Library Fund Financial Forecast

General Note: Years 2016 through 2031 are a forecast through which circumstances change. This tool is used for planning purposes only.

Revenue Forecast and Assumptions

Gas Utility Tax

- With the anticipated growth in City population, but with limited customers using gas within West Richland as well as unknowns regarding gas utility rates, gas utility revenues are project to increase, conservatively, by 1.5% per year.

Telephone Utility Tax

- Anticipated to decline on average 6% per year.

Electric Utility Tax

- Based on mild winter.
- Anticipated to increase 4% each year, projection includes a 7.7% Benton REA rate increase beginning in May 2016. In future years, no increases anticipated in this forecast.

Expenditure Forecast and Assumptions

- Anticipate approximately 5% annual increase in MCL contract in outer years. Forecast based on City's projected assessed valuation including new construction.
- Building and maintenance expenditures based on current budget using trend analysis. This forecast assumes all employees/positions in each city department will continue to be employed and to provide the service.
- Does not include capital expenses for library facility. The City is currently conducting a library building and site assessment. Results from this study should be available in April/May 2016. The study will assess the overall physical condition of the building/site, identify significant defects, deficiencies and items of deferred maintenance, and develop ten-year reserve estimate of costs for major capital improvements.