



CLINTON CITY NEWSLETTER

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MAYOR'S MINUTE

American History for \$100- What denomination bill is a C-Note? Answer- What is one hundred. Double Jeopardy- Who said in 1789, "Our new Constitution is now established, and has an appearance that promises permanency; but in this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." Answer- Who is Benjamin Franklin?

Two hundred and thirty-five years later, this quote is still true. It takes nearly a half ton of C-Notes to run Clinton City each year. Clinton has no debt and has not borrowed money since our Civic Center Complex was built over 15 years ago. The city has been very frugal. Many departments and employees do double or triple duty. Our staff tries to do as much in-house as possible to stretch every dollar. There is very little "fat to trim". During budget discussions, I suggested several ideas to the city council that have the potential to save several hundred thousand dollars. However, since these options would reduce employee COLA or merit increases, shrink the amount allocated to road repairs, or alter hiring strategy, the majority of the City Council opted to maintain the tentative budget as it was presented. At the same time, there is support to institute a rental dwelling license, which will increase some revenue and public safety. This proposal will be implemented in the coming months.

In the past, new homes and commercial units have provided sufficient additional revenues to cover our increases in expenses in tandem with sales tax growth. Due to high interest rates, our building permit fees have dwindled. In 2020, we received \$550k. This year it's nearly half that. Add in recent inflation, and it makes a perfect recipe for a huge hole in the budget. For example, the price per mile for street repairs and maintenance has doubled in five years.

Unfortunately, this means property taxes will be increasing. The average home in Clinton will pay approximately eleven dollars more per month according to the current proposed budget. There will have to be an increase no matter what is done. Common sense would say, if your home value goes up, then your property tax goes up the same percentage. Since common sense isn't common, the county reduces the tax rate to offset the price increase. Simple explanation, Clinton City gets the same amount each year, with only the addition of new growth, regardless of the housing market or how high inflation is. The reason it always goes up is that there are 16 taxing entities per home, and one of those is certain to change their rate. In the last thirty years, there have only been three property tax increases in Clinton City. One for road repairs in 2014, one to create paramedic and ambulance services in 2021, and one last year for five percent, which put a small dent into the inflation problem.

Hypothetically, would you rather have 5% increases for 5 years or 25% percent at once? There is no easy answer for this question. There are those who would prefer longer periods between increases,

MAYOR'S MINUTE CONTINUED...

including those who would like that period to be infinite. My personal view is I am not a supporter of large increases. For several years, I have recommended smaller "annual" increases. To me, this is the most fair and easiest way for citizens to budget. It is, pay as you go. Future residents are not burdened with huge increases. Our City Council is committed to continue to have these difficult conversations alongside others in our fiduciary responsibility as your elected officials.

My sincere apologies to those on tight budgets and fixed incomes. I wish we could win the lotto or have a super wealthy benefactor. If you have a solution to Ben Franklin's certainty of death and taxes, please let me know.

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CLINTON CITY ARTS BOARD NEWS

- On September 5, the Children's Choir will begin meeting each Thursday from 4-5 p.m. See the flyer on page two of this newsletter for more information. Places are limited.
- .Book Club will meet Wednesday August 7, 7-8 p.m. at Clinton Recreation building. The book for August is: The Girl with Seven Names, by Hyeon Seo Lee. The book for September is: All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr. We would love to have you join us!

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD NEWS

This month we'd like to highlight Kestrel Park, located at 1740 N 3420 W. It has playground equipment, a volleyball court, and walking trail. This is one of our newer parks and is very accessible to the neighborhood it borders.

