



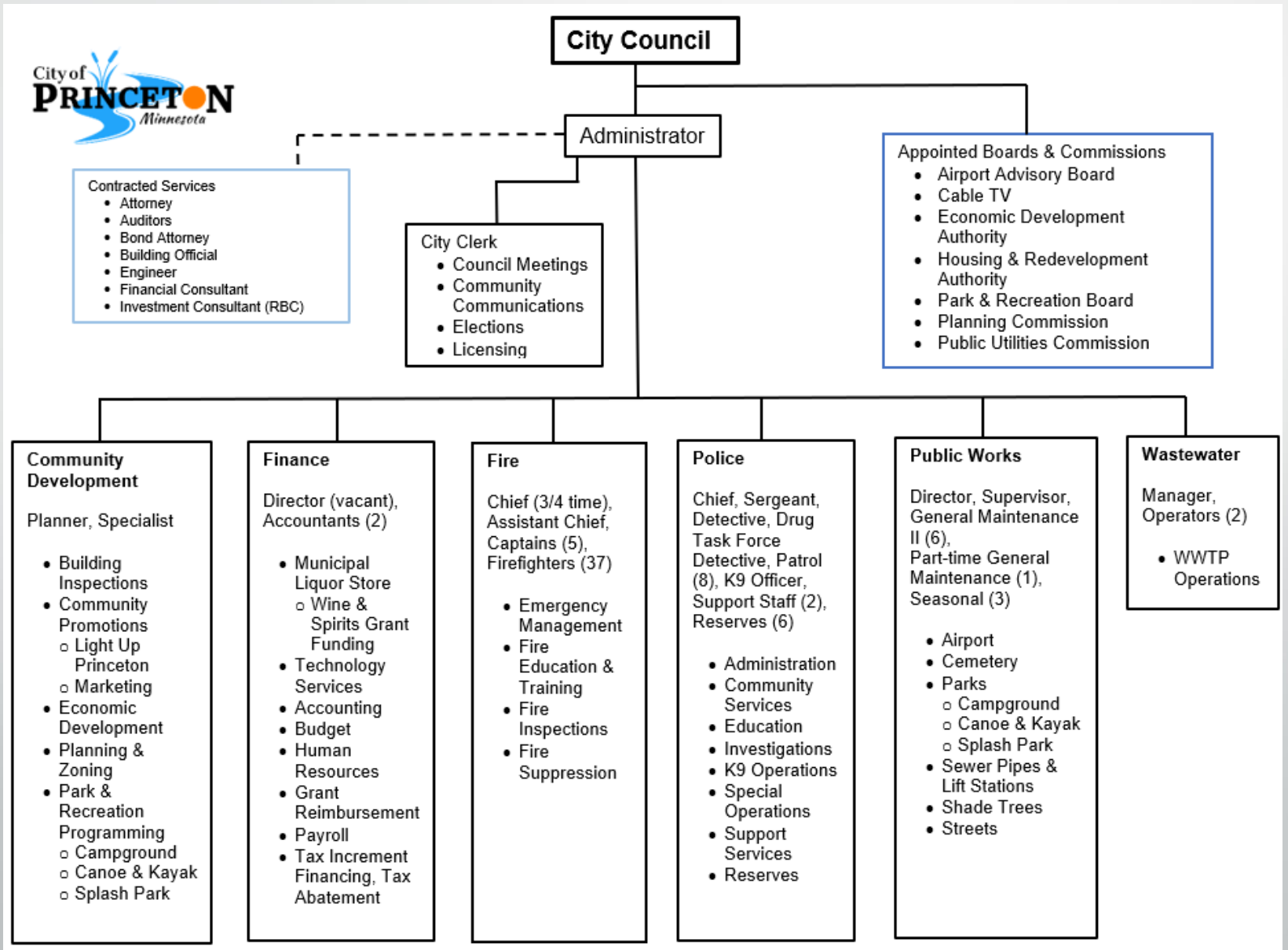
State of the City

May 9, 2023

City Fun Facts

- 1847 First explorers arrived
 - Logging was the first industry
- 1849 First house was built
- 1855 Village of Princeton (in honor of John S Prince, sawmill owner) was laid out and platted
 - Plat was originally recorded in Benton County
- 1860 Mille Lacs County was organized and Princeton was the County Seat
 - County Seat moved to Milaca in 1920
- Historic industries include timber, potatoes and bricks
- Building housing the Public Utilities Commission was a hotel and brothel

