



September 2022



Letter from the Desk of the Mayor

Hello Alpine Residents:

It has come to my attention there are rumors' going around. One of them is that my wife Tiphany and I are moving away of Alpine. That is the furthest thing from the truth.

The Town of Alpine has been our home for 22 years and will remain our home. We are fully invested in Alpine and have no plans to move anywhere.

For more than a dozen years I have worked extremely hard for this community. It has always been my desire and focus to improve the quality of life for Alpine. I served a 4-year term on the Alpine Planning & Zoning Commission. I learned about our community and what the needs were even before running for Mayor of Alpine.

Finishing up my 12th year as Mayor, there are several projects currently in the pipeline that need to be completed and that is why I am running once again to be your mayor.

If you have questions about my accomplishments for the Alpine community, please feel free to give me a call. My direct phone number has been and always will remain open to the people of Alpine.

In closing, I want to thank you for putting your trust in me. I love this community and if reelected I will continue putting my heart and soul to work for you, the citizens of Alpine.

Kindly,

Mayor Kennis Lutz.

The greater Alpine area is a vibrant and healthy community located at the convergence of three pristine rivers and surrounded by mountains and National forests. Our citizens work together to promote tourism, businesses and activities that sustain and protect our natural environment and quality of life for the economic prosperity and enjoyment of all.



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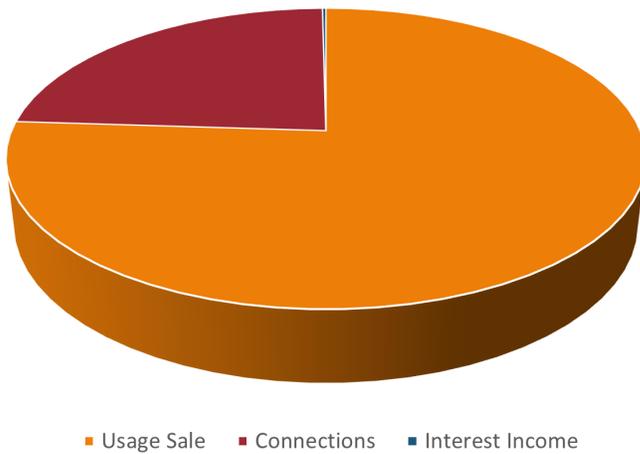
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Town of Alpine Financial Information

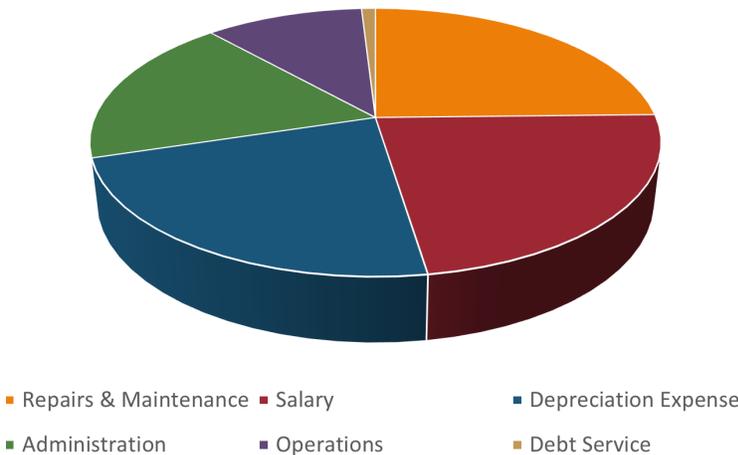
Water Department FY 22 Income



Have you ever wanted to see the breakdown of the Town’s income and expense? This article will be a simplified look at the Town of Alpine’s Financial status.

There are 3 main bank accounts in which the Town utilizes for town funds. The Figures contained within this article are as of 6/30/22.

Water Department FY 22 Expense



We have the Water Fund—Sewer Fund—General Fund.

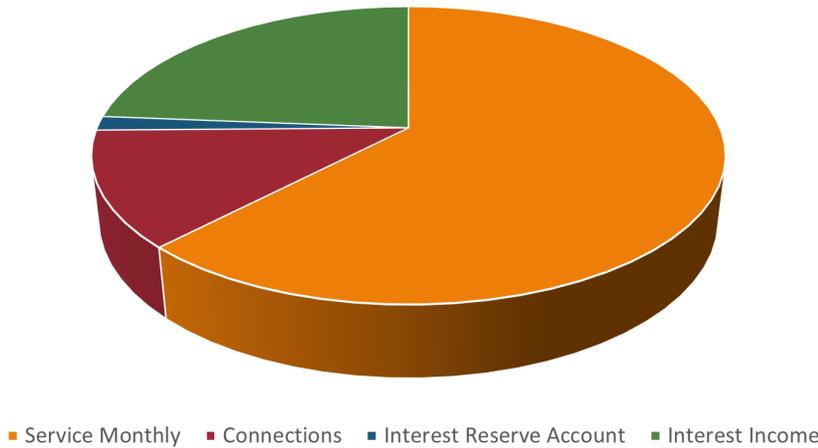
The water department currently has a balance of \$1,216,472 in total in the water fund account. The water department has 2 reserve accounts the first of which is a modest savings account to cover 1 year of debt service. The second is a investment account.