A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC WORKS SEWER DEPARTMENT

Did you know that "flushable" wipes aren't so flushable? Yes, it's true! Those soft and durable moisturized wipes that seem so convenient are wreaking havoc on our sewer system and across the nation. Every year, homeowners and public sewer systems like our own, spend millions of dollars unclogging pipes and repairing damage caused by back-ups resulting from people flushing baby wipes and other wipes marketed as "flushable." Unlike traditional toilet paper, the material used to manufacture these durable, "flushable" wipes does not easily break down in water. Wipes end up tangled together in sewer pipes resulting in blockages. These blockages create significant and costly problems for both residents and our City's sewer system. Please only dispose of body waste and paper in the toilet. Wipes, diapers and feminine hygiene products should be disposed of in a trash can, not a toilet. Thank you for helping us maintain our very important sewerage system.

CLINTON CITY RECREATION NEWS**1651 W 2300 N – 801-614-0780****~~ Follow Clinton Rec on Facebook & Instagram****Register for programs on-line at****www.clintoncity.com, call 801-614-0780****or Scan our QR Code****ADULT SOFTBALL AND KICKBALL**

Registration opens July 29th for the **Fall 5v5v5 Softball Tournament** to be held October 4 & 5. Registration ends September 20 at 5pm, or when the tournament is full.

YOUTH GIRLS JR. JAZZ

Registration for Girl's Jr. Jazz Basketball is open August 1-September 20. Come show your skills and have fun in leagues available for first grade- ninth grade.

CLUB 55

August's Club #55 Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, at 12 NOON! Please join us at the Clinton City Recreation Building, 1651 W 2300 N. There is a \$5 donation for the lunch.

HALLOWEEN WALK VENDORS

Clinton City is seeking to spotlight local businesses by extending an invitation to participate in our annual 'Halloween Walk' event! Vendors may reserve a booth space to pass out free candy and promotional products (candy, pencils, stickers, coupons/vouchers, etc.) outdoors, during our Halloween Walk on Monday, October 7th, 2024. Registration is free and required to reserve a space along the path. Registration is August 5 thru September 27 or until all spaces are filled. Spaces are limited! For more information or to register please visit www.clintoncity.net or contact our Recreation Office.

MOVIE IN THE PARK

Please join us for our Summer Send-Off Movie in the Park on August 9th, 2024, at DUSK! Bring your own blankets and lawn chairs to our Civic Center Park for a family-friendly movie night! Voting for this year's movie will be on the 'Clinton City Recreation Department' Facebook page prior to the event, so make sure to follow the page and cast your vote once it is posted! Please contact the Recreation Office for more information.

WORKING WHEELS

Clinton City is pleased to announce a NEW EVENT! Friday, September 20th, from 5 -7 PM. The Civic Center Softball Complex parking lot will be filled with various working vehicles from Clinton City and surrounding businesses. We invite our community's children to come explore and engage with the working wheels of Clinton City. This is a free, family fun event! Adult Supervision is required. For more information, please contact the Recreation Office.

KIDS STORYTELLING

Come join us at the Recreation building on August 14 for Storytelling from 9:30 to 10 AM to discover new books, meet new friends, and enjoy the park! For more information, please contact the Recreation office.

SENIOR ACTIVITY – CARD CRAFTING

Join us on August 28th, 2024 from 11 AM-12:15PM at the Recreation Building to craft and decorate cards! Free crafting supplies will be provided while they last or bring your own .

NEW RECREATION OFFICE HOURS BEGIN IN AUGUST

Please note the office hours for Clinton City Recreation will be changing from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Thursday, and 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Fridays. Thank you!

CLINTON CITY'S
WORKING WHEELS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FREE, FAMILY FUN EVENT!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

SOFTBALL COMPLEX PARKING LOT
2267 NORTH 1500 WEST

Kids may explore and engage with the working wheels of Clinton City!

ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED!

CLINTON CITY RECREATION

2024
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Ages 5 - 12
Cost: \$30

Registration: Aug. 1 - Sept. 5

Begins September 5th

Practices will be held on Thursdays from 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM, at the Clinton City Recreation building (excluding Nov. 5).

Performances on Dec. 7 & Dec. 9. Other performances TBA.

