

# City of Big Lake Winter 2024 Newsletter



## Election Judges Needed!

In Minnesota, poll workers are called election judges. Election judges are paid officials who staff local polling places, carry out election procedures, and make sure the rights of voters are protected. Serving as an election judge is a chance to learn about elections, and is a great service to the community!

### Requirements

- ⇒ Must be eligible to vote in Minnesota
- ⇒ Must be able to read, write and speak English

### Types of Election Judge Duties in the City of Big Lake

- ⇒ Head Judge – In charge of the polling place
- ⇒ Greeter Judge – Directs traffic flow and maintains order
- ⇒ Roster Judge – Signs in voters who registered in advance
- ⇒ Registration Judge – Registers voters who did not register in advance
- ⇒ Demonstration Judge – Explains how to mark a ballot
- ⇒ Ballot Judge – Give ballots to voters
- ⇒ Ballot Counter Judge – Oversees the ballot box area and gives out “I VOTED” stickers



### How to Become an Election Judge

Contact the Big Lake City Clerk at 763-251-2973, or by email at [gwolbeck@biglakemn.org](mailto:gwolbeck@biglakemn.org). Applications are available from the City Website at: <http://www.biglakemn.org/272/Elections>. The Big Lake City Council must formally appoint election judges at least 25 days before an election so be sure to get your application submitted early.

### When are the 2024 Elections?

- ⇒ Presidential Nomination Primary Election: Tuesday, March 5, 2024
- ⇒ State Primary Election: Tuesday, August 13, 2024
- ⇒ State General Election: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Polls Open at 7:00 a.m. and Close at 8:00 p.m.

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## City Offices Closed

- ⇒ Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day
- ⇒ Monday, January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- ⇒ Monday, February 19 - Presidents' Day

# 2024 City of Big Lake Election Update

## Presidential Nomination Primary Election

In 2016, legislation was passed establishing a Presidential Nomination Primary. The current election law specific to the presidential primary is in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 207A and Minnesota Rules Chapter 8215. Common questions about the presidential primary are answered below:

### When will the Presidential Nomination Primary take place?

Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.

### Will all parties participate in the presidential nomination primary?

No, only major political parties will participate. There are three major political parties in the State of MN (listed alphabetically): Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, Legal Marijuana Now Party, and Republican Party.

### Will all parties be on the same ballot?

No, each major party will have a separate ballot.

### Who decides which candidates will appear on a party's ballot?

The chair of each party will submit a list of candidates for the party's ballot no later than 63 days before the date of the presidential primary (January 2, 2024).

### What if a candidate drops out before the primary?

Once a party's list is submitted, changes will not be made to candidates that will appear on the ballot.

### Will there be a place to write in a choice or vote for "uncommitted"?

Only if it is requested by the party chair. Party chairs will need to submit names of write-in candidates to be counted seven days before the primary.

### Will any other offices be on the ballot?

No, only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the presidential primary ballot. Other offices with a primary will be on the primary ballot in August.

### Who can vote in the presidential primary?

Any voter registered in Minnesota. Voters can pre-register through February 13, or register at the polling place when they vote. Note that voters must turn 18 years old by March 5 to vote in the presidential primary.

### How will I be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary?

Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on presidential primary day or by absentee ballot in the 46 days before presidential primary day (starting January 19, 2024). To find out where to vote, log onto the MN Secretary of State's website at: <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

***A voter must request the ballot of the party of their choice.*** If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary.



## 2024 City of Big Lake Election Update Continued



### Will other people know which party's ballot I request?

A voter's choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, a list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political party. How a voter voted on the ballot will be confidential.

### Will parties have to abide by the primary results?

The presidential primary results must bind the election of delegates in each party.

### Who will pay for the presidential nomination primary?

County and municipalities will be reimbursed by the state for specific primary costs.

### How much will the primary cost?

In 2020, the cost to administer the presidential primary was \$9.6 million. Counties and municipalities will be reimbursed for their costs of administering the Presidential Nomination Primary following the election.

