



City of Antigo

Committee of the Whole Meeting

**Council Chambers
City Hall, 700 Edison Street**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2026
6:30 PM**

Committee of the Whole meeting will immediately follow the Common Council meeting but NOT earlier than 6:30PM

Call to Order

Discussion and Action May Occur on Any of the Following Agenda Items

1. 2027 Contributions for:
 - a. William's House of Hope
 - b. Children's Hospital - Family Resource Center
 - c. Langlade County Humane Society
 - d. AVAIL
 - e. Boys & Girls Club of the Northwoods
 - f. Senior Center of Langlade County
2. Discussion on 2027 Budget

Any Other Matters Authorized by Law to be Considered

Adjournment

Upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information, contact Clerk-Treasurer's office, 700 Edison Street, Antigo, Wisconsin 54409. (715) 623-3633 extension 100. Members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies may be in attendance to gather information. Any governmental body other than that specifically referred to above will take no action.

Date Mailed: September 4, 2026

Thomas C. Bauknecht



Administration
City of Antigo
700 Edison St.
Antigo, WI 54409

Date: September 9, 2026
To: Committee of the Whole
From: Michael Wetzel, City Administrator
Subject: 2027 Contributions for:

In 2025, City Council approved the 2026 Operating Budget for the City with \$71,500 budgeted for donation to nonprofit organizations. This year, the various nonprofit organizations requested donations totaling \$111,500, an increase of \$40,000. Staff recommendation is broken out below, but the staff recommendation is a reduction of \$13,000 for a total of \$58,500.

	2026 Actual	2027 Request	2027 Recommendation
William's House of Hope	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -
Children's Hospital - Family Resource Center	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -
Langlade County Humane Society	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
AVAIL	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Boys & Girls Club of the Northwoods	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000
Senior Center of Langlade County	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000
	\$ 71,500	\$ 111,500	\$ 58,500

I would like to be unequivocal in stating that City staff do not view any of these organizations as “unworthy” causes, nor do we want to insinuate that some might be “better” than others. The City of Antigo has an obligation to provide services to its taxpayers, and the opinion of staff is that any donations should directly further the goals and services provided by the City. As I discussed at the July Committee of the Whole meeting, Wisconsin’s municipal levy limits mean that as costs and wages rise with inflation, the amount of money the City can levy in property taxes remains fixed and does not rise for anything other than net new construction. This means that increasing expenditures in one area requires some amount of expense decreases in other areas. While the City does have other revenue sources, the property tax levy is the backbone of any municipality’s operating budget, and increases in other funding sources have proven over the years to do little more than slow the bleeding, much less allow for broad increases in expenses.

City staff recommend reducing expenses here to prioritize service delivery in other areas, rather than reducing expenses for direct city services to maintain charitable donations.

Fiscal Impact: \$58,500 in the 2027 Municipal Budget.

Recommendation: Approve the recommended amounts for the 2027 Municipal Budget.

Attachments:

None



Clerk-Treasurer
City of Antigo
700 Edison St.
Antigo, WI 54409

Date: September 9, 2026
To: Committee of the Whole
From: Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director
Subject: Discussion on 2027 Budget

The budget booklet that is usually distributed and discussed at this meeting is not yet complete. With the change in personnel and other workload, the numbers have not been compiled enough to put into booklet form. My hope is to have at least a preliminary look as to where the 2027 budget is at meeting time with the idea there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, September 30th to review the entire budget.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommendation: No Action Needed

Attachments:

None