To register please visit www.clintoncity.net or Clinton City Recreation 1651 W 2300 N Clinton, UT 84015 (801)614-0780

*Program subject to change and may close early if it is full

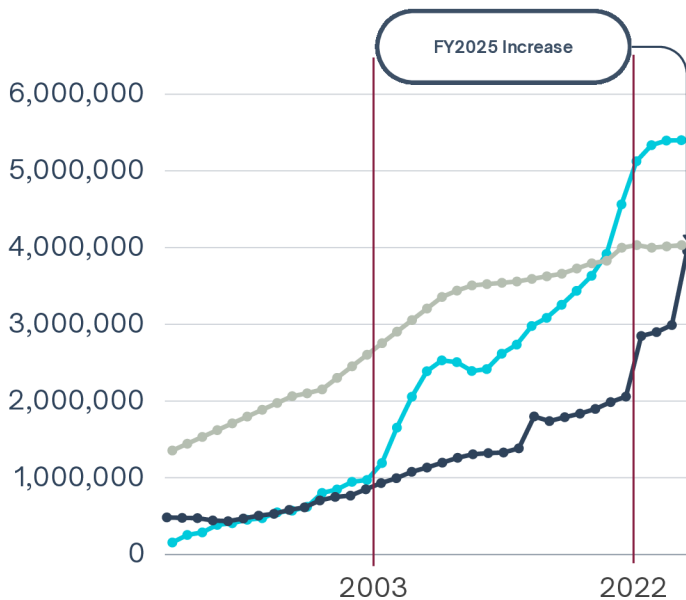
PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN

CLINTON CITY

Clinton City is proposing a property tax revenue increase for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. An average household* in Clinton will approximately pay an additional **\$129 in property taxes per year (\$10.75 per month)**. The average total tax obligation to the city would be **\$527.68 per year (\$43.97 a month)**.

POPULATION VS REVENUE

The population (Grey) has stabilized since 2020, leading to stagnant revenue from other sources. Property Tax (Dark Blue) has shown steady revenue growth since 2003, relying on consistent growth rather than periodic adjustments for inflation and demand. However, Sales Tax (Cyan) has also started to level off, since 2022, due to market conditions and slowing population growth trends.



WHERE DOES THAT MONEY GO?

Clinton's Property Tax accounts for 25.82% of the General Fund Revenues. Your \$527.68 is used to cover ongoing operational expenses in the following ways:

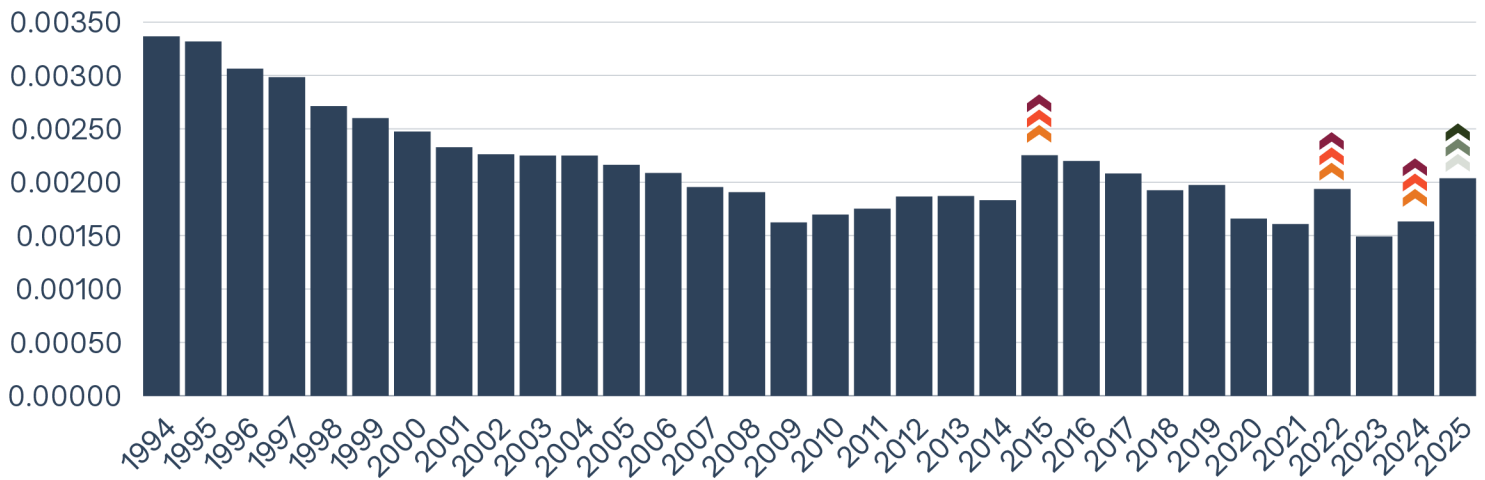


PROPERTY TAX RATE TREND

Cities can keep their property tax revenue the same each year, plus additional increases for new growth, which can cause property tax rates to change as home values rise and fall. To get more property tax revenue, a city must go through a process called Truth in Taxation.

In the last 30 years, Clinton has only changed its property tax revenue three times: FY 2015 for road projects, FY 2022 to take over paramedic services from the county, FY 2024 with a small 5% increase to combat effects of inflation. Now, the City is proposing to raise property taxes for 2025 to cover operational increases with staff and equipment, devote additional budget to roadway improvements, and continue to maintain a healthy fund balance.

Chart On Reverse



PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION

Clinton City's property tax makes up approximately **16%** of your overall property tax payment.



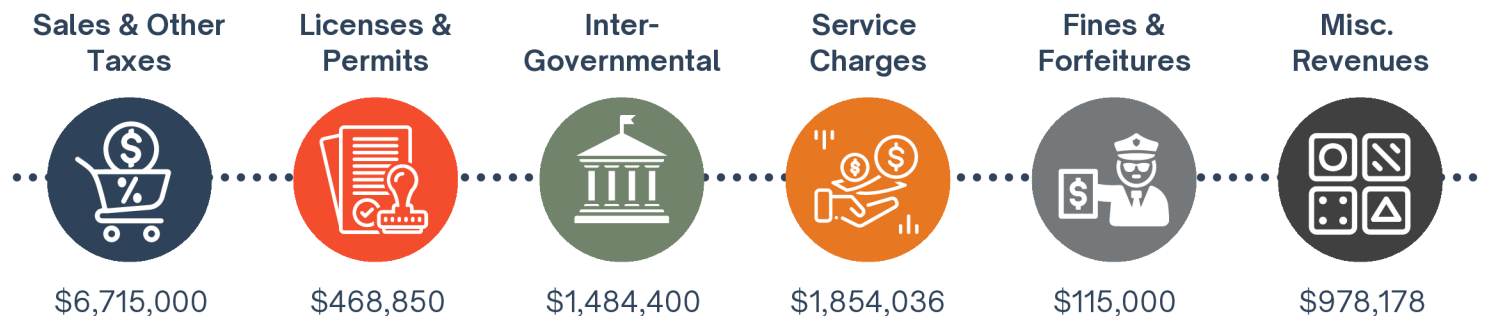
RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS

As part of the FY 2025 budget the City Council proposed a total budget of \$500,000 for roadway resurfacing. This will allow the City to provide much needed maintenance on our city rights-of-way.



GENERAL FUND REVENUE SOURCES

Clinton City operates a \$15,615,464 general fund budget. Property tax revenue is only a portion of the total revenues. Other revenue sources are as follows:



* Average Household value as determined by the Davis County Assessor is \$471,000

** Public Works is only partially funded by property tax the remaining revenue is received through monthly utility fees.