### Will there still be precinct caucuses?

Yes, precinct caucuses and local and state nominating conventions will take place to conduct other party business. Precinct caucuses will be held February 27, 2024, one week before the Presidential Nomination Primary.

Precinct caucuses are meetings run by Minnesota's political parties. They are the first in a series of meetings where parties may endorse candidates, select delegates, and set goals and values (called party platforms).

### Is the presidential nomination primary the same as the presidential primary?

Yes, the official name of this election is "presidential nomination primary" but it is most commonly known simply as the presidential primary.

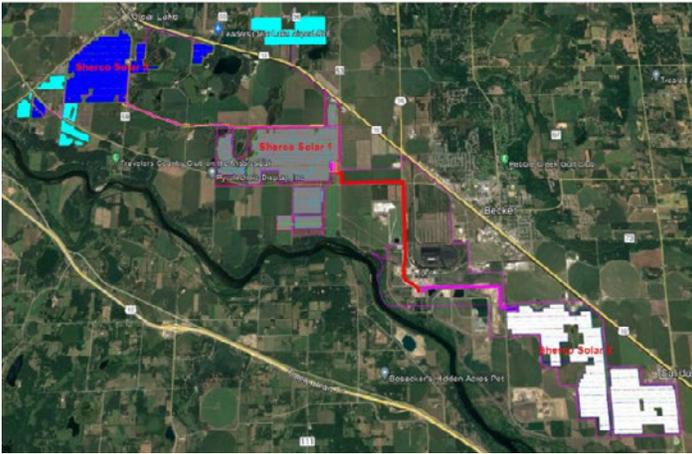
### The Presidential Nomination Primary includes requirements and procedures that are different than what Minnesota voters have known for previous state primaries. Most notably:

- ⇒ The requirement that one must state their major party preference;
- ⇒ A voter will be given a presidential "primary" ballot with only those party's candidates on the ballot;
- ⇒ There will only be the one office (president) on the ballot and it will be one name only (not a team);
- ⇒ A party may choose to have "uncommitted" and "write-in" items on their ballot; and
- ⇒ The choice of major party ballot is private, except that it will be shared with the chairs of the major parties after voting history has been entered for the election.

## Outstanding Citizen Nominations Being Accepted

Do you know of someone making a positive impact in your community? Someone who's gone unrecognized for all the great things they have done and continue to do to make the City a better place? The City of Big Lake is accepting nominations for the 2024 Outstanding Citizen Award through May 1, 2024. You can find nomination forms at City Hall or on the City's website at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org). Nominate someone today!

# Xcel Energy: Sherco Solar Project Update



There are three (3) phases included in the Xcel Energy Sherco Solar Project; comprised of approximately 5,000 acres total. Construction of phase I began in April of 2023 and is expected to be completed in October of 2024. Phase II is expected to be completed in October of 2025, and Phase III is currently waiting on approval from the State of MN to begin construction in April of 2024. Questions, comments, and concerns can be directed to: Scott Johnson, Xcel Energy Manager, Community Relations 763-493-1631 or [scott.d.johnson@xcelenergy.com](mailto:scott.d.johnson@xcelenergy.com)

## Water Shutoffs Begin April 30, 2024

Beginning April 1, 2024, the City of Big Lake will be mailing out notices to property owners for delinquent water bills. Only one notice will be given. If your account is delinquent on April 30, 2024, your water service may be disconnected. Pay online at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org) or by phone with Invoice Cloud at 866-342-9267. No longer want to receive the paper bill in the mail? Opt out of the paper bill to receive an email bill and also a 50¢ credit monthly.

## Big Lake Chamber Community Fair



Mark your calendar for the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s annual Community Fair on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Big Lake High School! The City of Big Lake will be there offering prizes and answering questions.

- ⇒ Free Admission
- ⇒ Free Entertainment
- ⇒ Free Giveaways
- ⇒ Farmers Market Vendors



Booth registration is open! Visit [biglakechamber.com](http://biglakechamber.com) to register.



