95	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$126,954.28	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$870.75	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$789.05	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$293.62	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$496,354.47	Year to Date	\$416,834.80
Other Financing Uses		Other Financing Uses	
Year to Date	\$853,462.88	Year to Date	\$426,644.98
% of Budget	90%	% of Budget	21%
BUDGET	\$439,939.00	BUDGET	\$1,246,000.00
Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$510,000.00	Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$820,000.00
Budget FYE 25	\$949,939.00	Budget FYE 25	\$2,066,000.00



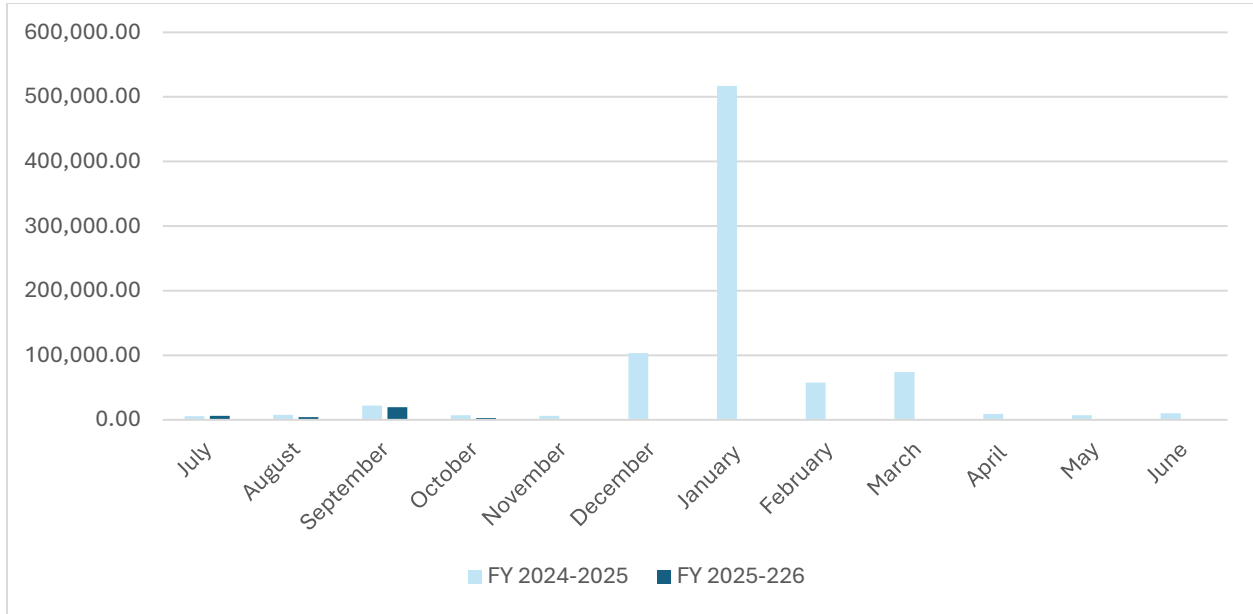
HOSPITALITY FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2026	Amount Still Due in FYE 2026
2013A A&H Tax Bond	4/01/2029	\$914,833.33	\$270,603.72	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$71,955.96
2013B A&H Tax Bond	4/01/2028	\$785,000.00	\$181,900.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$63,920.36

