



November/December 2022

A Special Message from Mayor Qourzal

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It's hard to believe, but we are nearing the end of 2022! As fast as this year has gone by, I don't want to miss the opportunity to wish you and your families the very best this holiday season. It has been an exciting year for our city, and you, the people of Woodway, remain our greatest strength. Woodway's reputation as a great place to live, work, and raise a family has never been stronger!

As we look ahead to the New Year, I am happy to report that Woodway remains in exceptional financial and operational shape. I couldn't be prouder of the leadership from our City Council and City Manager, Dr. Shawn Oubre. I hope you will take a moment to review the summary of next year's budget that was passed by your Council. Our city provides the highest standard of community services for our residents while adopting one of the lowest tax rates in the county. We've seen substantial progress with our city projects including the city's sewer line replacement, the reopening of the Carleen Bright Arboretum, the design of our new Family Center, and investments in infrastructure initiatives such as streets and water lines.

I also hope you've enjoyed the concerts, family events, and festivals your city has hosted this past year. We are blessed to have an excellent city staff who work tirelessly to keep Woodway amazing! I look forward to the opportunities that lay ahead of us in 2023.

Finally, as we gather together with our families and friends to celebrate, let us remember to express gratitude for our blessings while praying for those who are less fortunate.

Thank you for making Woodway a community that fosters strong community and goodwill toward all. I am proud to be your Mayor, and I am sincerely honored to continue to serve you.

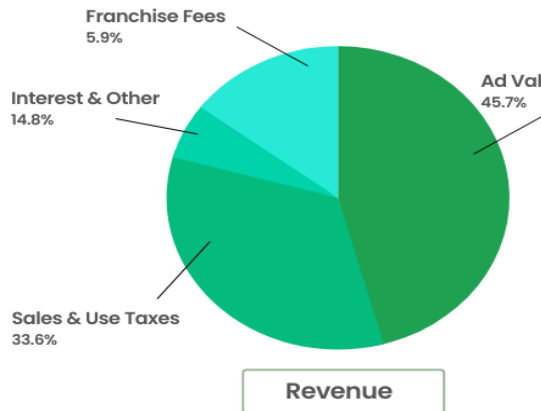
Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas,
and a Happy New Year!