## City of Big Lake Community Gardens

**Now accepting applications! Garden plots can be leased for \$30 from May - October. Plots are 10'x20' and located next to Public Works at 18041 198th Ave.**

**Interested in a plot? Contact Corrie Scott at [cscott@biglakemn.org](mailto:cscott@biglakemn.org) or 612-297-6331. Applications available at [biglakemn.org](http://biglakemn.org) and City Hall.**

## Sidewalk Snow Removal



Big Lake is a walkable community with many residents who rely on the sidewalk system to safely navigate their neighborhoods and access community resources. It only takes one snowy/icy sidewalk section to force pedestrians into the road where their safety is compromised.

With the safety of residents in mind, the City will send out Public Works staff after each snowfall to ensure that all sidewalks are being cleared in accordance with the City’s Snow Removal Ordinance. Property owners who are out of compliance will be billed for the service per the adopted

City Fee Schedule. Public Works will wait at least 24 hours after a snowfall of 2 inches or more before performing a scheduled sidewalk sweep.

The day before Public Works performs a sidewalk sweep, the City will make a post on its Facebook page. In addition to this, you can sign up to receive a text message or email alert the day before a scheduled sweep by scanning the QR Code or visiting the City website.

Questions? Contact Streets, Parks, and Fleet Superintendent Norm Michels at 763-251-8011 or nmichels@biglakemn.org.



### Snow Season Reminders

- ⇒ Please keep in mind property owners are responsible to clear snow around their mailbox. The City will consider making repairs only if the snowplow equipment *physically* hits the mailbox or post, and only if the mailbox conforms to City Ordinance installation requirements. Contact Big Lake Public Works at 763-263-2268 with mailbox complaints.
- ⇒ To prevent damage to lawns, landscape, irrigation heads or other items that will get buried under the snow along the curb or edge of the road, it is recommended that residents clearly mark these areas with reflective stakes.
- ⇒ It is illegal to deposit snow on any City street.



### Winter Parking

Parking is not allowed on any City street or roadway between November 1 and April 15 of each year during the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

- ⇒ After a snowfall of two inches or more, all streets in the City will be cleared of all motor vehicles for snowplowing and/or snow removal.
- ⇒ If your vehicle should have mechanical failure and cannot be removed from the street during the required dates/times, please contact the Big Lake Police Department at 763-251-2996 and advise the officer on duty. This may help in avoiding a citation and/or your vehicle being impounded.



## Big Lake Police Department Safety Kit



Winter is here! The Big Lake Police Department would like to express the importance of having a Winter Safety Kit for your personal vehicle. During the next few months, temperatures and roadway conditions will begin to decline. Inevitably, winter conditions will cause significant problems regarding transportation and vehicle maintenance. It is important to prepare yourself and your loved ones with the tools and supplies necessary to keep safe. We strongly suggest you create a vehicle safety kit to help if you find yourself or others stranded on a roadway during hazardous conditions.

You can prepare yourself by storing a kit in your trunk containing items such as a blanket, hat, gloves, scarf, hand-warmers, protein bars, water, flashlight, and a phone charger. It can also be helpful to store a small handheld shovel and quart of kitty litter in your vehicle in the event you find yourself stuck in deep snow. The shovel will assist you in clearing the snow away from your tires. Kitty litter can be poured directly around your tire to assist with traction. Stay up to date with media outlets regarding weather conditions. If it is reported that conditions are unsafe, please refrain from traveling. Your safety is most important! We wish you safe travels this Winter Season!

*John Kaczmarek, Chief of Police*

## Why Fats, Oils, and Grease Do Not Belong in the Drain

Did you know that pouring fats, cooking oils, and grease down the drain can cause sewer overflows, backups, and costly repairs at your home? Here are some tips to avoid these issues:

- ⇒ Pour all cooled cooking fats, oils and grease that will harden (bacon grease, meat drippings) into a waxed food container such as a milk carton or container with a lid and dispose of it in the garbage.
- ⇒ Mix small amounts of liquid grease into your kitchen scrap recycling (where available) or place in a lidded container with an absorbent material such as cat litter, and dispose of in the garbage.
- ⇒ Wipe down greasy pots, pans, or dishes with a paper towel or newspaper before washing. Dispose of paper in the garbage.
- ⇒ Scrape greasy food scraps from pots, pans, and dishes into the garbage, not a garbage disposal.
- ⇒ Do not wash grease down the drain or garbage disposal.