Hospitality Fund - Cash on hand as of 11/24/25: \$1,143,725.58

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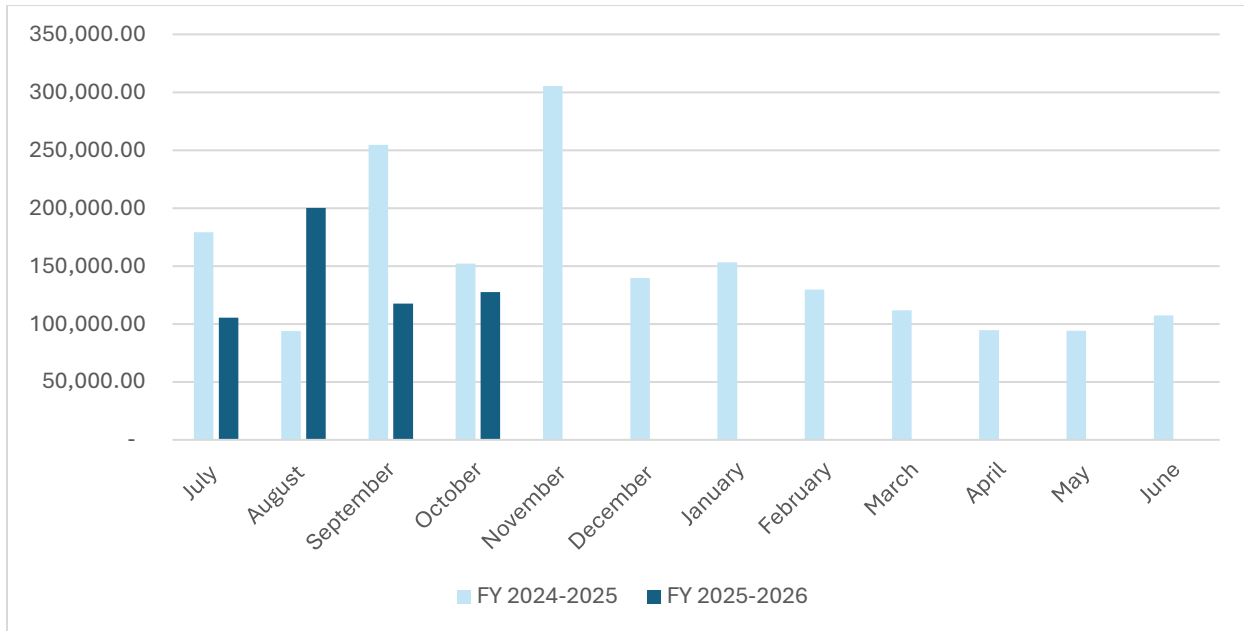
SOLID WASTE FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$5,780.00	July 2025	\$6,328.00
August 2024	\$7,472.00	August 2025	\$4,376.00
September 2024	\$22,296.00	September 2025	\$20,056.00
October 2024	\$7,448.00	October 2025	\$2,900.00
November 2024	\$6,120.00	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$103,348.00	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$517,221.00	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$57,942.07	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$74,254.00	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$9,192.00	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$7,272.00	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$10,192.00	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$0.00	Year to Date	\$0.00
Other Financing Sources		Other Financing Sources	
YTD Revenue	\$828,537.07	YTD Revenue	\$33,660.00
% of Budget	74%	% of Budget	3%
BUDGET	\$1,120,389.00	BUDGET	\$1,510,985.00
Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$395,801.00	Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$0.00
Total Budget FYE 25	\$1,156,190.00	Total Budget FYE 26	\$1,510,985.00

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SOLID WASTE FUND – Expenditure Overview



FY 2024-2025	Expenditures	FY 2025- 2026	Expenditures
July 2024	\$179,305.25	July 2025	\$105,566.03
August 2024	\$93,862.34	August 2025	\$206,246.46
September 2024	\$254,605.27	September 2025	\$117,623.41
October 2024	\$152,219.68	October 2025	\$127,567.97
November 2024	\$305,293.76	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$139,582.17	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$153,237.69	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$129,820.19	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$111,866.00	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$94,773.12	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$94,011.61	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$107,399.15	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$1,815,976.23	Year to Date	\$557,003.87
% of Budget	120%	% of Budget	37%
Budget FYE 25	\$1,516,190.00	Budget FYE 26	\$1,510,985.00