Mayor Amine Qourzal,
City of Woodway



Understanding the FY2023 Budget

General Fund

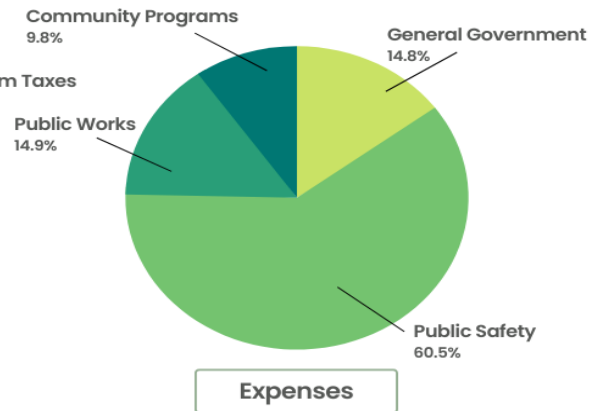


Ad Valorem Taxes – \$5,345,423

Sales & Use Taxes – \$3,933,000

Franchise Fees – \$685,500

Interest & Other – \$1,733,122



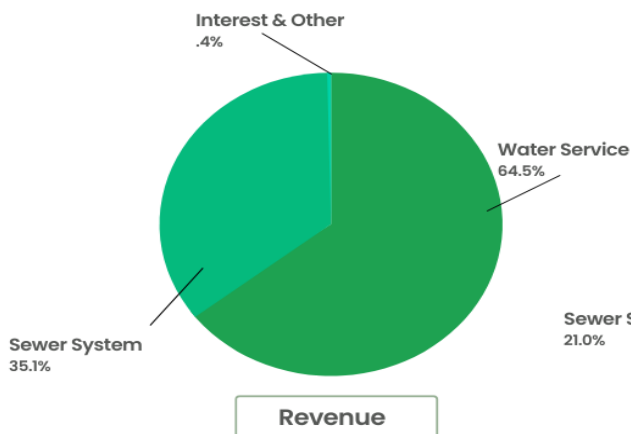
General Government – \$1,738,009

Public Safety – \$7,075,972

Public Works – \$1,738,551

Community Programs – \$1,144,513

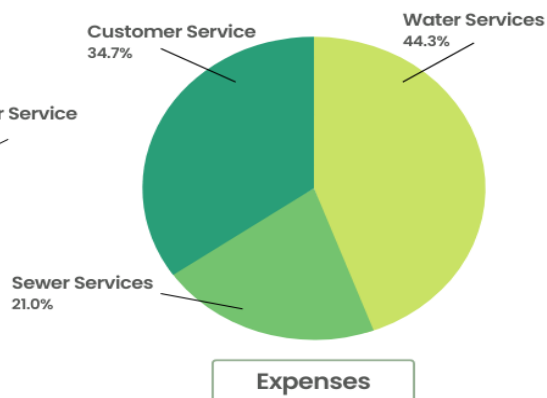
Utility Fund



Water Service Charges – \$4,307,000

Sewer System Charges – \$2,342,000

Interest & Other – \$24,000



Water Services – \$2,958,758

Sewer Services – \$1,401,052

Customer Services – \$2,313,190



This holiday season be prepared for the trash and recycle schedules by downloading the Frontier Waste Solutions app and set up notifications for your specific route. The schedule can also be found online at woodwaytexas.gov/trash for the remainder of this year and the beginning of 2023.

For the Thanksgiving holiday, all trash pickups originally scheduled for Thursday will be picked up on Friday. All trash pickups originally scheduled for Friday will be picked up on Saturday. There are no changes during the week of Christmas.

Scan QR Code to download the Frontier app. Stay up to date!



Large Item Pickup in January 2023

The bi-annual Large Item Pickup service is scheduled for Thursday, January 12th or Friday, January 13th (depending on your regularly scheduled pickup day each week). Please limit sofas, chairs, and other furniture items. Televisions must be brought to the landfill to dispose as they will not pickup at curbside. For appliances, please call 254.772.4480. Please visit woodwaytexas.gov/trash for further details.

Food for Families 2022 ~ Feed the Hungry

This year marks the 33rd anniversary of Food for Families. Food for Families is an annual event sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America, H-E-B, and KWTX News 10. This event has grown to become the largest one-day food drive in Texas, encompassing 9-counties. The Woodway City Hall, Public Safety, and Community Services buildings will be the three gathering sites for food again this year. Some suggested donation items are: canned meats, canned vegetables, sugar, corn meal, flour, pasta, pasta sauce, cereals, baby food, peanut butter, dry beans, and rice. Our collection sites will be open from November 1st -17th. WPSD will take all the food donations to KWTX on Friday, November 18th. Please join us and help stock the shelves of area food pantries this holiday season and beyond to give back to those in need!

Friendly Reminder from Animal Control



Make sure your pets have a warm place to sleep, off the floor and away from all drafts. A cozy dog or cat bed with a warm blanket or pillow is a perfect way to keep them warm. Remember, if it's too cold for you outside, it's probably too cold for your pet to be outside. So, please keep your animals inside when the temperatures drop in the winter. Also, when it comes to chemicals in the garage, like antifreeze, assume any spills are highly toxic and even a few licks or walking through the fluid can be deadly. Other potentially dangerous items include windshield washing fluid and ice melt products that can cause gastrointestinal tract irritation, depression, weakness, seizures, cardiac issues, and other life-threatening issues.



Thank You from our Woodway Public Safety Department!

Our Public Safety Department was super busy during the last few months with special events around the City! This fall, officers have provided events such as: Back-to-School Movie Night at Lakeside Park, National Night Out, Woodway Public Safety Association Hamburger Cookout, and Cops & Kids Drive-Thru. We truly appreciate all of the hard work that our officers do to bring these fun family events to the residents of Woodway!

On October 4th, members of the Woodway Public Safety Department participated in National Night Out at Whitehall Park, Poage Park, and Trinity Lutheran Church. These three locations were an opportunity for our officers to meet the community they serve and for the community to get to know their public servants. Hundreds of community members came out to enjoy firetruck tours, free food, and great conversation.



On October 8th, the Woodway Public Safety Association held its annual fundraiser. This drive-thru boasted delicious burgers and awesome raffle prizes. Hundreds of burgers were sold and generous donations were made throughout the afternoon, resulting in a blockbuster year for the association. These funds are utilized to purchase needed firefighting tools and equipment as well as funding the annual WPSA college scholarships. Amazing raffle prizes were also won, including a brand-new PlayStation 5 to one lucky winner. Special thanks to all who came out in support of the association!

Holiday Safety Tips from WPSD

Public Safety Director Chief Crook wants to remind citizens of some helpful tips to stay safe during the upcoming holidays!



- Place Christmas trees, candles, and other holiday decorations at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, portable heaters, radiators, heat vents, and candles.
- Purchase flame retardant metallic or artificial trees. If you purchase a real tree, make sure that it has fresh, green needles that aren't easily broken. Keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water. Use only sturdy tree stands designed not to tip over. Keep curious pets and children away from Christmas trees.
- Always unplug tree and holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed. Never use lit candles to decorate a tree.
- Always extinguish candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Designate one person to walk around your home to make sure that all candles and smoking materials are properly extinguished after guests leave.
- Keep a properly charged fire extinguisher readily available.

For more helpful tips, please visit: [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)



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