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) are naturally produced during cooking and baking. Never put any of these items down the drain. Common sources of FOG include: meat fats, lard, shortening, butter, margarine, Fatty/greasy food scraps, baked goods and pastries, cream-based sauces, cooking oil, and oily salad dressing.

### What happens when FOG are put down the drain?

When fats, oils and grease are put down your drain they can cause many problems further down the sewer pipe. Liquefied grease and fat from animal products will solidify and clog pipes. Liquid oils can also coat pipes and contribute to blockages. Blockages may cause a sewage backup into your home, resulting in expensive clean up costs and repairs to your sewer pipes, home and belongings.



# Water Service Line Material Survey

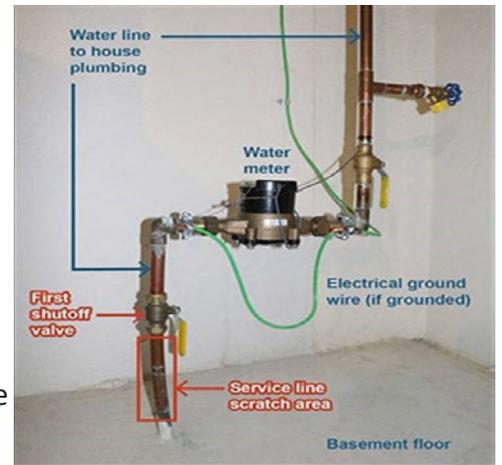
The Minnesota Department of Health is requiring the City to inventory and provide data related to water service lines. We are asking property owners and tenants to help us determine if the waterline running out of your home is copper, plastic, lead, or galvanized steel (This is the portion of waterline that comes into your house and connects to the water meter). Please follow the steps below:

## What You May Need

- ⇒ Sandpaper
- ⇒ A house key/screwdriver or something to scratch the line if needed
- ⇒ A strong magnet

## Steps to Check Your Service Line

- ⇒ Find the water meter on your property.
- ⇒ Look for the pipe that comes through the basement floor or the outside wall of your home and connects to your meter.
- ⇒ Determine the pipe material. This may be obvious if it is plastic or copper. If the pipe material is not obvious, then you may need to scratch the pipe to see if you can expose the material. You might want to sand the pipe as well to help expose the metal.
  - ⇒ If the pipe material does not feel like metal and when you scratch it, it is the same color in the scratched area, then note plastic.
  - ⇒ If the exposed material appears to have a copper color like a penny, then note copper.
  - ⇒ If the exposed material has a silver/gray color, then use a magnet on the pipe. If the magnet sticks, then note galvanized steel. If it doesn't stick, then note lead.
- ⇒ Take a picture of the pipe that comes through the basement floor or the outside wall of your home (example photo below for reference). Report your pipe material results along with a picture of your waterline via email to [dchilds@biglakemn.org](mailto:dchilds@biglakemn.org). Be sure to include your address somewhere in the email.



If you tested your water service line and are still unsure of your service line material, the city will visit your home to inspect your service line at no cost to you. To request an inspection or to reach out with questions please contact Dan Childs at 763-251-8010 or [dchilds@biglakemn.org](mailto:dchilds@biglakemn.org).

## Length of Service Recognition

We would like to thank the following for their years of services to the community:

### Big Lake Police Department:

- ⇒ Guy Chaffee: 10 years

### City Committee Recognition:

- ⇒ Cindy Lemm: 1 year on BLEDA
- ⇒ Ketti Green: 17 years on Planning Commission

### Big Lake Fire Department:

- ⇒ Terry Baxter: 5 years
- ⇒ Sam Hanson: 5 years
- ⇒ Justin Hattesohl: 5 years
- ⇒ Jesse Hemauer: 5 years
- ⇒ Jeremy Kokesch: 5 years
- ⇒ Noel Krebs: 5 years



## Municipal Liquor Store

Lake Liquors is now selling THC and CBD beverages. Please note these are cash only transactions. Due to Minnesota state laws regarding THC products, Lake Liquors is now requiring an ID for age verification on every purchase. This data is not stored in our system and will help with consistency for all customers and staff. There may be updates to this policy as the laws, our system, and policies change. Thank you for understanding and be sure to let staff know if there are certain brands you would like to see in stock!

