



For any budget to be effective, there must be guidelines from the City Council on which areas to focus resources. This guidance comes from the City Council Believe Statements and Goals as listed below.

City Council Believe Statements:

- We believe that city government will at all times provide excellent customer service.
- We believe our decisions should encompass immediate needs and a vision of the future.
- We respect our employees and place a high value on the contributions and accomplishments they provide to the community. We will keep in mind the role differences between department heads and elected officials.
- It is our intent to make objective decisions based on understanding, facts, trust and community input.
- We believe that it is essential for the city government to provide information to the community in a timely manner, which builds mutual trust and understanding.
- We believe all residents have the responsibility to make a positive contribution to improve our community and quality of life.
- We believe all residents deserve respect and a safe, clean city.

On-Going Priorities

The following are identified as on-going priorities for the upcoming 12 – 24 months:

- Library construction
- Existing library/city complex re-use study
- Highland Acre Road construction
- Nuisance/Property Maintenance Code Enforcement
- Downtown redevelopment
- Storm and sanitary sewer redevelopment
- Street repair
- Continue Alliant Power Plant Task Force
- Upgrade city web site
- Maintain customer service emphasis

- Support Imagine initiatives
- Riverview Park Master Plan
- Establish Railroad Quiet Zone

Priority Projects, Programs, Policies and Initiatives

The Council has selected the following as specific priorities for the upcoming 12 – 24 month period (listed in priority order):

Develop plan to address sanitary sewer overflow order from DNR

Implement bus service study recommendations

Adopt city-contracted inspection of subdivision improvements at developer expense

Continue lead abatement program

Make decision regarding animal control