



AGENDA OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE  
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, IA  
TO BE HELD IN THE  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**215 E. WASHINGTON STREET**  
AT 6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, January 31, 2023

*To attend the meeting via Zoom go to:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84413261389?pwd=Sy9VMjg1dHpoYkkwTzFPTy84aUF2dz09>

*Meeting ID: 844 1326 1389*

*Passcode: 6536584*

**Call to Order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll call**

Agenda for the Special Session to be held at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 31, 2023 to be approved as proposed or amended.

**PRESENTATION FROM THE PUBLIC** – Please limit comments to 3 Minutes

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion and Consideration of a Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for February 21, 2023 at 6 p.m. for the Total Maximum Property Tax Dollars Levied for the FY24 Budget

**WORKSHOP**

- FY24 Budget

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

Police Department

City Attorney

City Administrator

**MAYOR & COUNCILPERSONS**

Jaron Rosien, Mayor

Millie Youngquist, Mayor Pro Tem

Bethany Glinsmann

Illa Earnest

Elaine Moore

Fran Stigers

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TOTAL MAXIMUM  
PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS TO BE LEVIED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024  
BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has made changes to city budget procedures in an effort to provide additional transparency to the budget process and property tax levy changes; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Washington has considered the proposed FY24 maximum property tax dollars for affected levies; and,

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to proceed to a public hearing on these proposed levies, as required by the Iowa Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, IOWA:

Section 1. The City Council hereby sets a public hearing for Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6PM on the maximum property tax dollars to be levied for the affected tax levies for the FY24 budget.

Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of said hearing in substantially the manner of the attached notice in the Southeast Iowa Union and on the City website as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2023.

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Millie Youngquist, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Sally Y. Hart, City Clerk

*Jaron P. Rosien, Mayor  
Sally Hart, City Clerk  
Kevin Olson, City Attorney  
Deanna McCusker, City  
Administrator*



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January 26, 2023

To: Mayor & City Council  
Cc: Sally Hart, City Clerk & Kelsey Brown, Finance Director

From: Deanna McCusker  
City Administrator

Re: FY24 Budget Max Levy Hearing

Under the procedures adopted by the Iowa Legislature and signed by the Governor in 2021, we now have to have a “max levy hearing” in addition to our hearing notice prior to the formal adoption of the budget. Theoretically, if the proposed increase in the dollars levied is more than 2%, it takes a 2/3 supermajority of the Council to approve the resolution. However, since we have a 6-member Council, it takes a 2/3 majority to pass any resolution. The proposed increase is 5.27% due to increases in the general fund budget due to inflation and the loss of revenue due to legislation adoption by the state in 2021 that made changes to the property tax system that impacted city revenues.

This resolution would set the max levy hearing for our February 21 regular meeting. The hearing and adoption of the final budget is expected to take place at our March 21 regular meeting.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF WASHINGTON - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

**Meeting Date: Meeting Time: Meeting Location:**

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After adoption of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)  
www.washingtoniowa.gov

City Telephone Number

	<b>Current Year Certified Property Tax 2022 - 2023</b>	<b>Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2023 - 2024</b>	<b>Budget Year Proposed Maximum Property Tax 2023 - 2024</b>	<b>Annual % CHG</b>
Regular Taxable Valuation	255,510,604	259,296,768	259,296,768	
<b>Tax Levies:</b>				
Regular General	2,069,636	2,069,636	2,100,304	
Contract for Use of Bridge				
Opr & Maint Publicly Owned Transit				
Rent, Ins. Maint. Of Non-Owned Civ. Ctr.				
Opr & Maint of City-Owned Civic Center				
Planning a Sanitary Disposal Project				
Liability, Property & Self-Insurance Costs	115,478	115,478	174,434	
Support of Local Emer. Mgmt. Commission				
Emergency	68,988	68,988	70,010	
Police & Fire Retirement				
FICA & IPERS	380,778	380,778	407,095	
Other Employee Benefits	474,446	474,446	521,364	
<b>Total Tax Levy</b>	<b>3,109,326</b>	<b>3,109,326</b>	<b>3,273,207</b>	<b>5.27</b>
<b>Tax Rate</b>	<b>12.16907</b>	<b>11.99138</b>	<b>12.62340</b>	

**Explanation of significant increases in the budget:**

Loss of revenue due to legislation adopted by the state in 2021 that made changes to the property tax system that impacted city revenues: 1) The state is phasing out its reimbursement to the city for property tax reductions resulting from the rollback of commercial and industrial property, and 2) The elimination of the multi-residential property class. Previously, the majority of this class of property was valued as commercial and is being rolled back to a residential valuation. Additionally increases in the general fund budget are due to inflation and additional funds.

**If applicable, the above notice also available online at:**

www.washingtoniowa.gov

\*Total city tax rate will also include voted general fund levy, debt service levy, and capital improvement reserve levy.

\*\*Budget year effective property tax rate is the rate that would be assessed for these levies if the dollars requested is not changed in the coming budget year