You may have noticed that the liquor section of the store has been reorganized. This new layout was setup for better observation, expanding growing products, and ease of shopping. Check out our new website at [lakeliqors.org](http://lakeliqors.org)! This site shows more of our inventory and tracks quantities on hand so that out of stock items will not be offered. This site contains many other options for marketing and great offers for customers. We believe it will offer a better search experience for customers. Save the date for Lake Liquors' Annual Spring Wine Sale happening March 17-23, 2024.

### Discount Days:

- ⇒ Monday: Senior Discount (age 62+) - 10% off regular priced items
- ⇒ Tuesdays: Wine Day - 10% off regular priced wines

### Regular Store Hours:

- ⇒ Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



### Holiday Hours:

- ⇒ Saturday, December 24: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Monday, December 25: Closed
- ⇒ Monday, January 1: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- ⇒ Sunday, March 31: Closed

## Big Lake Fire Department Updates

**Winter Training:** The Big Lake Fire Department is spending the next three months conducting annual mandatory training. Some of the inside class room subjects being covered include: employee right-to-know, blood borne pathogens, respect in the work place, and a first responder EMT medical refresher. The Department will also spend the winter months attending state sectional fire schools held at technical colleges across the state. Members who attend outside training classes share the information they learn with the rest of the membership through in-house training sessions.



**Tree Decorating:** Each year, members from the Big Lake Fire Department help the Big Lake Senior group decorate their Christmas tree located in the Senior Center at Big Lake City Hall. Seniors were delighted with the tree and really enjoyed spending the afternoon with the firefighters. A special "THANKS" to those that came out to help!

*Seth Hansen, Fire Chief*

## Meet Your Deputy City Clerk Lisa Miller



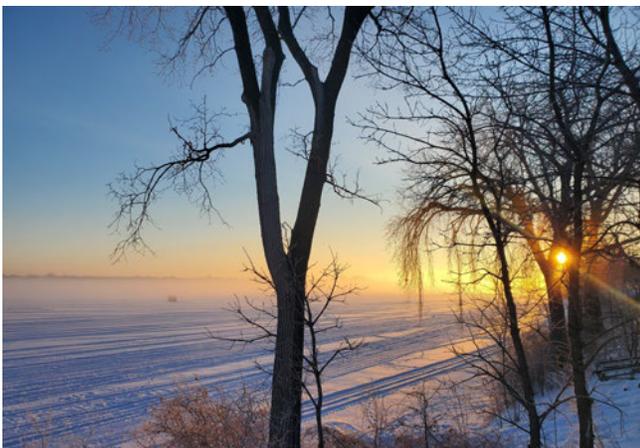
Lisa has worked for the City of Big Lake for 13 years. She started as the Lead Store Clerk in 2011 at Lake Liquors and was promoted in 2015 to Assistant Manager. Lisa is now the Accounting/Deputy City Clerk at City Hall and has been in this position since April of 2023. Her biggest responsibility in this position is bi-weekly payroll. She assists City Clerk Gina Wolbeck with the completion of City Council Packets when needed. There's a lot that goes in to making sure the City runs smoothly and it takes time to learn all that goes into each position. Whether it's Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Payroll, Es-crows, the Front Counter, Single Family Rental Registration, Business Licensing, Solicitors, or just flat out picking the Finance Director's brain, Lisa wants residents to know she is doing her best to figure it all out! People may be surprised to learn Lisa has also been doing Audio/Video for Big Lake City Council Meetings for a couple of years. This opportunity has really helped her to gain an understanding on how the City operates and why certain decisions are made.

