

## City Budget

### Revenue

General Fund	\$1,215,048
(taxes: property, sales, income, use, etc.)	
Audit	\$16,320
Tort Insurance	\$83,199
IL Municipal Retirement Fund	\$129,045
Social Security	\$85,904
DUI	\$2,510
Motor Fuel Tax	\$186,730
Economic Development	\$125,000
Tax Increment Financing	\$90,400
Water & Sewer	\$964,303
Water & Sewer Bond	\$120,160
Water & Sewer Depreciation	\$14,400
Water & Sewer New \$\$	\$324,895
Garbage	\$200,300
Marina	\$172,500
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,730,714</b>

### Expense

Administration	\$213,211
Police	\$599,340
Streets	\$216,652
Parks	\$128,750
Recreation/Tourism	\$52,002
Audit	\$16,300
Tort Insurance	\$83,199
IMRF	\$128,745
Social Security	\$85,604
DUI	\$2,500
Motor Fuel Tax	\$186,730
Economic Development	\$27,833
Tax Increment Financing	\$80,179
Water & Sewer	\$962,674
Water & Sewer Bond	\$120,160
Water & Sewer Depreciation	\$14,400
Water & Sewer New \$\$	\$324,895
Garbage	\$196,250
Marina	\$169,047
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$3,608,471</b>



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## Quarterly Newsletter

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Monday - Friday

8am to 4pm

City Hall closes at 3pm

on the 20th of the month.

Payments can be made at anytime by using the small drop box on the west side of the building. Automatic withdrawal from your checking or savings account is also available. Stop by City Hall for details.

## From the Mayor's Desk....

### Employment

There's a bit of progress on our need to increase tax base and employment. Vacant lots are receiving attention by builders and homeowners. This activity is ideal because sewer, water, and streets are already in place to serve these lots. New sidewalk, which is required for these projects, will add to the neighborhood, as well.

As you may have heard, Starbuck Machinery International has recently purchased a site in Fulton and Fenix Manufacturing recently held an open house to celebrate its growth and recent product awards. Maloney Equipment has purchased an existing building near Starbuck and Fenix which promises further expansion for this John Deere dealership. Timken-Drives continues to make improvements to its plant. All in all, the manufacturing sector appears strong for employment and sales in Fulton.

### Sales Tax

A new coffee shop, BPI Pool improvements, and expansion plans for Sweet Woodruff are great news for downtown and citizens. As reported previously, sales tax contributes an important portion of City revenue. Beginning last year, sales tax income has been relied on to replace aging infrastructure over the next 20 years. More sales tax means more street improvements for us in the years ahead. We have a choice to help Bettendorf or Fulton with sales tax revenue when purchasing a television or new carpet. We owe it to ourselves and our community to at least do some comparison shopping with our local merchants.

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We appreciate the work of our Chamber and Fulton Retail Development Group as they support increased business activity. Renovations to the former Berg Pharmacy building will benefit us in the years to come. Getting the attention of businesses will continue with some successes and disappointments. The important point is that Fulton is in the running and will land its share of business expansions. Thank all of our Chamber members for helping Fulton grow and give them some of your business. A special thank you to the volunteers working with the Dutch Days Committee for bringing a large crowd to our City.

### Downtown Improvements

As a partial payback to increased sales and investment downtown, the City is looking to improve two short alleys used for shipping and receiving. Replacement of deteriorated sidewalks are under review, as well. An overall plan for downtown is scheduled for completion next year. Look for some major changes in response to the private investment downtown. The term "Streetscape Plan" will be in the news and the subject of public meetings.

### Safety

A new siren is a visible component of an overall effort to prepare for disasters. A cooperative effort with the Fulton Fire Protection District is providing behind the scenes improvements regarding communication equipment, mapping, and testing of plans. Thank you to dedicated volunteers in this effort.

- Mayor Larry Russell

### **New Weather Siren**

The City of Fulton now has a new Severe Weather Siren in place. The siren can be activated through the police department's patrol vehicles or the fire department's dispatch. The siren will be tested on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 AM. The test shall be for the duration of thirty (30) seconds, unless a special request is made for maintenance, checking activation locations or sound testing purposes. Remember, when you hear the siren, immediately begin to monitor commercial radio and television stations for further weather information. The siren will only be activated in the event of a Severe Thunderstorm Warning or a Tornado Warning.