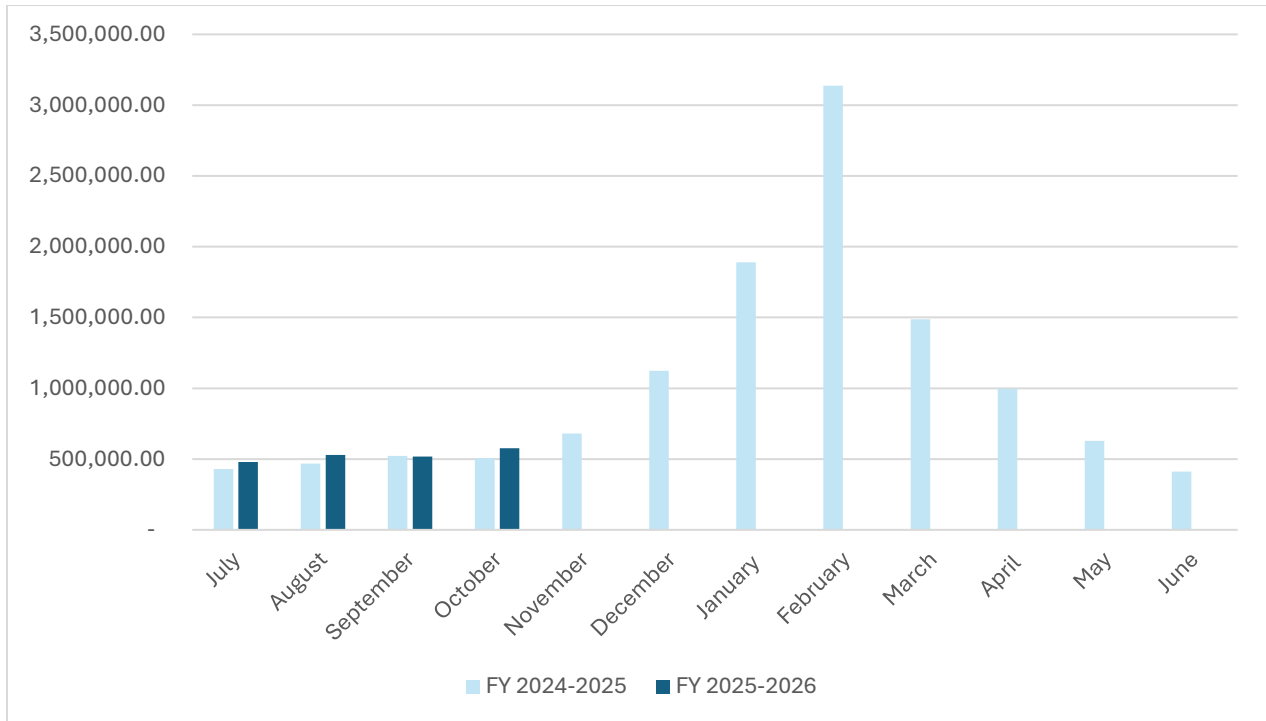


SOLID WASTE FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2026	Amount Still Due in FYE 2026
2019 IPRB (Debris Truck)	6/30/2026	\$459,000.00	\$71,000.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$73,357.20
2020 Master Lease (Sanitation Vehicle)	6/30/2026	\$443,000.00	\$91,000.00	\$92,292.18 Principal & Interest	\$0.00
2021 Master Lease	6/30/2027	\$113,000.00	\$46,000.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$23,616.40

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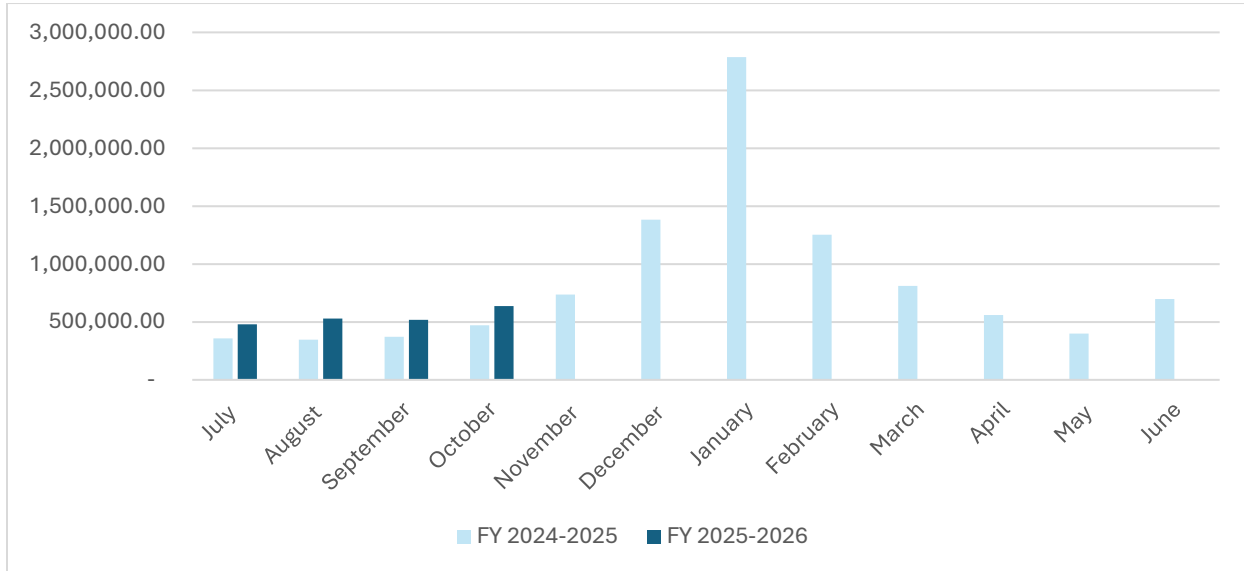
NATURAL GAS – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$429,142.59	July 2025	\$478,606.07
August 2024	\$468,134.26	August 2025	\$529,781.21
September 2024	\$521,699.86	September 2025	\$517,879.47
October 2024	\$506,817.73	October 2025	\$577,622.62
November 2024	\$680,417.38	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$1,123,258.56	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$1,889,426.67	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$3,136,973.81	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$1,487,057.78	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$997,640.80	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$628,970.42	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$411,824.85	June 2026	\$0.00
YTD Revenue	\$12,281,364.71	YTD Revenue	\$2,103,886.37
% of Budget	101%	% of Budget	17%
Total Budget FYE 25	\$12,148,482.00	Total Budget FYE 26	\$12,553,048.00

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NATURAL GAS FUND – Expenditure Overview