The water fund has loans totally \$187,859.28.

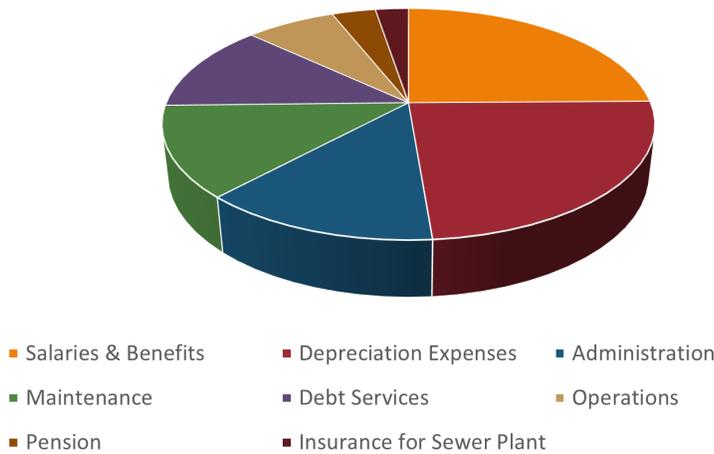
Important goals for the water department include Radio Read Meters and we are currently seeking a SLIB loan and an ARPA Grant. Another ongoing goal is replacing water lines in our aging water system. We recently finished the replacement of the waterline that runs down Greys River Road. As a municipality we are constantly assessing the age of the waterlines, any deterioration

of waterline and prioritizing replacement of those water lines. We pursue state grants and forgiveness funding options to assist in these necessary projects. Sometimes these projects get put on hold due to lack of additional funds.

Sewer Department FY 22 Income



Sewer Department FY 22 Expenses

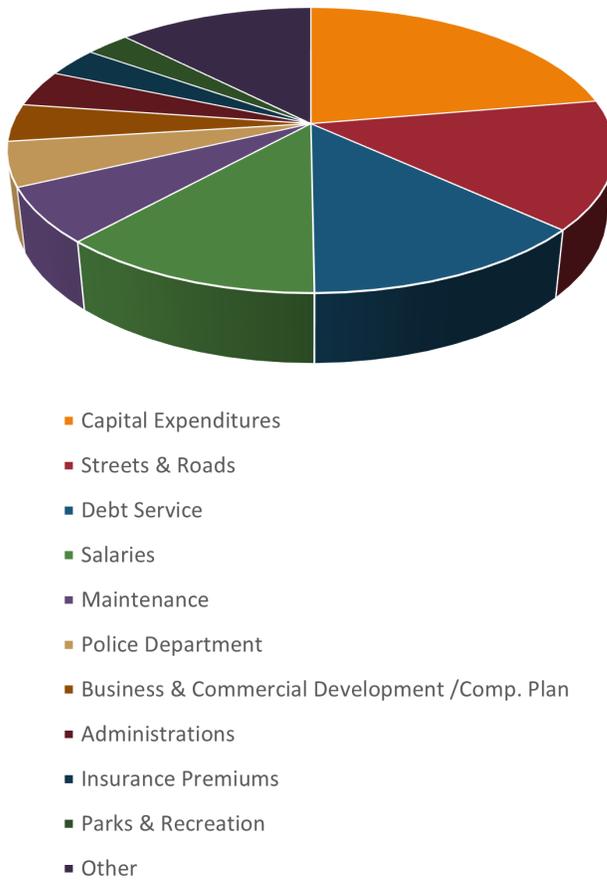


The Sewer Department currently has a balance of 1,598,624 in total. The sewer department also has reserve accounts. We have certificate of deposit (CD) accounts totaling 618,333 and an investment account with a balance of 517,685. The sewer fund has a reserve account that each year the Town Treasurer is required to put \$150,000 in it each year and the balance on that account is currently 57,587.00. The sewer fund has loans totaling 2,580,498. The town’s Waste Water Treatment Plant which was completed in 2009 cost a total of \$6,643,986. The Collection system has cost the town \$4,693,160 and the new pre-treatment plant so far has cost the town \$756,590.

