Watertown 2023 Budget and Tax Calculation Timeline

August 2	Leadership Team meeting to review budget process/expectations, blank budget sheets distributed to Departments
August	Department Budget Discussions: Mayor, Finance Director, Department Head
Mid-August	Dept. of Revenue issues final equalized values, TID values, net new construction and personal property aid estimate
September 6-9	Payroll estimates issued (If any staffing changes are anticipated, obtain revised numbers from Finance Dept)
Early Sept	Levy limit worksheet available online from Dept. of Revenue
September 9	BUDGET REQUESTS DUE TO FINANCE DIRECTOR
September 16	Finance Director provides initial budget to Mayor
mid-Sept	Final CPI release for calculation of Expenditure Restraint amount budget can increase
mid-Sept	Dept. of Revenue issues Shared Revenue payment estimate
Mid to late Sept	New health insurance rates released by ETF
September 19-27	Mayor works on budget
September 29	Send initial budget to Finance & Council
October 1	Dept. of Revenue issues Computer Aid estimate, Video Provider Aid estimate
October 4	Mayor's initial presentation to Finance Committee at special meeting prior to Council meeting
October 5-7	Finance Committee submits individual questions to Dept. Heads (this helps reduce time spent on questions during upcoming Finance meetings)
approx. October 8	Dept. of Revenue issues Transportation Aid estimate
October 10-19	Dept Head presentations to Finance Committee (Possible COW meeting during this time)
Late October	Proposed City portion of tax rate calculated
October 26	Clerk sends budget publication to newspaper for publication on 11/1
November 1	ERP Budget Limit notices issued by Dept. of Revenue, MATC certifies levy
November 10	Date levies must be received from School and Counties
November 15	Budget Public Hearing during Common Council meeting
November 19	Dept. of Revenue releases school levy tax credit, lottery credit and first dollar credit data
November 29	Common Council adopts final budget at special meeting
late Nov/early Dec	Final tax rates that include all taxing jurisdictions & credits are calculated and bills are calculated/mailed