

## KELLEY FELCHLE

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**From:** LEANN EVEN  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 1:43 PM  
**To:** KELLEY FELCHLE  
**Subject:** FW: Public Comment- Tonight

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**From:** Bill Kammeyer <bgkmeyer@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 12:47 PM  
**To:** LEANN EVEN <LEANN.EVEN@WATERLOO-IA.ORG>  
**Subject:** Public Comment- Tonight

Please confirm receipt.

I will not be able to attend tonight's public forum on the city budget nor can I use zoom. Please read my comments at tonight's meeting so that council and the public can hear:

Good evening council, I am not able to attend tonight as I'm still being careful with COVID. I am watching on TV, however. I am very concerned with this budget for many reasons but most of all because of the enormous expense being requested by the mayor for a chief of staff. In all my years in Waterloo I have never seen such an absurd budget request. We pay the mayor a great salary, and just gave him a raise. At a time when taxes in Waterloo are again going up and many are suffering due to the pandemic I find it insulting for council to approve such a request. To me this position is saying that the mayor needs help with his job. I appreciate the honesty but putting an additional expense on the taxpayers is not the answer. I ask you to search your hearts tonight and really think before approving this. Approving such a frivolous expense is a slap in the face to every city department that has requested and been denied additional staff and more importantly a slap in the face to the taxpayers who will foot the bill. I am no longer concerned for myself rather my children and grandchildren. The bright young minds of Waterloo have little incentive to stay in the city when taxes go up year after year and all we have to show for it is a fancy assistant for the mayor. Please amend this budget and remove this position.

Bill Kammeyer  
526 Home Park Blvd  
Waterloo, IA 50701

## KELLEY FELCHLE

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**From:** Agnes Kress  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 11:28 AM  
**To:** Kendra Wyatt; KELLEY FELCHLE  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Website Contact Request

Please see below website comment form.  
Agnes

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**From:** Agnes Kress  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 11:28 AM  
**To:** 'Dorothy Wright' <[dorothywright112@gmail.com](mailto:dorothywright112@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Website Contact Request

Thank you Dorothy-  
I will forward your message onto the Mayor's office and also the City Clerk.

Agnes

**From:** Dorothy Wright <[dorothywright112@gmail.com](mailto:dorothywright112@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 11:24 AM  
**To:** Agnes Kress <[Agnes.Kress@WATERLOO-IA.ORG](mailto:Agnes.Kress@WATERLOO-IA.ORG)>  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Website Contact Request

Yes! I just wanted to voice my concern about hiring an executive assistant for the mayor.

On Thu, Mar 25, 2021 at 11:13 AM Agnes Kress <[Agnes.Kress@waterloo-ia.org](mailto:Agnes.Kress@waterloo-ia.org)> wrote:

Good afternoon Dorothy-

There was no comments in your form that was submitted. Is there something I can help you with?

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**Agnes Kress**

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**From:** [noreply@revize.com](mailto:noreply@revize.com) <[noreply@revize.com](mailto:noreply@revize.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021 5:40 PM

**To:** Subscribers <[subscribers@waterloo-ia.org](mailto:subscribers@waterloo-ia.org)>

**Subject:** Website Contact Request

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Stat\_Prov = IA

Phone = 3192361103

Email = [dorothywright112@gmail.com](mailto:dorothywright112@gmail.com)

Comments =

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**From:** Don Miller <tcydb22@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 25, 2021 1:51 PM  
**To:** KELLEY FELCHLE  
**Subject:** Comment for tonights council meeting

I request that this statement be read at the March 25, 2021 council meeting. Thank you. Don Miller 707 Stone Quarry Rd. 319-234-4176

Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers,

I favor retaining the director of administrative services funding for only one reason: it is the nascent step that should conclude with the city adopting the council/manager form of city government, also referred to as council/administrator form.

The information I have found places Waterloo, previously in fifth place, in ninth place as Iowa's most populous city. There are many reasons for this decline; however, one stands above the others: our form of city government. The eight more populated cities have one significant advantage: Council/Manager governing structure.

The significant advantage is that the elected council hires a college/university educated, work experience individual to manage the cities' day-to-day machinery efficiently. Efficiency equals money saved, and studies show council/manager cities operate more efficiently. The city manager serves at the council's pleasure.

The manager is responsible for presenting the council with the city budget for their alteration/approval. On March 11, 2021, I contacted the city clerks in the following cities with this question " On what date was the budget presented for council consideration?" The replies were: Davenport - Jan. 16, Ankeny - Jan. 22, Des Moines - Feb. 3, Cedar Rapids - Feb. 8, Ames - Feb. 23. Waterloo, not yet.

There are too many advantages to council/manager government to discuss here; however, I urge our mayor and council to engage the mayors and councils of the eight cities in conference to learn their experiences, appraisal, and recommendations.

The wheel has been invented. We need to attach it.

Respectfully,

Don Miller