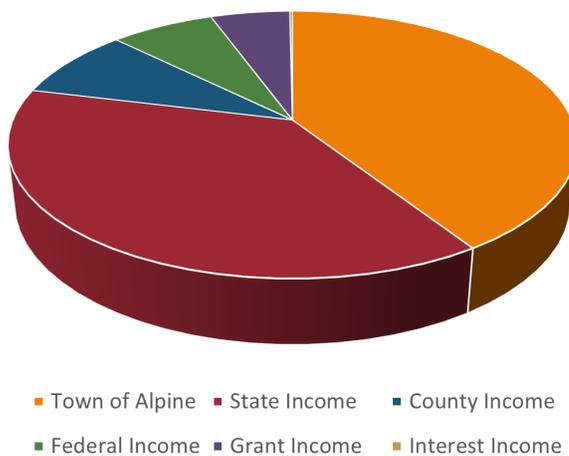
Important goals for the Sewer Department include managing waste that comes in from

Melvin’s Brewery which requires extra processes and that is why we are building the new pre-treatment facility. Another ongoing issue is the odor problem has become more prevalent as of late and the Sewer Department has recently purchased charcoal filters to assist with eliminating or minimizing these odors. The cost for those filters were less than \$10,000. The Sewer Department has recently purchased a new train of membranes. This train of membranes will be replacing the train we have been utilizing since 2009 so the life of the train lasted longer than expected. The replacement cost for the train of membranes was \$179,000. The Waste Water Treatment facility holds 2 trains of membranes and so far we have only ever utilized one train. It is expected in 2023 due to the additional consumers on the system that use of the second train of membranes will begin.

General Fund FY 22 Expense



General Fund FY 22 Income



The General Fund which includes all other departments currently has a balance of 1,325,670.86. The Town of Alpine currently receives 5% from property taxes. Based on the US Census population the Town of Alpine receives 30.6% of our general fund budget from Wyoming Sales Tax. Miscellaneous taxes (gas, tobacco, lottery, licenses, permits and fuel tax) again distributed based on population, is 9.7% of the towns general fund operating budget. We currently have loans totaling 930,324. Those loans include the paving costs, new shop, equipment purchases and game and fish land. The general fund is slightly distorted on this year’s financials due to the generous donors that reside outside of the incorporated boundaries of the Town of Alpine providing funding assistance for various Town projects and departments.

Greys River Road pathway project should be completed in 2023. Ferry Peak park has a new restroom facility and the

skate park was expanded this year. Maintenance is always ongoing for Town staff. We are gradually replacing street signs through- out the town. Town staff is gearing up for snow removal season which the town took over in 2019.

All the funds the town has have restricted and unrestricted categories placed on them. Unrestricted funds are what gets used for day to day operations and restricted funds are set aside for special projects and can only be used for that purpose.

The spending of municipality funds is governed by Wyoming State Statute.

The process of reviewing and establishing rates is solely based on the department needs. Municipal government exists to provide public services and facilities a community wants and needs. These are services and facilities reasonably provided by a local government rather than by individuals or through the private market. Just as a private corporation must be accountable to its stockholders, municipal corporations are accountable to the voters, residents, and business owners of a community. Local government services and programs cost money. Suppliers as well as public employees and contractors who work for cities and towns must be paid. Buildings and equipment for conducting public business must be provided. Streets, sewers, parks and other facilities need to be built and maintained. The funds controlled by a city or town are public funds – they cannot be used for the personal interest of any elected official or public employee, or given to any private interest. The source of these funds and how they are managed and used is of critical importance to any community. Every city and town must operate with an approved budget – a financial plan that shows how much money will be available, where it comes from and how it will be used. However, there are other basic considerations related to finances that are also important. These include laws, policies and plans about how funds can be generated, and about how they must be handled and accounted for. The information contained in this article can be found on the FY 2022 Audit Report that is on the Town of Alpine website and can be found in Budget & Financials Data folder.

A look into then and now.

Town of Alpine Water Fund			Town of Alpine General Fund		
	2012	2022		2012	2022
Current Assets	336,114.50	886,597.52	Current Assets	203,013.05	1,226,520.49
Fixed Assets	2,228,489.40	5,899,402.20	Fixed Assets - Land	312,739.09	1,252,439.13
Long Term Liability	512,310.00	187,859.28	Fixed Assets - Bldg	312,739.09	1,252,439.13
			Fixed Assets - Equipment/vehicles	151,234.34	861,475.64
Town of Alpine Sewer Fund			Fixed Assets = Town Improvement	309,522.69	1,170,673.81
	2012	2022	Fixed Assets - Paving	110,000.91	2,012,184.83
Current Assets	355,132.20	462,596.01	Other Assets	23,501.98	98,275.37
Fixed Assets	11,846,505.10	13,524,583.41	Long Term Liabilities	329,628.48	930,324.42
Other Assets	600,794.43	1,136,027.52			
Long Term Liabilities	3,394,396.85	2,580,497.93			

In the mid 2000's the Town of Alpine was struggling financially.

