



**RIVERDALE CITY COUNCIL
FY23 BUDGET PUBLIC WORK SESSION MINUTES**

PLACE: Riverdale City Hall, 110 Manor Drive, Riverdale, Iowa

DATE: December 14, 2021 **TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

NOTE: This Public Work Session of the Riverdale City Council was held as a public meeting in the Community Room of Riverdale's City Hall at the appointed time and in accordance with open meeting laws set and defined by the State of Iowa.

1. OPEN PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

Mayor Mike Bawden opened the public information session on the FY23 Budget at 6:09 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present included: Anthony Heddlesten, Kelly Krell, Doug Littrel, Paul DCamp.

Not present: Kevin Adams (the City Administrator advised that Council Member Adams is expected to join the meeting shortly).

3. CITY ADMINISTRATOR/MAYOR

3.1 Presentation of Proposed Budgets for Administration and Public Safety

City Administrator Kent Royster explained the process he will use to present the budget in pieces, reviewing the numbers with the City Council and the public on a department-by-department basis. For tonight's meeting, Mr. Royster plans on presenting the Administrative Department (General Government) and will let Riverdale's Fire Chief, Chris Bernard, present the department's portion of the Fire and Public Safety Budget.

Copies of the budget documents presented at the meeting are included as supplements to these minutes.

The Mayor asked Mr. Royster to provide those in attendance with a copy of the spreadsheet created to show staff wages and the allocation of those wages across each City department.

Major projects for FY23 have yet to be identified and built into the budget. The City Council is expected to reach some consensus at a budget work session in January. That meeting will be open to the public, but there will not be an opportunity for direct questions and input from residents during that session.

Council members asked questions about expense allocations against prior budgets and the Mayor explained the planned review process that will be undertaken with the FY22 budget in order to draft budget resolution(s) for the current year and to then do a complete review and analysis of the FY21 budget to get the information in the City's accounting system to square with the summary reports submitted to the State. The summary reports are correct, but the detail the City needs to operate and manage expenses is not clear.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Syverud asked about what the City's plans are to manage the maintenance costs for everything from mowing lawns to landscaping to snow plowing, etc. DCamp suggested that a variety of scenarios be prepared for Council review and evaluation. Krell reminded her colleagues that there will be another work session for Council in early July to discuss maintenance issues.

The maintenance discussion will be held on January 10 and the next work session for public input will be at 6pm on January 11, 2022.

5. CITY COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Much of the discussion among City Council Members occurred before the public comment period.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 6:52 pm.

FOR THE CITY OF RIVERDALE:

ATTESTED BY:

Mayor Anthony Heddlesten

Kent Royster, City Clerk