FY 2024-2025	Expenditures	FY 2025- 2026	Expenditures
July 2024	\$357,357.26	July 2025	\$478,606.07
August 2024	\$346,953.46	August 2025	\$529,781.21
September 2024	\$371,132.65	September 2025	\$517,879.47
October 2024	\$470,885.40	October 2025	\$637,993.03
November 2024	\$735,065.16	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$1,381,965.87	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$2,785,048.79	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$1,253,630.37	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$811,114.00	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$558,216.38	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$399,900.46	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$697,019.88	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$1,401,182.00	Year to Date	\$445,089.64
Other Financing Uses		Other Financing Uses	
Year to Date	\$11,569,471.68	Year to Date	\$2,609,349.42
% of Budget	95%	% of Budget	21%
BUDGET	\$10,747,300.00	BUDGET	\$9,837,504.00
Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$1,401,182.00	Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$2,715,544.00
Budget FYE 25	\$12,148,482.00	Budget FYE 26	\$12,553,048.00

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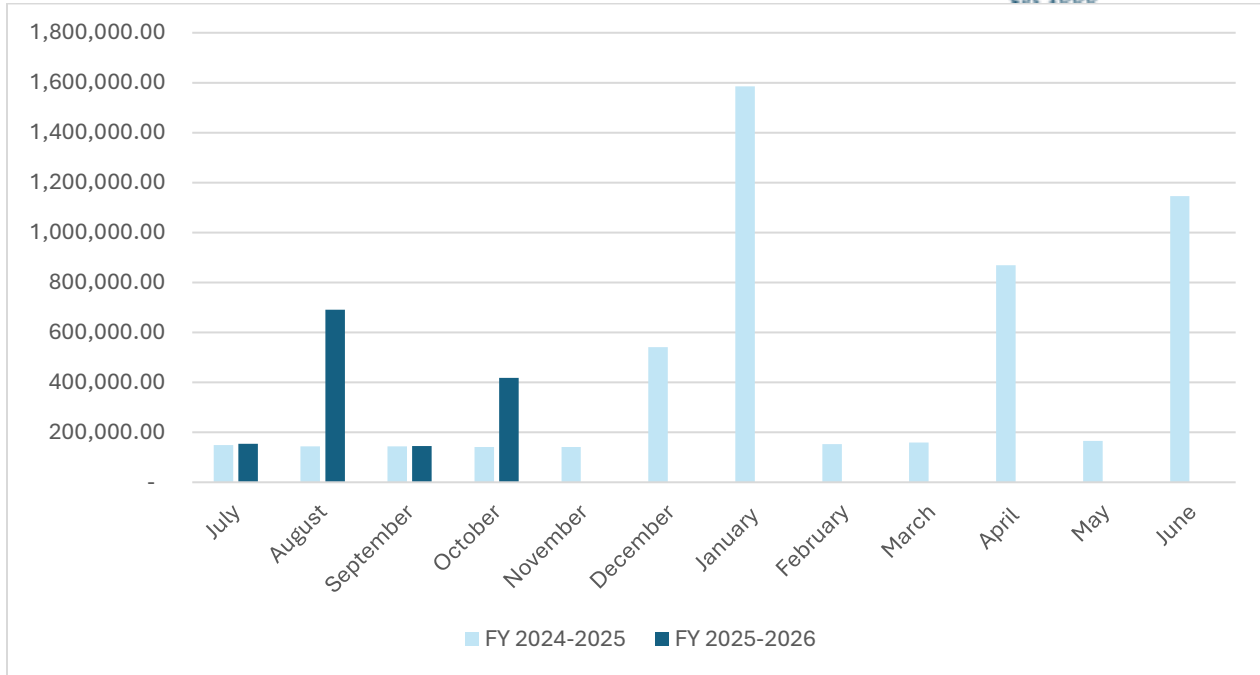
NATURAL GAS FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2026	Amount Still Due in FYE 2026
2015A Gas Bond	10/01/2030	\$3,465,000	\$2,419,000.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$440,513.60
2021 IPRB	6/30/2041	\$3,562,500	\$2,917,000.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$215,798.50

