



Libertarian Party of Brevard County - PO Box 237454, Cocoa, FL. 32923-7454

Titusville Taxes, Budget, and Rates First meeting

(There will be two meetings. This one sets it tentatively, the next meeting on September 22nd finalizes it)

- ❖ \$121,193,726.00 budget for the city proposed.
- ❖ Current Milage Rate is 7.2145 mils for 2022.
- ❖ 6.9812 mils is today's proposed new rate for 2023.

The City Manager did a presentation showing that 38.67% of your property taxes on a residential home go to the city of Titusville.

- ❖ .2542 mils is the Debt service milage rate. (This is the rate that is applied to our public debt.)

First Hearing was for the proposed Tax Rate and City Budget.

- Councilmember Nelson asked specifically if this is a tax increase. Staff said yes.
- Councilmember Stoekle asked in order to keep your taxes the same as last year, the milage rate would have to be 6.3573. Staff said yes. She then said she hates to raise taxes, but inflation has increased.
- Councilmember Robinson Spoke about insurance costs for the city is still up. The staff explained they had to increase insurance premiums for the city employees and their families to keep the same level of protection.
- The Mayor specified that the milage rate is being lowered and clarified again this is a tax rate decrease. Staff made it clear yes this would be a rate decrease *however*, this would be defined as a Tax increase per Florida law (because property values have gone up).

After the hearing and public comments, the City Council voted to adopt the milage rate of 6.9812 tentatively until the next meeting. Approved unanimously. If you would like to speak out against a tax increase, September 22nd at 5:30 pm will be your only day to speak out against it.

The council also adopted the City Budget tentatively for \$121,193,726.00

Second Hearing was for a Water and Sewer rate increase.

- Tonight a 3% increase in water and sewage rates was proposed. There was no vote. This is the first hearing. The vote for this will be on the 22nd.

Third Hearing was for a Solid Waste Service Charge and Rate Increase

- Tonight a 8.26% increase in Solid Waste charges and rates was proposed. Again, there was no vote on it tonight. They will be voting on this at the next meeting on September 22nd, 2022.

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