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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Honorable Members of Common Council - City of Evansville

From: Robert Gunter CPA, Controller

Date: March 14, 2025

Subject: February 2025 (Two Months) Flash Financial Report

## **Dear Council Members:**

The following is my Flash Financial Report for February 28, 2025. This covers the first two months of Calendar 2025 subject to any changes after the month-end accounting closes. The first chart lists cash and investment balances for selected funds on February 28, 2025 and February 29, 2024.

City of Evan	sville - Cash and Investment B	alaı	nces – Selecte	d F	unds			
2/28/2025	Cash + Investment Balances	Cash + Inv. Balance Current Year		Cash + Inv. Balance Prior Year		Dollar Change Current Year vs. Prior Year		Percent Change Current vs. Prior Year 2025 vs
FUND NO.	FUND	2/28/2025		2/29/2024		2/28/2025		2023 vs 2024
1101	General Fund	\$	31,844,730	\$	32,118,426	\$	(273,697)	-0.9%
1176	American Rescue Plan Fund		20,892,770		35,211,877	('	14,319,107)	-40.7%
2201	Motor Vehicle Highway Fund		2,159,339		1,950,460		208,878	10.7%
2202	Local Roads & Streets Fund		6,877,366		8,907,960		(2,030,593)	-22.8%
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4446	Downtown Master TIF		3,574,703		459,043		3,115,660	678.7%
6101	Water Utility Operating Fund		28,317,808		19,111,313		9,206,495	48.2%
6201	Sewer Utility Operating Fund		58,406,042		39,620,153	-	18,785,889	47.4%
7704	Hospitalization Insurance Fund		869,597		(1,968,077)		2,837,674	N/A
8801	Fire Pension Fund		3,653,843		3,570,968		82,874	2.3%
8802	Police Pension Fund		4,227,334		4,134,660		92,674	2.2%
	TOTAL SELECTED FUNDS	\$	213,132,731	\$	185,092,113	\$ 2	28,040,618	15.1%

The overall cash and investments for these selected accounts increased over \$28 million or 15.1% compared to February 2024. The largest variances were with the Sewer Utility Operating Fund which was up \$18.8 million or 47.4% and the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) with an \$14.3 million/40.7% decrease. The City is required to have the ARPA funds spent by December 31, 2026. So, to meet grant requirements, over the next 22 months, we should see further decreases in the fund. Reflected below are the selected funds without the Water Utility Operating, Sewer Utility Operating, and the ARPA Funds. Net of those three funds, the cash and investments for the selected funds increased \$14.4 million or 15.8% over February 2024.

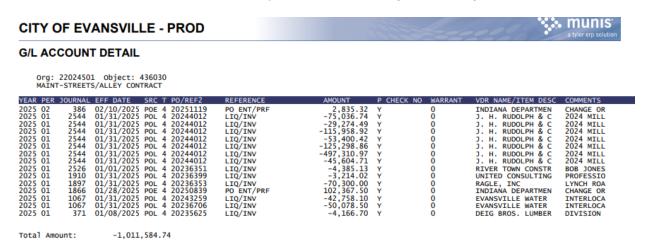
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The General Fund's cash/investments decreased \$273,697 or 0.9% from the prior. A large part of the decrease can be contributed to the funding of the health insurance account where contributions increased \$290,469 over 2024. Another item that contributed to the decrease was interest income. 2025 saw a decrease of \$84,883 compared to 2024 but still \$86,930 higher than 2023. Finally, decreases can be related to the cost-of-living increases per the new union contracts. As in prior years, until the General Fund receives its May and December property tax distribution, the fund will see decreases in cash and investments.

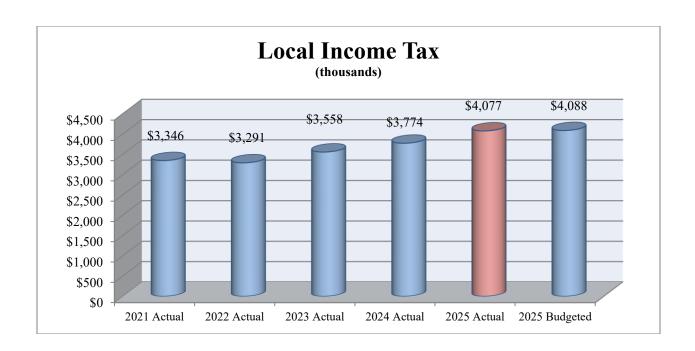
The General Fund's \$37.9 million in cash and investments as of February 28, 2025, equates to 2.82 months of operating funds when compared to the 2025 operating budget of \$135.7 million. Our goal is to maintain reserves of at least 3 months' operating expenditures. The Casino Fund continues to see monthly increases. Compared to February 2024, the cash and investments have increased nearly \$6 million or 24.9%.

Another positive improvement was seen in the Health Insurance Fund with a \$2.8 million increase compared to the prior year. We continue to be current on all our outstanding invoices to KBA and Central States insurance for teamsters. Health care expenses increased \$363,837 or 17.2%; however, employer contributions increased nearly \$1.1 million or 26.6%. To start the year, we set the contribution rate for non-bargaining at \$1,227 per pay period and set the allocation for the police and fire departments at \$1,775/pay. We will use the difference between the two to fund the fire/police retiree's net \$7.2 million of estimated health insurance costs. Due to the large cash balance, we have decreased the non-bargaining rate to \$1,050/pay and the fire/police to \$1,600/pay. We will continue to monitor the cash balance and adjust the allocations as needed.

The only other selected fund with a decrease was the Local Roads and Street Fund. As noted below, most of the cash was used to pay for the 2024 milling and paving.



The chart below reflects the local income taxes (LIT) received through February over the past five years, plus it includes what was budgeted for 2025. LIT revenue makes up approximately 20% of the 2025 General Fund revenue. Local income tax payments were up approximately \$152,000 or 8% over 2024. If the City receives the same supplemental payment in 2025 as in 2024, the estimated payments for LIT taxes in 2025 could exceed \$26.80 million and the 2025 budget of \$26.57 million.



EWSU's management team has implemented some improvements whereas fewer projects are completed by outside contractors and more work is done in-house by EWSU's employees. Just comparing the first two months of the year, contractual services (excluding IT) are down \$110,216 or 28.3% when compared to the previous year.

This information is a preliminary snapshot as of today and subject to final month-end closing. Contact me if you have any questions or if there is an area that you would like to know more details.