Natural Gas Fund - Cash on hand as of 11/24/25: \$3,219,781.30

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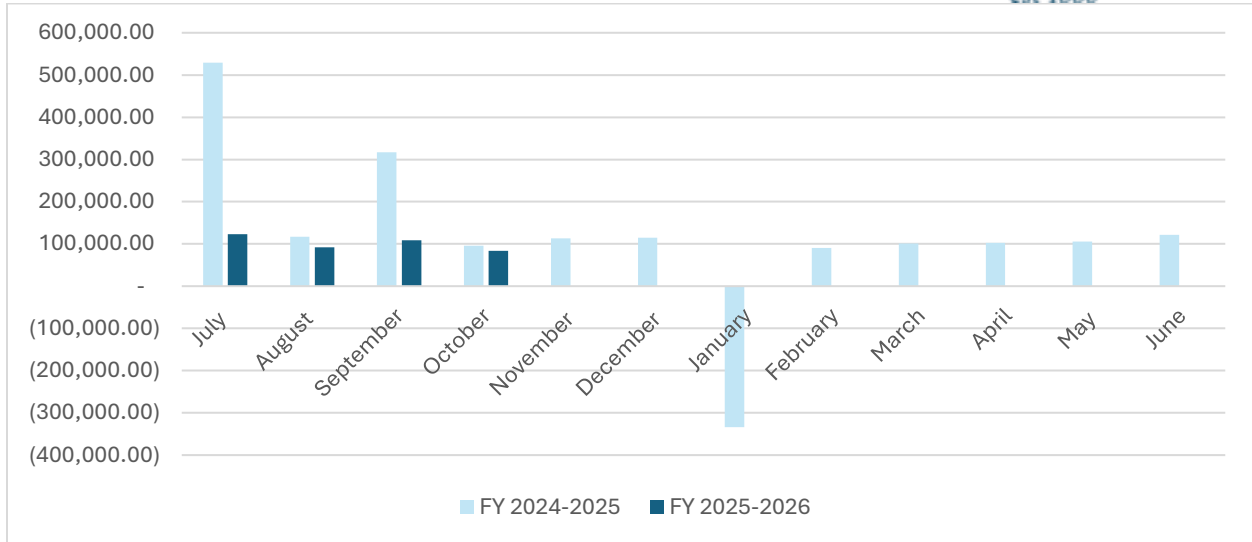
SEWER FUND – Revenue Overview



FY 2024-2025	Revenue	FY 2025- 2026	Revenue
July 2024	\$149,385.05	July 2025	\$153,605.50
August 2024	\$143,835.25	August 2025	\$691,559.72
September 2024	\$143,455.50	September 2025	\$144,776.27
October 2024	\$141,274.70	October 2025	\$555,271.17
November 2024	\$141,172.77	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$541,384.20	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	\$1,585,647.79	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$152,742.54	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$158,579.33	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$869,009.83	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$165,595.37	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$1,145,644.60	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$10,761.12	Year to Date	\$0.00
Other Financing Sources		Other Financing Sources	
YTD Revenue	\$5,348,488.05	YTD Revenue	\$1,545,212.66
% of Budget	253%	% of Budget	22%
BUDGET	\$2,113,073.00	BUDGET	\$6,505,751.00
Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$0.00	Budgeted Other Financing Sources	\$0.00
Total Budget FYE 25	\$2,113,073.00	Total Budget FYE 26	\$6,505,751.00

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SEWER FUND – Expenditure Overview



FY 2024-2025	Expenditures	FY 2025- 2026	Expenditures
July 2024	\$528,963.50	July 2025,	\$123,095.43
August 2024	\$117,384.39	August 2025	\$92,151.86
September 2024	\$317,143.32	September 2025	\$108,634.48
October 2024	\$95,686.23	October 2025	\$83,846.15
November 2024	\$113,242.20	November 2025	\$0.00
December 2024	\$114,809.91	December 2025	\$0.00
January 2025	-\$333,593.22	January 2026	\$0.00
February 2025	\$90,876.07	February 2026	\$0.00
March 2025	\$101,067.28	March 2026	\$0.00
April 2025	\$102,955.38	April 2026	\$0.00
May 2025	\$105,873.13	May 2026	\$0.00
June 2025	\$121,915.64	June 2026	\$0.00
Year to Date	\$266,570.00	Year to Date	\$27,509.49
Other Financing Uses		Other Financing Uses	
Year to Date	\$1,742,893.83	Year to Date	\$435,237.41
% of Budget	82%	% of Budget	6%
BUDGET	\$1,846,503.00	BUDGET	\$6,360,599.00
Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$266,570.00	Budgeted Other Financing Uses	\$145,152.00
Budget FYE 25	\$2,113,073.00	Budget FYE 26	\$6,505,751.00



