



CITY OF WATERTOWN BUDGET 2023

The goal for the 2023 budget is that we collectively work to sustain our City's mission by achieving the goals outlined below. These goals will inform budget prioritization and 2023 Department Work Plans.

MISSION

To provide for, protect, and serve the citizens and businesses of Watertown in an efficient, strategic and measured manner, while creating a community culture where close knit connections are key, that is rich in small town values balanced with modern conveniences, that is poised for development, and is an idyllic community that leverages location and outdoor opportunity.

GOALS

Present a budget that:

1. Prioritizes innovative, efficient, technological, and strategic services and operations that are responsive to the current state, and cognizant of the future state, of city operations
2. Prioritizes strategic visioning and quality improvement in our processes to provide residents an evident and appropriate return on their investment in city operations
3. Protects and evolves our assets and infrastructure
4. Maintains a safe, healthy and accessible community, fosters community partnerships, and expands community education and services pertaining to safety, health and services for underserved populations
5. Supports efforts toward improving attraction, retention, and professional growth of city employees

KEY TIMELINE DATES

August 2	Review budget approach with LT; deliver budget sheets to department heads
August	Department budget discussions: Mayor, Finance Director, Department Heads
September 9	Budget requests are due to Finance Director
October 4	Initial FY23 budget presentation to Finance Committee
Oct 5-7	Finance Committee submits questions to Dept Heads
Oct 10-19	Department presentations to Finance Committee
November 1	Budget is published in newspaper
November 15	Budget public hearing
November 29	Council adopts final budget