

**Special Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Final Budget Hearing**  
**September 15, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

**Present:** Cade Diamond, Hannah Diamond, Nina Hendricks, Michael Hutto, Shon Owens, Eric Seib, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington, Brenda Godwin

**Meeting Call to Order:** Eric Seib called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Prayer:** Mike Hutto

**Pledge:** Nina Hendricks

**Budget Review:** Mr. Seib presented the council with the 2025 – 2026 Operational Budget Review (attached).

**Millage Rate:** Mr. Seib read Resolution 25-09-15 adopting a final millage rate of 5.1700 mills for fiscal year 2025-2026 (attached). He announced the taxing authority, the rolled back rate of 3.8861, the percentage increase over the rolled back rate of 33.04%, and the millage rate to be levied of 5.1700. Councilwoman Hendricks made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-09-15. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Final Budget:** Mr. Seib read Resolution 25-09-16 adopting the final budget for the Town of Jay for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$6,338,549.15 (attached). Councilman Hutto made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-09-16. Seconded by Mayor Owens. 4 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Visitor Comments:** Mrs. Godwin expressed her concerns about raising the rate. Mayor Owens addressed her concerns by stating that the Town has not raised the millage rate in several years and that the operating costs for the Town are also going up. Discussion followed.

Mr. Seib adjourned the final budget hearing.

  
Donna Bullock, Town Clerk

  
Shon Owens, Mayor