

**Special Council Meeting Minutes  
Tentative Budget Hearing  
September 3, 2025  
6:00 PM**

**Present:** Brent Freeman, Brenda Godwin, Nina Hendricks, Michael Hutto, Gretchen Mcpherson, Shon Owens (via zoom), Eric Seib, April Watson, Crystal Weatherington (via zoom)

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

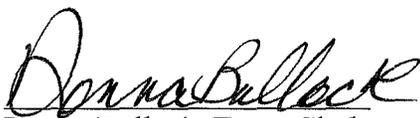
**Amend the Tentative Budget:** Mr. Seib presented the council with the 2025 – 2026 Town of Jay budget summary (attached). He asked for any amendments to the budget. There were no amendments.

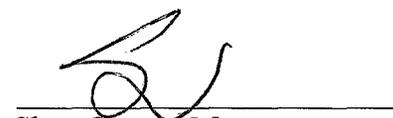
**Recalculate the Proposed Millage Rate:** Mr. Seib stated the proposed millage rate was 5.17 mils. Mr. Seib stated that this millage exceeds the current rolled back rate by 33%. This is mainly due to the Bray-Hendricks Park Renovation project and expenses associated with this. Discussion followed.

**Tentative Budget (attached):** Mr. Seib presented the tentative budget of \$6,343,549.15. Discussion followed. Councilman Hutto made a motion to adopt the proposed millage rate of 5.17 mils. Seconded by Councilman Freeman. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried. Councilwoman Hendricks made a motion to accept the tentative budget of \$6,343,549.15 as presented. Seconded by Councilman Hutto. 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Visitor Comments:** Brenda Godwin questioned the amount of money that the town had spent on the park out of town funds. Mr. Seib stated that the town had spent approximately \$426,000 over the past four years on the park. She also stated that she hoped the council would not adopt the new millage rate.

Mr. Seib adjourned the tentative budget hearing.

  
Dorina Bullock, Town Clerk

  
Shon Owens, Mayor

**2025-2026  
Town of Jay Budget Summary**

	General Fund	Water/Sewer Fund	Natural Gas Fund	Garbage Fund	Total
<b>Cash Balances</b>					
Brought Forward	2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>					
<b>Ad Valorem Taxes:</b>					
Millage 5.1700	\$ 290,344.00				\$ 290,344.00
Local Option Sales Tax	\$ 34,000.00				\$ 34,000.00
Electrical Franchise Tax	\$ 62,000.00				\$ 62,000.00
Public Service Tax	\$ 150,000.00				\$ 150,000.00
Communication Tax	\$ 53,000.00				\$ 53,000.00
Licenses and Permits	\$ 5,000.00				\$ 5,000.00
Intergovernment Revenue	\$4,165,462.15	\$			\$4,165,462.15
Charges for Services	\$	\$ 912,743.00	\$180,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$1,262,743.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 316,000.00				\$ 316,000.00
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$5,075,806.15</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 912,743.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$180,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$170,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,338,549.15</u></b>
<b>Total Appropriated Revenues and Reserves</b>	<b><u>\$5,077,806.15</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 913,743.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$181,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$171,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,343,549.15</u></b>
<b>Estimated Expenditures</b>					
General Govt Services	\$ 806,344.00	\$ 912,743.00	\$180,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$2,069,087.00
Public Safety					
Transportation	\$ 52,000.00				\$ 52,000.00
Culture & Recreation	\$4,217,462.15				\$4,217,462.15
Debt Services	\$				\$
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b><u>\$5,075,806.15</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 912,743.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$180,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$170,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,338,549.15</u></b>
Reserves	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
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THE TENTATIVE ADOPTED, AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.