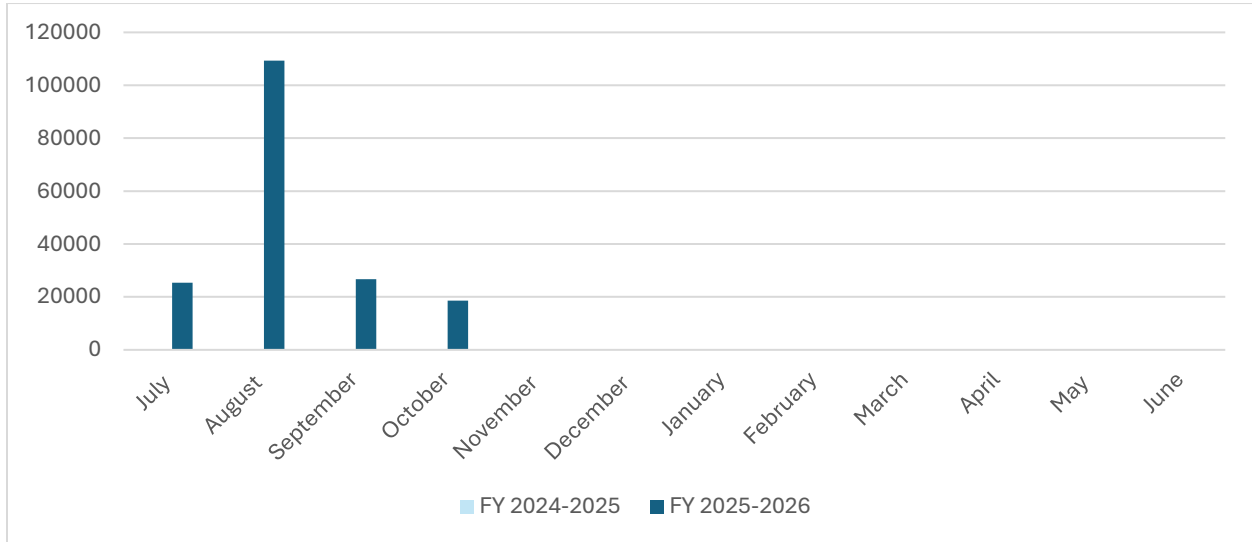
SEWER FUND – Debt Overview

Debt	Maturity Date	Original Amount	Remaining Balance (Principal)	Payments Already Made FYE 2026	Amount Still Due in FYE 2026
2012 Sewer Bond	5/01/2029	\$3,706,981.57	\$1,063,817.34	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$280,393.26
2014 Sewer Bond	5/01/2029	\$1,118,000.00	\$378,000.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$99,982.20
2021 IPRB	6/30/2041	\$712,500.00	\$583,400.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$43,159.70
2024 SRF Loan	2/1/2046	\$1,337,883.00	\$1,337,883.00	\$0.00 Principal & Interest	\$0.00

Sewer Fund - Cash on hand as of 11/24/25: \$99,820.53

Preliminary Monthly Financial Update–October 2025

Impact Fees – Parks & Recreation – Revenue Overview



FY 2025- 2026		Revenues
July 2025,		\$25,327.00
August 2025		\$109,306.00
September 2025		\$26,660.00
October 2025		\$18,662.00
November 2025		\$0.00
December 2025		\$0.00
January 2026		\$0.00
February 2026		\$0.00
March 2026		\$0.00
April 2026		\$0.00
May 2026		\$0.00
June 2026		\$0.00
Year to Date		\$179,955.00

Preliminary Budget Update—October 2025

(Ideal Percentage Remaining 67%)



Department	Budgeted Expenditures	YTD Expenditures	Encumbrance	Remaining Balance	Percent Remaining
City	\$1,474,073.00	\$158,900.50	\$0.00	\$1,315,172.50	89%
Administration	\$361,448.00	\$106,939.07	\$0.00	\$254,508.93	70%
Court	\$446,262.00	\$124,248.11	\$0.00	\$322,013.89	72%
Mayor/Council	\$169,851.00	\$53,161.50	\$0.00	\$116,689.50	69%
Community Relations	\$836,978.00	\$187,589.08	\$0.00	\$649,388.92	78%
Finance	\$395,284.00	\$127,213.21	\$0.00	\$268,070.79	68%
Human Resources	\$209,704.00	\$62,984.64	\$0.00	\$146,719.36	70%
Police Dept.	\$5,912,622.00	\$1,592,922.08	\$4,540.48	\$4,315,159.44	73%
Fire Dept.	\$3,694,073.00	\$1,199,378.39	\$34,210.26	\$2,460,484.35	67%
Public Works	\$311,606.00	\$110,770.78	\$74.74	\$200,760.48	64%
Planning & Development	\$605,125.00	\$171,694.60	\$0.00	\$433,430.40	72%
Streets & Grounds	\$965,592.00	\$333,983.18	\$2,105.05	\$629,503.77	65%
Recreation	\$1,526,740.00	\$364,472.69	\$3,388.33	\$1,158,878.98	76%
Facility Maintenance	\$195,165.00	\$65,613.89	\$0.00	\$129,551.11	66%
Hospitality	\$2,066,000.00	\$426,644.98	\$0.00	\$1,639,355.02	79%
Solid Waste	\$1,510,985.00	\$557,003.87	\$1,157.52	\$952,823.61	63%
Natural Gas	\$12,553,048.00	\$2,388,828.84	\$44,266.72	\$10,119,952.44	81%
Sewer	\$6,505,751.00	\$435,237.41	\$2,044.24	\$6,068,469.35	93%



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2026 Council Meeting Schedule

2nd Thursday of each month

January 8, 2026

February 12, 2026

March 12, 2026

April 9, 2026

May 14, 2026

June 11, 2026

July 9, 2026

August 13, 2026

September 10, 2026

October 8, 2026

November 12, 2026

December 10, 2026



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina

To: Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Shawn M. Bell, City Administrator

December 1, 2025

Regular City Council Meeting

Ordinance/First Reading Ordinance/Second Reading Resolution/First & Final Reading

Agenda Date Requested: December 1, 2025

Ordinance/Resolution Caption: Ordinance 2025-08

An ordinance providing for the acquisition and lease purchase financing of a fire protection vehicle and related equipment; authorizing the City Administrator to prescribe the form and details of the lease purchase financing; providing for the payment of the lease purchase financing; and providing for other related matters.

