



TOWN OF WHITE SPRINGS
"On the Banks of the Suwannee River"

AGENDA
WHITE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCIL
WHITE SPRINGS TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 – 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order, Invocation, and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor
2. Roll Call – Mayor
3. Additions, Deletions, and/ or amendments to the AGENDA – Mayor
4. Comprehensive Financial Report – LaDonna Garvin Accounting
5. Citizens from the Floor: (5 min. limit)
6. Consider appointment of Council Member to fill vacancy (Tentative)
7. Consider request to rent old Town Hall Building (Tentative)
8. Set Budget Workshops – September 15th and September 19th at 6:30 PM
9. REPORTS:
 - A. Town Manager
 - B. Public Works Director
 - C. Town Attorney
10. REPORTS
 - A. Councilmembers
 - B. Vice Mayor
 - C. Mayor
11. Adjourn

September 3, 2026

MEMO TO: Mayor and Council

SUBJECT: Proposed 2026-2027 Town Budget – General and Enterprise

1. FY 26-27 BUDGET includes a 5% pay raise for the five (5) employees of the Town. I forgave my raise again this year in the amount of \$6468 in order to give the other employees a decent raise as result of all the challenging work and hours they put into the town. The total of the raise for the employees is \$10,557, but was offset by the amount of my raise, which results in a total of \$4089 cost to the town or 61% cost savings.
2. We will based, on information received via FRWA, increase water and sewer rates by 5% for the 26-27 FY. They are doing a rate study for the town, but due to the volume of studies they are doing, the final figures are not ready at this time, but should be in 6-8 weeks, but preliminary research has suggested a 5% increase to keep up with increased cost.
3. The current GF budget is balanced and as tight as I could make is using \$24,367 from reserve accounts to make it balance. The overall budget is \$330,155 lower than the budget that was approved for last FY as we had so many things that had to be paid and caught up from the Auditor General Inspection and JLAC study. It used up all of the ARPA funds we had but still leaves us with an estimated \$262,719 in unrestricted cash going forward. Just hope nothing tragic occurs or we will have to obtain a line of credit from a bank or some institution. As far as I know the only outstanding unknown is how much we owe in back retirement pay and our accounting group are working on that, and we will address it when we know.
4. The Enterprise Fund is balanced using \$41,467 from reserve funds expected to be approximately \$150,000 which is not restricted, after a 5% across the board water and sewer rate increase. The proposed budget is \$31,467 above last year with a total of \$656,000 income and \$687,467 expenses.
5. All of this is based on current property tax rates staying the same. If we get hit with Amendment #3, we are looking at up to \$35,000 reduction in property taxes from the GF which would cut into the projected unrestricted reserves of \$262,719 in the budget.

6. There are no additional funds in either the budget for new equipment purchases or projects. We will try to get every grant available, but things will be tight. Just pray for a good year, no emergencies of storms and maybe we can get through 26-27 like we have this year.

City Manager White Springs

From: Mixon, Robert <Robert.Mixon@duke-energy.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2026 8:12 AM
Subject: A Message from Scott Mixon, Duke Energy Florida Government & Community Relations Manager

A MESSAGE FROM

SCOTT MIXON, DUKE ENERGY FLORIDA
GOVERNMENT & COMMUNITY RELATIONS MANAGER

North Florida Region



Good afternoon,

Every year, Duke Energy Florida adjusts several components of **customer rates** to set the total bill for the year ahead. Among other charges, it includes the price of fuel used to generate power, continued expansion of cost-effective renewable energy and ongoing infrastructure improvements that help reduce outages and allow for faster restoration after storms.

Some costs, like fuel, are decreasing while others, such as investments to strengthen the grid, are increasing slightly. Even so, I'm pleased to share the following:

- **Typical residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of energy per month should see a \$0.71 decrease on their bills from December 2026 to January 2027.**
- **Commercial and industrial customers' bill reductions will range between 0.8% and 3.6% from December 2026 to January 2027, though the impact will vary depending on several factors.**

The rate decreases above are contingent on approval by the Florida Public Service Commission.

Part of the reason for this reduction is that we implemented an innovative tax strategy to accelerate the delivery of \$50 million in customer savings next year, **avoiding a scheduled increase in the base rate** – another component of the total bill. In fact, ***we're always looking for creative ways to keep costs as low as possible*** for our customers, such as developing more solar energy sites, which do not rely on fuel, and completing efficiency upgrades at our natural gas plants to enable them to produce more power with the same amount of fuel.