### **Fulton City Council**

Mayor: Larry Russell 2013-2017

First Ward: Gene Field 2013-2017

First Ward: Barb Mask 2013-2015

Second Ward: Dan Nederhoff 2013-2015

Second Ward: Margaret Crosthwaite 2013-2017

Third Ward: Sue Van Kampen 2013-2017

Third Ward: Wes Letcher 2011-2015

Fourth Ward: Howard Van Zuiden 2013-2017

Fourth Ward: Randy Boonstra 2011-2015

City Clerk: Linda Hollis 2013-?

The City Council meets the first and third Monday of each month at 5:30pm. The meetings are open to the public. The Council Chambers are on the east side of City Hall, 415 11th Avenue.

### **New Faces at City Hall**

Barb Mask has been appointed to the Fulton City Council to serve as the First Ward alderperson. Mask replaces Charles Dykstra who was elected as the Fulton Township Supervisor.

Sue Van Kampen was elected as the new Third Ward alderperson to the Fulton City Council.

Melissa Powers has been hired as the new Utility Billing Clerk and will begin her duties on May 28, 2013. The current Utility Billing Clerk, Tammy Garibay, will be promoted to Administrative Assistant, replacing Linda Hollis who plans to retire at the end of the year. Linda Hollis has agreed to serve as the temporary City Clerk until a new person is appointed.

### **Yard Waste**

Burn Barrels are not permissible within the city limits of Fulton. Residents may burn yard waste only on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 6am to 6pm. You may also place your yard waste in a specially designated 30 gallon garbage can marked with an "X" or place Kraft paper lawn bags at your regular trash pick-up site every Tuesday by 6am.

### **Fulton Recycling Report**

On Saturday, April 20, the City of Fulton, Fulton Chamber of Commerce, and Fulton Kiwanis Club coordinated a recycling event for the residents of Fulton. The following items were collected:

- 400 tires
- 1200 pounds of paper
- 2 Tons of White Goods (appliances)
- 20 pounds of medicine
- 5 dump truck loads of electronic waste
- Lead Acid Batteries
- A truck bed full of newspapers

### **Fulton Events: May 15 - August 15, 2013**

May 17 Chamber Cosmic Bowling Fundraiser

May 28 Book Discussion @ Fulton Library

May 30 Program @ Windmill Cultural Center

June 2 Blessing of the Bikes @ Downtown

June 13 Summer Night Event @ Windmill Area

June 15 Blue Grass Festival @ Heritage Canyon

June 25 Book Discussion @ Fulton Library

June 26 Program @ Windmill Cultural Center

June 27 Chamber Annual Dinner @ Triple Play

June 27 Kiwanis Club Chicago Cubs Trip

July 9 Program @ Windmill Cultural Center

July 11 Summer Night Event @ Windmill Area

July 23 Book Discussion @ Fulton Library

Aug. 8 Summer Night Event @ Windmill Area

Aug. 9 & 10 Lincoln Highway Yard Sales

*(sign up for sales at Chamber Office July 22-24)*

**For more details: visit [www.cityoffulton.us](http://www.cityoffulton.us)**

### **Capital Improvement Program Update**

The following streets will be overlaid this summer:

- 1st Avenue east of 12th Street
- Rose Lane
- Sharon Lane
- 11th Avenue
- 4th Street south of 14th Avenue
- 11th Street south of 16th Avenue
- 16th Avenue from 11th Street west to 9th Street and north to 13th Avenue
- 11th Street from 4th Avenue to 6th Avenue

The bike trail, excluding the dike portion, will be resealed this summer.

Wells 4 & 5 have both passed their coliform testing. The city expects them to be online with the new filter plant sometime in June. Thank you to the residents in the 16th Avenue area for their patience during construction of the new facility. An open house will be planned later this year. Also, thank you to Timken-Drives for use of their property for staging the equipment during construction.