Summary Background:

Fountain Inn Fire Department's current response apparatus:

- Frontline engine at Headquarters (HQ) is a 2012
 - Nearing the end of life for a frontline engine per NFPA Guidelines (10-15 years), and frequently requires service
- Frontline engine at Station #2 is a 2016
 - Only seats two firefighters safely
- Reserve or backup engine for both HQ and Station #2 is a 2016 of the same make/model as the frontline engine for Station #2
- A 2019 mid-mount tower/ladder truck located at HQ
 - The Department does not own a reserve/spare tower/ladder truck

The Department's operational standard is two engines and a ladder, or three engines. When the 2012 frontline engine goes out of service, FIFD must borrow a truck from the City of Simpsonville because the 2016 engines can accommodate only two firefighters. The City has two custom engines on order, but delivery is not expected until April 2028. Station #3 is scheduled to open sometime in 2027.

Impact If Denied:

Effectively responding to community emergencies may be significantly impacted if the City does not obtain another engine that can carry four firefighters and is within its recommended service life.

Impact If Approved:

The City of Fountain Inn will take possession of a 2025 side-mount engine, which will become the new frontline engine at HQ. The 2012 engine will then become Station #2's frontline engine, leaving both 2016 engines as reserves. The proposed acquisition of a brand-new frontline engine will immediately improve operational readiness and community protection.

The City's financial advisors will issue a request for proposals (RFP) to banks in December, with bids due in early January 2026. The City is anticipated to close on the funds in late January 2026 and take delivery shortly thereafter.

Financial Impact:

The purchase price is \$885,750. The interest rate and amortization schedule for this lease-purchase financing will not be known until bank bids are received in early January 2026.

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08

PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING OF A FIRE PROTECTION VEHICLE AND RELATED EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE LEASE PURCHASE FINANCING; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

ADOPTED: JANUARY 8, 2026

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CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA, CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. *Findings and Determinations.* The City Council (“Council”) of the City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina (“City”), finds and determines the following:

- (a) The City is a body political and a municipal corporation formed and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina and has all powers granted to municipalities by the Constitution and the general law of the state, including the power to enter into agreements to acquire and finance equipment.
- (b) The City determines that it is within the best interest of the City to acquire a certain fire protection vehicle and related equipment to be used for fire protection services (collectively, “Equipment”).
- (c) To enable the City to acquire the Equipment, the City desires to undertake a lease purchase financing in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 with a bank or other financial institution selected by the City or the vendor of the Equipment (“Purchaser”).

SECTION 2. *Approval of Acquisition and Financing; Delegation of Authority.* The City is authorized to acquire and finance the Equipment. The City is further authorized to utilize a lease purchase financing, or other means of financing (collectively, “Financing”), which is repayable by annual appropriations from any source, to provide funds for the Equipment.

The City shall request bids from various banks and other financial institutions as the City Administrator determines after receipt of advice from the City’s Municipal Advisor, First Tryon Advisors. Without further approval, the Council delegates authority to the City Administrator to: (a) determine the maturity and payment schedule of the Financing; (b) determine the date and time for receipt of bids under the request for bids; (c) award the sale of the Financing to the responsive bid which is in the best interest of the City, which determination will be made in part by which responsive bid provides the lowest interest rate to the City, in accordance with a request for bids; (d) make changes to the quantity, description or particular details of the Equipment; and (e) request bids for the Equipment and negotiate the specifications and price of the Equipment as the City Administrator deems to be in the best interest of the City.

SECTION 3. *Approval of Transaction.* The Council hereby authorizes the acquisition and financing of the Equipment and payment of the costs of the Financing in an amount not to exceed \$950,000 subject to and in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. *Execution of Documents.* Without further authorization, the Mayor and the City Administrator, and their respective designees, are each authorized and directed to approve the form, terms and provisions of the documents evidencing the Financing (“Transaction Documents”). The Mayor and the City Administrator are authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Transaction Documents in the name and on behalf of the City. The Transaction Documents are to be in the form as shall be approved by the Mayor or the City Administrator, upon the advice of the City Attorney in consultation with the special counsel to the Financing, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP, the execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of that approval.

