**The City of Williamson**

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**Steve Fry, Mayor Tom Brown, City Council Post 3**

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**MINUTES**

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

**28 August 2025 7:00 PM**

\*\*All council and mayor in attendance\*\*

1. **CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE, WELCOME……**Mayor Steve Fry-7:04pm
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (O.C.G A. § 50-14-1 (e) (1))-BH/SL 5-0
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
4. FY2025 Budget Public Hearing-Mayor Fry, as the city’s budget officer, explained how the budget and millage rate are determined. Data is complied using financial reports and utilizing the county’s tax digest. Types of revenue were discussed. He reported the city has always gone with the rollback rate to prevent a tax increase to residents. He advised the city does not collect its own taxes and pays the county 2.5% of the city’s property tax revenue for this service. The city’s fiscal year runs January 1-December 31, while the county’s fiscal year runs July 1-June 30.

Public Hearing opened at 7:21pm. No one in attendance spoke. Public Hearing closed at 7:22pm. BH asked if distilled spirits taxes could be dedicated to the library and parks/rec. Mayor advised law dictates these funds go into the General Fund, but the city could make a policy saying those proceeds can be allocated to specified line items. Grants were discussed, with TB stating the city should do its own grant applications. BH asked why the auditor expense line item was higher than last year, and Mayor advised this was to anticipate a fee increase.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**-BH/SL 5-0 7:43pm