

University Heights Financial Review

University Heights Fiscal year 2011-2012 ended with a surplus in the budget of \$211,800. This was a result of achieving our objectives with lower expenses and revenues being on target. The lower expenses were due to reimbursements from Jeff Maxwell and the State of Iowa DOT Melrose sidewalk repair, which were for expenses incurred in 2010-2011 budget period. The city had projected a surplus of \$60,800 for 2011-2012 budget and it did exceed that surplus. Although the late reimbursements inflated the surplus, it was still a very good year.

Our budget for 2012-2013 shows a surplus of \$10,000. If the Sunset Street sidewalk project is delayed into the second half of 2013, that allocation will increase the 2013 surplus.

2012-2013 budget showed increases in property tax revenues as additional Grandview Condo taxable properties were added to University Heights property tax rolls. The 2% rollback increase also helped raise revenues. The City in all probability, will meet the projected budget surplus for 2012-2013 provided there are no unforeseen changes (i.e. street maintenance) this fiscal year.

The 2013-2014 budget will be an important year for the Council to watch. The Local Sales Tax Revenue Option of approximately \$125,000 will be eliminated. We will have to ascertain what the rollback will be for the fiscal year and what the legislature does regarding all forms of property taxes. I believe the rollback calculations will have more of an impact on the University Heights property tax revenues than the actions from the legislature.

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