Lisa has been married for 26 years to her husband Dale. They have three kids named Nicole, Jordan, and Dallas and two grandkids named Jaxson and Macyn. For years, Lisa and her husband enjoyed traveling to watch their son play baseball. Their grandson has taken on this legacy of playing baseball and hockey, so they will be busy traveling to his games now. Lisa's granddaughter is also starting gymnastics so they will be sure to support her. Lisa has three dogs named Midori, Surly, and Summit as well as a cat named Sky. For those wondering if they are named after items from a liquor store, you are correct! Next time you are at City Hall, be sure to say hello to Lisa!

### Winter Photo Contest

Big Lake Residents are invited to submit pictures that highlight their favorite happenings in Big Lake for the 2023-2024 Winter Photo Contest!

Submission of a photo will release the photo to the City of Big Lake. The photo may be used on the City website, Facebook, and other marketing materials. All photos can be submitted to Corrie Scott at [cscott@biglakemn.org](mailto:cscott@biglakemn.org) by March 15, 2024.

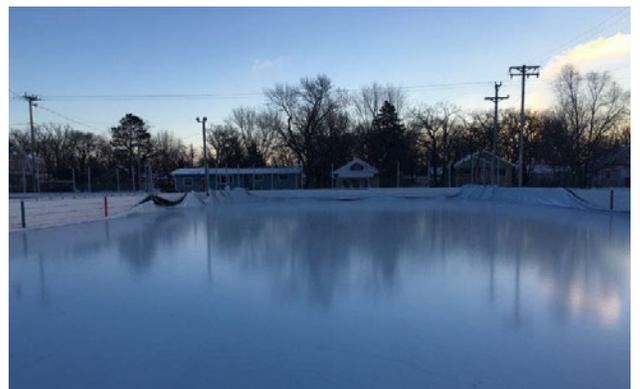


### Ice Skating Rinks

Another warm start to winter means a late opening season for the community's beloved Ice Rinks. Public Works will soon begin to flood the rinks and are hopeful they will be ready for public use in January!

#### Warming House Hours:

- ⇒ Monday - Friday: 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
  - ⇒ Sat. - Sun. & School Holidays: 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- \*Occasionally, due to poor ice condition or weather the Ice Rinks will close. Check Facebook for updates.*



# City Summary Budget Statement

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2024 budget information concerning the City of Big Lake to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.6965. The budget below is not complete; however, residents can request the complete budget by visiting City Hall or by contacting the Finance Director via email at [dwegeleben@biglakemn.org](mailto:dwegeleben@biglakemn.org). The City Council approved this budget on December 13, 2023.

## General Fund 2024 Adopted Budget

	2022	2023	2024
	Actual	Budget	Adopted Budget
<b>Revenues</b>			
Property Taxes	\$ 3,585,720	\$ 3,998,933	\$ 4,415,208
Special Assessments	5,040	3,000	3,000
Licenses & Permits	798,583	567,339	646,497
Intergovernmental	506,759	467,790	475,790
Franchise Fees	454,572	447,904	450,303
Charges for Services	307,555	264,585	246,411
Fines & Forfeitures	33,032	62,100	47,100
Investment Income	(576,434)	17,000	37,000
Contributions/Donations	37,555	4,500	1,500
Miscellaneous Revenue	37,134	2,500	2,500
Transfer In from other Funds	506,842	450,000	450,000
<b>Total - Current Year Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 5,696,358</b>	<b>\$ 6,285,651</b>	<b>\$ 6,775,309</b>
Prior year donations - Designed Fund Balance	8,920	10,000	3,566
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 5,705,278</b>	<b>\$ 6,295,651</b>	<b>\$ 6,778,875</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<b>General Government</b>			
Mayor/Council	\$ 38,180	\$ 32,956	\$ 33,426
Planning	180,783	207,068	223,569
Elections	17,238	2,000	36,100
Administration/Finance	592,785	573,857	558,844
IT - Computer/Software	95,715	125,225	139,399
Big Lake Community Service Center/Library	57,382	67,407	72,966
Economic Development	59,881	164,375	172,166
Building	255,590	237,418	238,921
Engineering	89,521	104,564	110,854
Fleet/Equipment Maintenance	167,523	189,154	216,396
Streets	556,744	626,889	680,547
Parks	585,688	615,865	688,855
Police	2,241,775	2,460,670	2,693,421
Fire	324,918	325,120	337,478
Community - Recreation (other)	103,650	119,472	120,322
Transfers Out to other Funds	657,872	443,611	455,611
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 6,025,245</b>	<b>\$ 6,295,651</b>	<b>\$ 6,778,875</b>
Increase (Decrease) In Fund Balance	\$ (319,967)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Property Tax Levy Requirement to Fund This Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,638,582</b>	<b>\$ 4,118,078</b>	<b>\$ 4,542,990</b>
		Cost per Capita of 12,492	\$ 363.67