SECTION 5. *Further Assurances.* The Mayor, or his designee, the City Clerk, and the City Administrator, or his designee, are fully empowered and authorized to take further action, make covenants, and to execute and deliver all documents as may be reasonably necessary to effect the Financing and the delivery of

the Transaction Documents and any related documents in accordance with their terms and conditions, and the contemplated transactions, and the action of these officers in executing and delivering any of these documents, in the form as the Mayor or the City Administrator shall approve, is fully authorized.

SECTION 6. *Federal Tax Covenant.* The City covenants that, to the extent the Financing is a tax-exempt obligation of the City, it will not take any action which will, or fail to take any action which failure will, cause interest components of the payments to be made under the Transaction Documents to become includable in the gross income of the Purchaser or its successors or assignees for federal income tax purposes pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“IRC”), and regulations promulgated thereunder in effect on the date of original issuance of the Transaction Documents, and that the City will comply with all applicable provisions of Section 103 and Sections 141 through 150 of the IRC, and any regulations promulgated thereunder, to maintain the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of the interest portion of the payments to be made under the Transaction Documents; and to that end the City shall:

- (a) comply with the applicable provisions of Section 103 and 141 through 150 of the IRC and any regulations promulgated thereunder so long as the Financing is outstanding;
- (b) establish funds, make calculations and pay amounts in the manner and at the times required to comply with the requirements of the IRC relating to required rebates of certain amounts to the United States; and
- (c) make reports of information at the times and places required by the IRC.

The City will timely file Form 8038-G in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Internal Revenue Service.

SECTION 7. *Qualified Tax-Exempt Obligations.* To the extent the Financing is a tax-exempt obligation of the City, the Mayor or the City Administrator are authorized to designate the Financing as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” under Section 265(b)(3) of the IRC, if the City is not expected to issue in the aggregate more than \$10,000,000 (or, should such amount be increased legislatively, such increased amount) in tax-exempt obligations, including the Financing authorized hereunder, during the 2026 calendar year.

SECTION 8. *Reimbursement from Proceeds of the Financing.*

(a) To the extent the Financing is a tax-exempt obligation of the City, this Ordinance is the Council’s official declaration of intent pursuant to Regulation §1.150-2 promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service and U.S. Treasury Department to reimburse the City for Equipment-related expenditures incurred and paid on or after the date occurring 60 days prior to the date of adoption of this Ordinance from the proceeds of the Financing.

(b) The City understands that Expenditures which may be reimbursed are limited to Expenditures which are (i) properly chargeable to a capital account (or would be so chargeable with a proper election or with the application of the definition of “placed in service” under Regulation §1-150-2) under general federal income tax principles, or (ii) certain *de minimis* or preliminary expenditures satisfying the requirements of Regulation §1.150-2(f).

(c) The source of funds for the Expenditures with respect to the Equipment is expected to be the City’s general fund.

(d) The City understands that to be eligible for reimbursement of the Expenditures, the reimbursement allocation must be made not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date on which the Expenditures were paid, or (ii) the date the Equipment is placed in service, but in no event more than three years after the City made the original Expenditures.

SECTION 9. *Severability.* All ordinances, resolutions, orders, policies, and any parts of the same in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent of that conflict, repealed.

SECTION 10. *Effective Date.* This Ordinance is effective after its second reading.

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CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

George Patrick McLeer, Jr., Mayor

[CITY SEAL]

ATTEST:

Elizabeth Adams, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael E. Kozlarek, Esq.
King Kozlarek Root Law LLC

First Reading: December 1, 2025
Second Reading / Final Approval: January 8, 2026

Introduced by Councilmember: _____

CITY OF FOUNTAIN INN, SOUTH CAROLINA

2026 Lease Purchase

FINANCING SCHEDULE

Nov-25							Dec-25							Jan-26						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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DATE	TASK	RESPONSIBILITY
November 19	Distribute Draft of Ordinance	BC
By November 21	Comments Due on Ordinance	Working Group
November 24	Distribute Revised Draft of Ordinance	BC
December 1	City Council Meeting – First Reading of Ordinance	City
December 10	Distribute Draft of Bank RFP	FA
By December 12	Provide Comments to Draft Bank RFP	Working Group
December 15	Send Bank RFP to Bidders	FA
January 7	Bank Bids Due / Select Winning Bank Finalize Numbers	Working Group FA
January 8	City Council Meeting – Second Reading of Ordinance	City
Week of January 12	Distribute Draft of Closing Documents	BC
January 22	Closing (2025B)	Working Group

Note: County Council typically meets the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday of each month

RESPONSIBILITY LEGEND:

Role	Entity	Defined
Issuer	City of Fountain Inn, South Carolina	“City”
Bond Counsel	Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein	“BC”
Financial Advisor	First Tryon Advisors	“FA”