Still, we know many of our customers are watching every dollar right now and feeling the pressure of rising costs in most areas of daily life. If you're looking to take control of your energy use or manage your payments, I encourage you to consider the many programs we offer, from free home or business energy assessments to flexible payment plans.

Residential customers can visit duke-energy.com/SummerSolutions or duke-energy.com/HereToHelp and business customers can go to duke-energy.com/Business/Products to learn more.

While **we're glad to start 2027 with a rate decrease**, we'll remain committed to making smart, disciplined investments that keep our costs in check and allow us to continue providing the reliable service you depend on every day.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and for the trust you place in us.

Sincerely,

<i>Robert Scott Nixon</i> Community and Government Relations Manager-North Florida 420 Quail Trail Monticello, Florida 32344 Robert.Mixon@Duke-Energy.com (850) 371-1005	
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Town of White Springs Enterprise Fund

Bill Payment List

August 2026

Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
1050 ENTERPRISE CHECKING			
08/05/2026	15376	Florida Fill and Grading	-5,800.00
08/17/2026	15377	Wex Bank	-1,794.20
08/17/2026	15378	Town of White Springs	-270.98
08/17/2026	15379	Downtown Park Act 1-15	-265.72
08/17/2026	15380	Turner Park Acct 2-800	-90.52
08/17/2026	15381	Ballfield	-90.52
08/17/2026	15382	Eurofin Environment Testing Southeast L	-230.00
08/17/2026	15383	Waste Pro- Lake City	-9,789.30
08/17/2026	15384	Duke Energy	-1,404.75
08/17/2026	15385	Suwannee Hardware & Feed	-9.22
08/18/2026	15386	Utility Solutions, Inc	-2,500.00
Total for 1050 ENTERPRISE CHECKING			-\$22,245.21

Town of White Springs Florida

Bill Payment List

August 2026

Date	Num	Vendor	Amount
1050 GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT			
08/05/2026	25148	Marcotek	-145.12
08/05/2026	25149	LEAF	-59.21
08/05/2026	25150	Whitfields The Brown Bothers Production Group	-296.50
08/05/2026	25151	Suwannee Hardware & Feed	-254.22
08/06/2026	25152	Security Safe Company	-59.39
08/06/2026	25153	State of Florida Division of Emergency Management	-822.10
08/06/2026	25154	Fueled Outdoors LLC	-569.01
08/06/2026	25156	Leslie Jean-Bart	-5,000.00
08/07/2026	25160	Jamille Bullock.	-275.00
08/07/2026	25161	Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services LL	-646.99
08/07/2026	25162	ODP Business Solutions LLC	-298.99
08/07/2026	25163	Elmon Garner	-166.00
08/07/2026	25164	Tonja Brown.	-166.00
08/07/2026	25165	Fueled Outdoors LLC	-123.23
08/07/2026	25166	Nicole Williams	-266.00
08/07/2026	25167	Willie C Udell	-166.00
08/17/2026	25169	Duke Energy	-3.23
08/17/2026	25170	Matthews Electric	-307.88
08/17/2026	25171	Suwannee Valley Electric (3757700)	-43.38
08/17/2026	25172	Lube Specialists	-75.97
08/17/2026	25173	Fueled Outdoors LLC	-393.51
08/17/2026	25174	Laura Yvella Udell	-300.00
08/17/2026	25175	Duke Energy	-1,221.98
08/17/2026	25176	CPH	-14,250.00
08/18/2026	25177	CPH	-20,120.00
08/18/2026	25178	Old Oaks Cybernetics LLC	-830.00
08/25/2026	25179	Uniti Solutions	-335.43
08/25/2026	25180	LEAF	-194.03
08/25/2026	25181	CPH	-12,570.00
08/25/2026	25182	Lube Specialists	-75.97
08/25/2026	25183	Suwannee Graphics	-168.80
08/28/2026	25184	Information Management Services	-44.90
08/28/2026	25185	ODP Business Solutions LLC	-417.13
08/28/2026	25186	Whitfields The Brown Bothers Production Group	-206.50
08/28/2026	25188	Porta Serve	-155.25
Total for 1050 GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT			-\$61,027.72