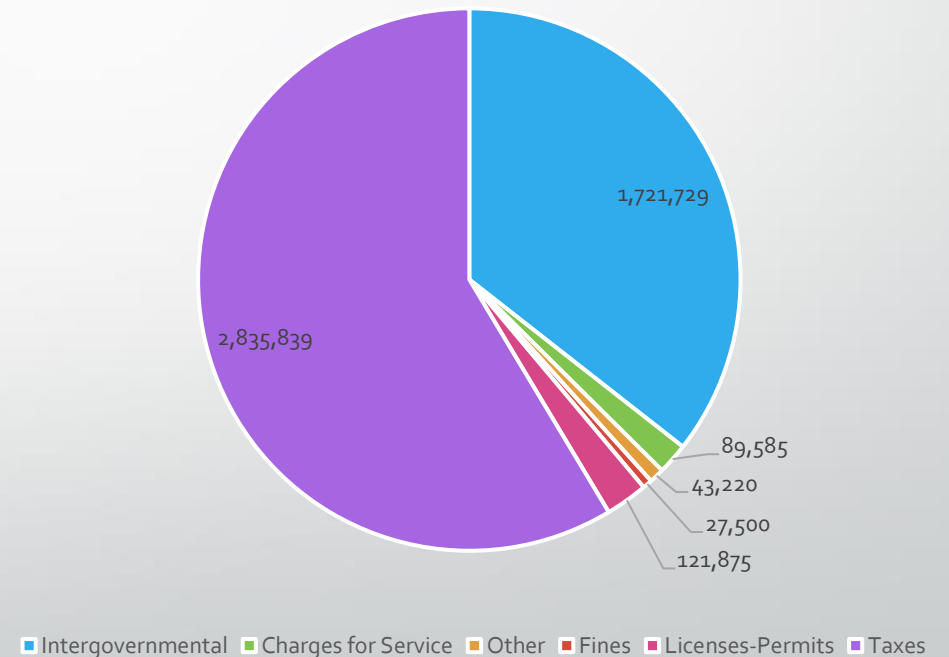
Organizational Chart



City Budget - Revenues

- 58.6% are taxes; property, lodging, cable franchise fee
 - 97% of the tax portion is property taxes
- 35.6% are intergovernmental revenues; township fire contract, school resource officer, LGA (\$1,065,329)

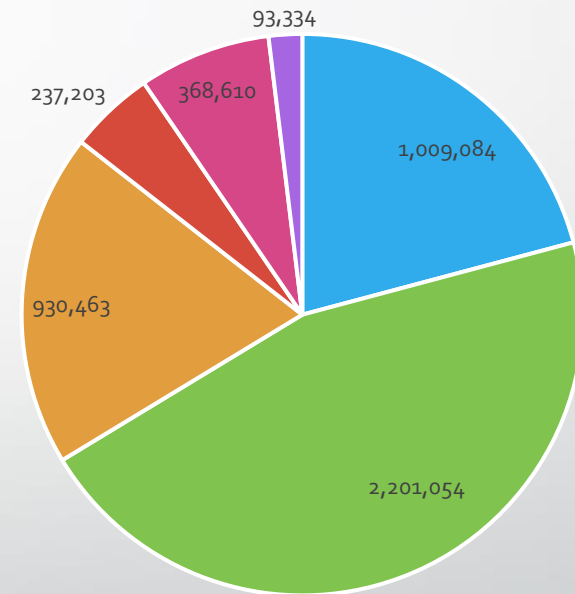
2023 Revenues by Type, General & Special Funds



City Budget - Expenditures

- Public Safety absorbs 45.5% of the budget
- General Government 20.8%
- Public Works 19.2%

