

# 1993 - 1994 WICHITA BUDGET IN BRIEF . . .

- The total adopted 1993 Budget (all funds) is \$214,968,020, compared to the 1992 Budget of \$211,013,216 - an overall 1.9% increase. The projected 1994 Budget is 217,133,860.
- General Fund expenditures total \$111,566,520 in 1993, compared to \$107,024,760 in the 1992 current budget - an overall 4.2% increase. The approved 1994 General Fund budget is \$114,939,730.
- The 1993 Budget maintains the current (1992 Budget) tax levy of 29.6 mills. A General Fund mill levy increase of 2.5 mills is offset by a 2.5 mill reduction in the General Debt & Interest Fund.
- The 1993/94 Budget includes a \$2.6 million Public Safety Enhancement Program. With the (previously unbudgeted) expenses for Police personnel added in 1992 (\$1.4 million in 1992 and 1993), the two-year expenses for increased public safety services is approximately \$4 million.
- Through a combination of new Police Officers and civilianization to free trained officers for field reassignment, the Public Safety Enhancement package will add 28 officers for patrol and other direct public services.
- The Public Safety Enhancement Program includes funding and staffing for two new Neighborhood Police Centers (one north and one south) to increase Police presence in neighborhoods, and five (5) Emergency Communications dispatchers to provide improved emergency call- answering services to the public.
- Library book acquisitions were increased by \$100,000 (20%).
- To promote conservation, water rates are based on a new plan which includes monthly billing and a tiered rate structure based on consumption.
- Many City departmental budgets were reduced through mid-management staff reductions, and curtailment of some public services.
- The Local Sales Tax is budgeted at \$28.7 million, of which \$14.4 million will be used to reduce property taxes by the equivalent of 10.2 mills.