## Enterprise Funds 2024 Adopted Budget

	Adopted 2024 Budget			
	Water	Sewer	Storm Sewer	Liquor
<b>Sales and Cost of Sales</b>				
Sales- net Loyalty Program				\$ 5,382,959
Cost of Sales (COS)				(4,001,261)
<b>Gross Profit</b>				\$ 1,381,698
<b>Operating Revenues</b>				
Utilities Revenues	\$ 2,352,071	\$ 3,133,388	\$ 272,331	
<b>Total Gross Profit and Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,352,071</b>	<b>\$ 3,133,388</b>	<b>\$ 272,331</b>	<b>\$ 1,381,698</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Personnel	759,299	759,299	161,438	852,099
Professional Services	62,500	47,000	3,500	7,600
Operations	742,252	930,320	26,675	264,277
Depreciation	936,255	1,422,595	227,329	72,600
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>2,500,306</b>	<b>3,159,214</b>	<b>418,942</b>	<b>1,196,576</b>
<b>Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>(148,235)</b>	<b>(25,826)</b>	<b>(146,611)</b>	<b>185,122</b>
<b>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>				
Interest Earnings	11,000	6,000	6,000	11,625
Debt Service Interest and Charges	(26,756)	(210,079)	(35,241)	-
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>(15,756)</b>	<b>(204,079)</b>	<b>(29,241)</b>	<b>11,625</b>
<b>Income (Loss) before operating Transfers</b>	<b>(163,991)</b>	<b>(229,905)</b>	<b>(175,852)</b>	<b>196,747</b>
Operating Transfer In (Out)	(1,523,000)	(200,000)	(30,000)	(485,000)
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (1,686,991)</b>	<b>\$ (429,905)</b>	<b>\$ (205,852)</b>	<b>\$ (288,253)</b>
<b>2024 Principal Debt Payment</b>	<b>\$ 661,338</b>	<b>\$ 1,138,662</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

## 2025 Financial Planning and Budget Calendar

The yearly budget schedule is listed below, please watch for information pertaining to the City’s 2025 budget on the City’s website and social media and join us. Your feedback is welcomed!

Meeting Dates	Discussion Topics
June	Financial Management Plan review provided to departments
July	Meeting with departments regarding needs and discussion at Council workshops
August	Council workshops to review preliminary budgets
September	Council adopts Maximum Tax Levy
October	Council workshops on the budgets to find additional savings or services continue
November	Public Input Meeting regarding final levy and budgets for upcoming year
December	Council adopts final tax levies and budgets



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Dated Material

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The Big Lake City Newsletter is published quarterly to update Big Lake residents and businesses on city government news.

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Kim Noding, Council Member

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Paul Seefeld, Council Member

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### Notify Me

Looking for updates on events, meetings, jobs, or emergency alerts? Sign up for text or email alerts at: [biglakemn.org/list.aspx](http://biglakemn.org/list.aspx).

### Contact the City

Phone: 763-263-2107

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

### View Meetings

Live on Channel 180 | On-demand video link at city website

**City Council:** January 10, 24 | February 14, 28 | March 13, 27  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

**Planning Commission:** January 2 | February 5 | March 4  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

**BLEDA:** January 8 | February 12 | March 11  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

**Parks Advisory Committee:** January 22 | February 26 | March 25  
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

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# Big Lake Winter Farmers Market

Third Saturday  
Big Lake City Hall  
10 AM - 1 PM

November 18 | December 16 | January 20  
February 17 | \*March 16 | April 20  
\*March Market at BLHS from 10AM-2PM




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