2023 Expenses by Division, General & Special Funds

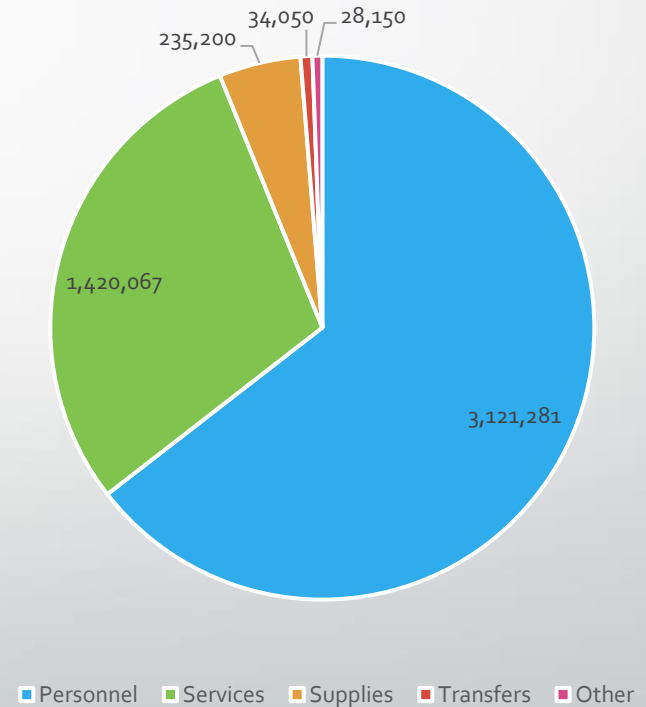


■ General Gov't ■ Public Safety ■ Public Works ■ Park & Rec ■ Other ■ Sp Revenue

City Budget - Expenditures

- Personnel costs total 64.5% of the budget
 - Wages
 - Insurance; health and worker's compensation premiums
- Purchase of services 29.3% of the budget

2023 Expenditures by Type, General & Special Funds



Recent Events

- Estimated Population in 2022 reached 5100 persons
 - City now eligible for MN State Aid Street funding for maintenance and construction
- Hired a Community Development Planner
- Hired a second Accountant
- Hired a General Maintenance II employee in Public Works (addition)
- Fire Chief hours increased to $\frac{3}{4}$ time
- Completed a Pavement Management Study, identified future infrastructure projects
- Updated the City's financial software, online timecards
- Sold City-owned Land
 - Sylva
 - Charlie-Bravo, old hangar lots along the east side of 21st Avenue
- Completed several annexations of parcels that met the 60-40 rule in statute
- Acquired an electrically assisted 4-person Surrey bike that will be available for rent

Building the Tax Base (Development)

- Permits Strong
 - 2020: 186
 - 2021: 206
 - 2022: 675 (predominantly re-roof and re-siding permits due to storm damage)
- Residential
 - New apartments, twin homes
- Commercial/Industrial
 - Erdman Expansion
- Conversations with residential, commercial and industrial developers
- Annexations

2023 Projects

- Installation of 2,000 feet of road, sewer and water in the Princeton Business Park; construction to start mid-June
- Closings for two of the parcels in the Princeton Business Park scheduled for May and August; third interested party
- Residential twinhome development west of 14th Avenue south of 1st Street
- Third and fourth phases of Rum River Residential Suites (apartments on 1st Street)
- Completion of removal of the cross-wind runway from the Airport Zoning Ordinance and the City's Land Use and Zoning Maps
- Completion and implementation of a Classification and Compensation Study for City employees

More 2023 Projects

- Continue to find cost-saving measures for the City budget, primarily through technology
- Completion of an update and modernization of the City's Personnel Manual
- New contract negotiations with LELS and AFSCME bargaining units
- Construction of four (4) pickle ball courts at Civic Center Park
- Completion of a long-range Park Improvement Plan/Budget
- Airport improvements: replacement of the beacon, study to relocate the AWOS (Automated Weather Observation Station)
- Potential sale of excess property – residential, industrial, commercial (parking lots behind the old K-Bob restaurant and across from the District Offices)
- Completion of a land swap along West Branch Street

What the Future has in Store

- New residential development
- County Road 4/7th Avenue North reconstruction including sewer and water
 - Cooperative 2024 project with Mille Lacs County
- Ongoing conversations with Mille Lacs County Engineering regarding City transportation needs
- Additional annexations where opportunities arise either allowed by statute or by owner request
- Focus on strategic and systematic infrastructure improvements
- Impacts from 2023 legislative session; PTSD duty disability changes, earned sick and safe time, local government aid changes, two additional holidays

Questions

