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## Cadiz OKs \$6.3 million budget for new year

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Cadiz City Council has approved a budget for its new fiscal year with total revenues of \$6.3 million, including \$4.1 million in its general fund.

Council members approved the city's 2025-2026 fiscal year budget on second reading during a special-called meeting that took place on June 18 at Cadiz City Hall.

In addition to the \$4.1 million in the general fund, the new city budget also includes \$2.1 million in the water fund, \$70,035 in municipal aid and \$6,510 in other funds.

In other business during the meeting, the council also approved on second reading a cemetery interment fee for East



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**City Council Members Susie Hendricks (left) and Bob Noel (right), along with City Clerk Susan Hyde (center) watch as Jack Lingenfelter II is sworn in by Cadiz Mayor Todd King. Lingenfelter is the city's new administrative officer.**

End Cemetery.

Officials said the \$300 fee will help offset some of the expenses for the cemetery.

The fee will be charged any-

time the soil is disturbed at the cemetery, and Cadiz Mayor Todd King clarified the circumstances of the fee.

He said it applies only when

the ground is disturbed during a cremation or a burial.

"It does not include a VA (Veterans Affairs) marker or a monument or anything like that," the mayor noted of the new cemetery fee.

Last week's meeting also saw the appointment and the swearing-in ceremony for Jack Lingenfelter II, who is succeeding Susan Hyde as the new city administrative officer.

Hyde is resuming her previous role as the assistant city clerk for the city of Cadiz.

Shannon Booth, who has been filling a dual role as On Main director and assistant city clerk, will now serve full time as On Main director.

The council approved Lingenfelter's appointment, and King

swore him in.

"I am thrilled to death to have him," the mayor noted as he administered the oath of office.

Lingenfelter's first day on the job was Monday.

The council further last week approved on second reading an annual budget amendment for the 2024-2025 fiscal year ending June 30.

Council members approved each of the four measures addressed during the recent meeting on a roll call vote, unanimously approving the budget amendment and new 2025-2026 budget, the interment fee for East End Cemetery and Lingenfelter's appointment with the city.

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## Wallaces receive preservation award for work on their home

Old Victorian was restored from 'the roof down to the cellar,' owner says

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The house has a lot of Cadiz and Trigg County history wrapped up in it, observes owner Todd Wallace of the old Victorian home that he and his wife Melissa Wallace bought five years ago.

The couple spent more than two years renovating their Main Street home, upgrading everything "from the roof down to the cellar," Todd Wallace said, describing their efforts.

They are among nine advocates and projects recently named recipients of the state's 2025 Ida Lee Willis Historic Preservation Awards.

The awards were presented on May 28 by the Ida Lee Willis Memorial Foundation in partnership with the Kentucky Heritage Council.

The foundation is named for the late Ida Lee Willis, the wife of a former Kentucky governor who was the first executive director of the Kentucky Heritage Commission now known as the Kentucky Heritage Council.

Ceremonies took place at the Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort, and the Wallaces were recognized for their



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**Melissa and Todd Wallace pose by a staircase in their renovated home on Main Street in Cadiz.**

stewardship in helping their home reclaim its place as a cornerstone of the city's historic Main Street district, heritage council officials noted in a press release.

The couple received one of five Preservation Project Awards that were given by the council and the memorial foundation.

Melissa Wallace notes that the renovation was a "passion project" for her and her husband.

"I said it was all of his

blood, sweat and my tears that went into working on this house," she quipped of their efforts to restore the house.

Built in 1890, the Wallaces' home includes three stories, in addition to a cellar/basement.

It features a staircase built by a German immigrant who Todd Wallace said also did wood carving in quite a few of the Main Street homes.

The couple's Queen

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## Trigg County boasts economic impact of \$31.2 million in 2024

BY CADIZ RECORD STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director Beth Sumner of the Cadiz-Trigg County Tourist and Convention Commission says she is excited to see numbers that indicate significant gains for Trigg County's tourism industry in 2024.

"These numbers reflect the spirit and strength of Trigg County," the tourism director noted in a press release from the commission. "We're thrilled to see continued

growth and excited for what's ahead.

"Our natural resources, welcoming community and unique attractions like Lake Barkley and Land Between the Lakes draw visitors year-round," she continued of the local community's offerings.

Sumner said a new report from the Kentucky Department of Tourism reveals that Trigg County contributed \$31.2 million in total economic impact in 2024, with

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## Library focusing on summer reading for youth, adults, families

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The John L. Street Library is offering an opportunity for reading and much more during its "Color Our World" Summer Reading Program.

"Our main goal with summer reading is getting people reading," observes Children's Librarian Katie Moore of an effort that she says is not just for children, but also includes activities for adults, teenagers and for tweens, those youngsters who are not quite teenagers yet.

This year's theme is "Color

Our World."

The program kicked off earlier this month with a family coloring night and continues with a Palette of Treats snack tasting event for families at 6 p.m. Friday in the basement of the library.

Participants will get to sample a variety of different snack foods, according to the librarian.

Other family events include a puzzle tournament from 10 a.m. to noon July 19, also in the library basement, with

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