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### Proposed FY 2017-18 Budget Released for Resident Review

**Blue Springs, Mo.** – On August 1, 2017, the proposed annual budget of \$68,306,425 was submitted to the Mayor and City Council for their review and consideration. The Proposed 2017-18 Fiscal Year Budget is available online at [www.bluespringsgov.com](http://www.bluespringsgov.com) and the Public Hearing of the Budget is set for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6 at the Howard L. Brown Public Safety Building.

The proposed budget represents the City's continued effort to provide residents with high value municipal services in a fiscally responsible manner that is in alignment with the 2015 Strategic Plan Framework and the 2014 Citizen Survey. The proposed City budget includes areas where new revenue sources will allow the City to address deferred maintenance in the City's Parks system and other areas where operational expenditures must be reduced due to areas of minimal revenue growth.

### Proposed Budget highlights include:

- General Fund operating budget increases by 0.60% or \$153,129. The personal services budget increases by 1.63%, materials and supplies are decreasing by 0.99%, contractual services decrease by 0.07%, and capital outlay decreases by 14.31%.
- A reduction in full time employees of 3.65 bringing total employment to 318.64 full time employees.
- \$2,850,000 for the construction of NE Roanoke Drive from Adams Dairy Parkway east to NE Porter Road.
- Anticipated closure of the Recycling Center located in Pink Hill Park by October 1, 2017, due to rising costs of operations.
- Implementation of the first year of the 5-Year Deferred Maintenance Parks Sales Tax.
- 22.3% of all City funding supports public safety efforts.

The first reading and Public Hearing of the City's Budget will be during the City Council Meeting on Wednesday, September 6 and the second reading and adoption is scheduled for the City Council Meeting on September 18. Prior City Budgets can be reviewed on the City's website at [www.bluespringsgov.com](http://www.bluespringsgov.com) either in PDF format or on the City's OpenGov platform.

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