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Waukeee City Council Approves FY 2023 Budget

Waukeee, Iowa — Following a public hearing during the Monday, March 21 regular meeting of the Waukeee City Council, the Council approved the City's proposed budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for Fiscal Year 2023.

The budget is a reflection of the Waukeee Mayor and City Council's Vision and Priorities and serves as the major policymaking tool of the organization. **The budget decreases the existing property tax levy of \$13.30 by 20 cents to \$13.10 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation.** The City's portion accounts for approximately 37 percent of Waukeee property owners' consolidated levy rate. The remaining 63 percent goes to the Waukeee Community School District, Dallas County and other agencies.

"The City Council's top goal for the upcoming fiscal year is to provide tax relief to residents," said Waukeee Mayor Courtney Clarke. "We are fortunate to have growth in the community which drives up Waukeee's total valuation. With people continuing to move here and invest in business here, we are able to decrease the tax rate without needing to cut top-notch services or amenities."

The budget for the City of Waukeee is comprised of basic operating expenditures totaling approximately \$21.5 million, business/proprietary expenses of \$43.3 million, debt service expenditures of \$8.3 million, capital improvement expenditures of \$19 million and \$14.6 million in other expenses, **with all totaling \$106.7 million.**

Highlights of the \$19 million Capital Improvement Plan include:

- Warrior Lane Improvements Phase 2A
- NW Douglas Parkway Traffic Signals
- NW Douglas Parkway Extension
- NW Meredith Drive Overlay
- Public Works Site Expansion
- ASR Well and Elevated Water Storage Tank
- Stratford Crossing Park
- Civic Campus Land Purchase

The City of Waukee currently has approximately 140 full-time staff positions. The FY 2023 staffing plan includes the addition of two new full-time Police Officers, one full-time Firefighter, one full-time Fire Inspector, one full-time Water/Wastewater Operator and one full-time Recreation Coordinator. Public safety improvements and efficiency of City services are of high importance to the Waukee Mayor and City Council.

The City Council also approved utility rate adjustments. The water rate will increase by \$1.11 per month, the sewer rate will increase by \$1.36 per month, and the stormwater utility cost will increase by \$0.25 per month. The City is decreasing the monthly solid waste charge by \$1. In total, there will be a 1.4 percent monthly billing increase for the average Waukee household. This minimal increase will help keep up with increased operation and system costs.

Both the budget and the Capital Improvement Plan are reviewed extensively each year by the Waukee City Council in open work sessions.

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The City of Waukee is recognized as the fastest growing (large) city in Iowa and is located in Dallas County—one of the fastest growing counties in the U.S. The current population is 24,089 residents.

Waukee offers a friendly environment featuring quality parks, schools and trails. The City is also dedicated to economic development and expanding business opportunities, including the creation of the mixed-use development, Kettlestone. For more information, visit Waukee.org.