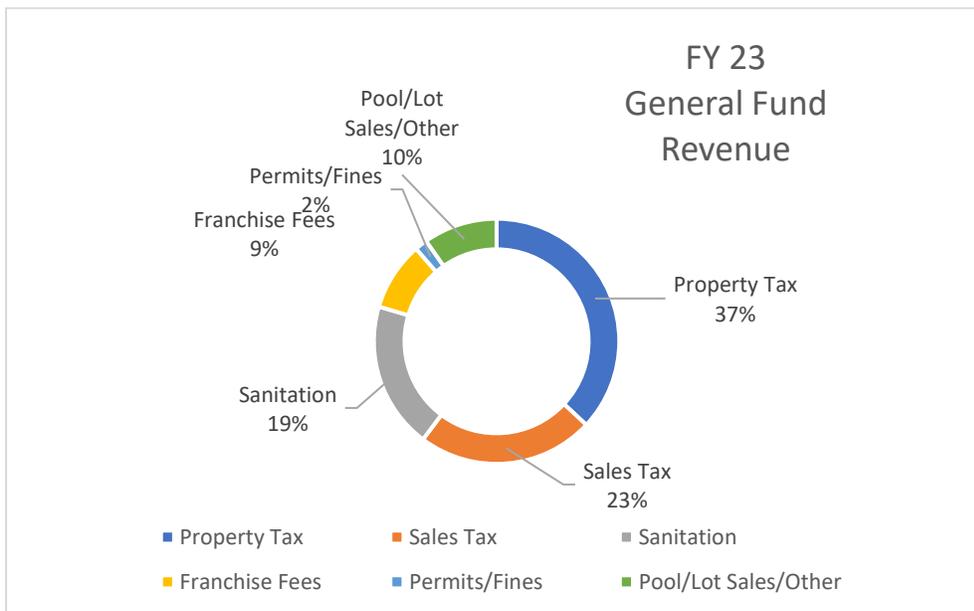


Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Executive Summary

The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget is based on 0.413/\$100 valuation. The proposed property tax rate is greater than the no-new-revenue tax rate. This means that the City of Dalhart is proposing to increase property taxes for the 2023 tax year.

The proposed tax rate is not greater than the voter-approval tax rate. As a result, the City of Dalhart is not required to hold an election at which voters may accept or reject the proposed tax rate.



The City's structurally balanced FY22/23 budget addresses critical infrastructure needs, staff development, competitive pay for critical positions, and operational efficiencies which will translate into service level enhancements.

This budget provides a conservative fiscal approach to service delivery that addresses critical needs identified in operations, staff development, and infrastructure.

The Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund, operating fund of the City, is \$8.2 million, which is 5.2% higher than Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Sales tax, the second largest revenue source of the General Fund, is budgeted at \$1.5million, an increase of 5.9% from the previous year.

Capital expenditures make up a significant portion of the budget. The budget includes funding for existing and new capital projects and equipment. The City will begin its water tank storage rehabilitation project this year with committing \$230,000 to the first phase. Additional

significant included in the budget are playground equipment at the City's pool and parks (\$100,000), street paving and traffic improvements to Texas Street and First Street (\$30,000), Technology upgrades for the City and the water department (\$46,000).

Salary adjustments are being budgeted at a 2% Cost of Living Adjust (COLA) increase for those that did not receive competitive market rate increases in 2022. The City of Dalhart will continue to study salaries and research incentives to better compensate employees.

Commitment to youth workforce development is outlined in this budget with the introduction of the Fleet Department's pilot program focusing on a high school aged student to introduce diesel and auto mechanics. The City of Dalhart has also budgeted for 12 lifeguards which will allow the City to provide an opportunity for summer recreational activities.

The City has a total of 76 employees: 66 full-time employees and 10 part-time employees.

