



FINAL MILLAGE AND BUDGET HEARING

Monday, September 22, 2025 at 6:00 pm

MEETING LOCATION

12444 NW Virginia G Weaver Street, Bristol, FL 32321

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

James P. Kersey, Mayor
Chris Vowell, Chairman
Tommy Rankin, Vice-chair
Janie Boyd, Councilmember
Micah McCaskill, Councilmember
Vacant Seat, Councilmember
Robin M. Hatcher, City Clerk
Joshua Pasqualone, Attorney
Dale Hobby, Fire Chief
Richard Mims, Public Works Supervisor
Page Wahlquist, Water/Wastewater Operator

3. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

4. Open Final Millage & Budget Hearing FY 2025/2026

5. Discuss proposed final millage rate for FY 2025/2026

a. Announce:

- Per Florida Statutes Chapter 200.081, a municipality may levy ad valorem taxes against real property and tangible personal property up to, but not exceeding 10 mills. The City of Bristol proposes to set its FY 2025-2026 tentative municipal millage rate for general operating purposes at 8.5569 mills per \$1000.
- The City of Bristol has received and anticipates receiving proceeds from a 1/2 Cent Discretionary Surtax for Emergency Fire Rescue Services and Facilities as follows:

Fire Services Surtax anticipated in FY 25/26: \$66,000

- Pursuant to F.S. 212.054(4)(e), the City of Bristol must reduce its ad valorem tax levy by the amount of revenue collected/estimated to be collected by the fire surtax. The City of Bristol, therefore, reduces its proposed ad valorem assessment for FY 25/26 by 2.0002 mils, resulting in a \$66,001 reduction in ad valorem proceeds in FY 25/26.
- The proposed tentative millage rate, adjusted, to reflect a reduction in the ad valorem tax levy equal to the estimated amount of revenue collected/anticipated to be collected

by the ½ Cent Discretionary Surtax for Emergency Fire Rescue Services, is 6.5567 mills per \$1000 for FY 2025/2026.

- The current year rolled-back rate is \$6.3156 per \$1000.
- The proposed rate as a percent change of rolled-back rate is 3.82%.

b. Public comments/discussion:

- 6. Per Florida Statutes related to Fire Services Tax, Read aloud, by title and adopt Resolution No. 2025-07: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE, LESS A STATUTORILY REQUIRED REDUCTION FOR ESTIMATED FIRE SERVICES SURTAX PROCEEDS, FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BRISTOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 7. Per TRIM Requirements, read aloud, by title, and adopt Final Millage Resolution No. 2025-08: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF BRISTOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 8. Discuss proposed Final Budget FY 2025/2026**
 - a. Announce:**

The proposed Operating Budget for FY 2025/2026 is \$16,154,978 The proposed operating budget expenditures of the City of Bristol are less than last year's operating budget.
 - b. Public comments/discussion:**
- 9. Read aloud, by title, and adopt Final Budget Resolution No. 2025-09: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL, LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BRISTOL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 10. Close Final Millage & Budget Hearing**
- 11. Adjourn**