Since that time the town has recovered financially, built up town assets, enhanced economic growth, procured grant funding for necessary town projects, and increased the Town of Alpine's assessed value.

When local officials are vigilant in identifying budget trouble early they can act decisively to prevent financial instability.

CANDIDATE FORUM AND DEBATE

Civic Center- Alpine, Wyoming
Wednesday, September 28, 2022 @ 6:30pm



RACES HOSTED AND ORDER OF FORUM AND DEBATE:

Alpine City Council

Justin Fritz, Jeremy Larsen, Emily Castillo

House District 22

Andrew Byron (R) and Bob Strobel (I)

Alpine Mayor

Kennis Lutz and Eric Green

Hosted by:



Starvalleyliving.com

WATER LOSS CHART

Below are some things that occur daily either intentionally or unintentionally that result in a loss of Water.

COMMON CAUSES OF LOSS

	Gallons Per Minute	Gallons Per Month
Dripping Faucet	¼ GPM	10,800
Leaking Toilet	½ GPM	21,600
Drip Irrigation	1 GPM	43,200
Watering Garden for 2 Hours	5 GPM 10 GPM	18,000 36,000
Stuck Ice Maker	2 GPM	86,400
Stuck Check Valve in Washing Machine for 30 Minutes	8 GPM	240
Stuck Float in Water Trough	5 GPM	216,000
Broken Service Line		
1 Night	15 GPM	8,100
1 Day	15 GPM	21,600
1 Week	15 GPM	151,200
1 Month	15 GPM	648,000

TYPICAL USAGE

USE	AMOUNT OF WATER
1 Bath	42 Gallons
30 Baths	1,260 Gallons
1 Shower	17 Gallons
30 Showers	510 Gallons
Running tap while brushing teeth	1.3 Gallons
Shaving	2 Gallons
Wash 1 Load of Clothes	45 Gallons
Wash 20 Loads	900 Gallons
Run Dishwasher	5 - 13 Gallons
Flush Toilet	3 Gallons
15 Flushes per Day	900 Gallons/month
Hosing Driveway	13 -26.5 Gallons
Washing Car with Running Hose	16.5 - 80 Gallons

Calendar of Events

ALPINE'S PUMPKIN PATCH

October 22nd @ 11:00 a.m.

Bounce Houses onsite Marge Grove Park

TRUNK OR TREAT

October 31, 2021 @ 5 p.m.

Town Hall Parking Lot

ELECTION DAY November 8th —

VETERANS DAY—November 11th

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

November 24th @ 2:00 p.m.

Donn Wooden Civic Center

Free Thanksgiving meal provided by Top of The Rockies Snowmobile Club

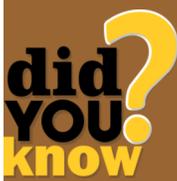
Football starts @ 2:00 p.m.

Dinner Served @ 3:00 p.m.

SANTA COMES TO TOWN

December 2nd 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Please go to www.alpinewy.org for detailed information on these events.



Did You Know

Town of Alpine Offices will be closed October 10, November 11, November 24th & 25th

Alpine Council Meetings Take place the 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 7 p.m. ~ Town Council Chambers 250 River Circle, Alpine, WY. These meetings are streamed live on Facebook.

Planning & Zoning Meetings Take place the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month between the Months of **May—October** and the 2nd Tuesday of the each month - Town Council Chambers 250 River Circle, Alpine, WY. **The Building Department has a new fee schedule which can be found on the website.**

811 - Call Before You Dig BEFORE YOU DIG... Calling 811 is the most important step! Wyoming law requires that you call at least 2 business days before you intend to dig. Call 811 (or if you are calling from out of-state 1-800-849- 2476)

Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job.



Mandatory No dig between November 15th—April 15th by Ordinance.

Business Licenses are required within the incorporated boundaries of the Town of Alpine.

Snow Removal just a reminder for upcoming months we will soon have snow. No person shall park, place or leave any vehicle or trailer on any public street, alley or Town of Alpine right-of-way between the hours of **7:00 p.m.—7:00 a.m.** during the months of **Nov.—April**. No person shall sweep, plow, push, shovel or cause snow to come to rest on or upon any public sidewalk, street, alley, property or right of way of the Town of Alpine or Lincoln County, or upon any private property without the express written consent of owner of such property. **For more detailed information on Snow Removal Please refer to Ordinance 236-12. If you have any questions about our snow removal pro-**

192 Ordinance No—2009– 48 Business license Codes is being repealed and replaced in its entirety with ordinance **299 Ordinance No. 2022-17**. Business license fees will be increasing and switching from a fiscal year to a calendar year. For those already holding a business license for Fiscal Year 2023 you will be given a credit towards the Calendar Year 2023 Business License. Notices for this process will be going out in December 2022.