

**CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA
BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS
314 N 3rd St.
PUBLIC HEARING
September 22, 2025
5:01 PM**

The City Commission met on this date, September 22, 2025, at 5:01 P.M. at the Sr/Community Building located at 314 N 3rd St. in Wewahitchka, Florida.

Members Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Fisher
Commissioner Charlie Pettis
Commissioner Johnny Paul

City Manager

Michael Gortman

City Clerk

Rachel Jackson (Via Video Conf)

Finance Director

Brittney Proctor (Via Video Conf)

Finance Clerk

Misty Robbins

Public Present

None

AGENDA:

1. Ordinance 2025-1233L – 2025/2026 MILLAGE – Mayor Pro-Tem Fisher asked City Manager Michael Gortman to read 2025-2026 Millage Ordinance 2025-1233L in its entirety.

City Manager Michael Gortman read:

ORDINANCE 2025-1233L

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL LEVY OF MILLAGE FOR AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 / 2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Wewahitchka, Gulf County, Florida, on the **9th** day of **September 2025**, held the first public hearing and adopted a tentative millage rate as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wewahitchka, Gulf County, Florida, held a FINAL public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS the gross taxable value for operating purposes not exempt from taxation within Gulf County, Florida, has been certified by the Gulf County Property Appraiser to the City of Wewahitchka as **\$104,441,616.00**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Wewahitchka, Gulf County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year **2025 / 2026** operating millage rate for Citywide is **6.1133 mills**, which is **more than** the rolled-back rate of **5.6768 mills** by **7.69%**
2. The Fiscal Year **2025 / 2026** operating millage rate of **6.1133 mills** as shown above is adopted by vote of the City Commission as evidenced by the signatures hereon following the FINAL public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065.
3. This ORDINANCE shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the **22nd** day of **September 2025** at 5:05 PM Central Time.

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Following reading, at 5:05 pm, **Commissioner Pettis** made a motion to adopt 2025-2026 Millage Ordinance 2025-1233L. **Commissioner Paul** seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

2. **Ordinance 2025-1234L – 2025/2026 BUDGET – Mayor Pro-Tem Fisher** asked **City Manager Michael Gortman** to read **2025-2026 Budget Ordinance 2025-1234L** in its entirety.

City Manager Michael Gortman read:

ORDINANCE 2025-1234L

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 / 2026; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Wewahitchka, Gulf County, Florida, on the **9th** day of **September 2025**, held the first public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065 and adopted a tentative budget; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wewahitchka, Gulf County, Florida, held a FINAL public hearing as required by Florida Statute 200.065; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wewahitchka, Gulf County, Florida, set forth the total budgeted revenues and unappropriated reserves estimate for the Budget for Fiscal Year **2025 / 2026** in the amount of **\$17,678,122.00**, including anticipated grants of **\$13,557,835.00**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Wewahitchka, Gulf County, Florida, that:

1. The Fiscal Year **2025 / 2026** FINAL Budget be adopted, a summary of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. The Fiscal Year **2025 / 2026** FINAL budget as shown above is adopted by vote of the City Commission as evidenced by the signatures hereon.
3. This ORDINANCE shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

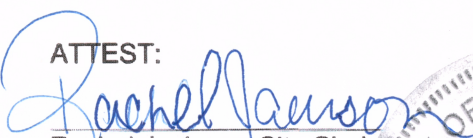
ADOPTED this **22nd** day of **September 2025** at **5:07** PM Central Time.

Following reading, at 5:07 pm, **Commissioner Pettis** made a motion to approve **2025-2026 Budget Ordinance 2025-1234L**. **Commissioner Paul** seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

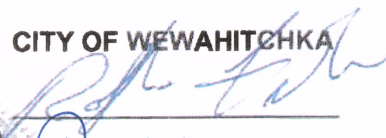
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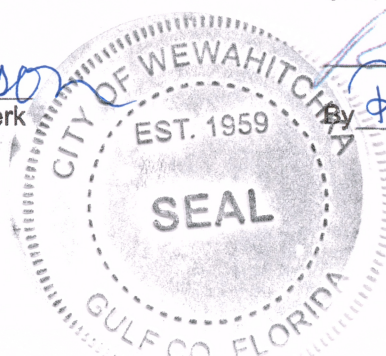
Commissioner Pettis made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 5:07 PM. **Commissioner Paul** seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:


Rachel Jackson, City Clerk

CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA


By Ralph Fisher, Mayor / Pro Tem



BUDGET SUMMARY

CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA - FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WEWAHITCHKA ARE 22.0% GREATER THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

Millage per \$1,000

General Fund	6.1133
Voted Debt	0.0000

ESTIMATED REVENUES

GENERAL FUND	WATER	SEWER	GARBAGE	CEMETERIES	GRANTS	TOTAL
Ad Valorem Taxes - 6.1133 mills						\$606,559.00
Utility Taxes						\$286,000.00
Telecom Service Tax						\$55,824.00
Licenses & Permits						\$10,750.00
State Shared Revenue						\$610,080.00
Other Local Unit Revenues						\$230,584.00
Other Revenues	\$551,611.00	\$640,804.00	\$399,103.00	\$54,500.00	\$13,557,834.50	\$15,334,585.50
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$1,930,530.00	\$640,804.00	\$399,103.00	\$54,500.00	\$13,557,834.50	\$17,134,382.50
Cash Carry Forward (from Reserves)	\$3,345,932.00	\$1,103,695.00	\$0.00	\$81,797.00	\$0.00	\$4,997,028.00
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES & RESERVES	\$5,276,462.00	\$1,744,499.00	\$399,103.00	\$136,297.00	\$13,557,834.50	\$22,131,410.50

EXPENDITURES / EXPENSES

Administration	\$808,512.00					\$808,512.00
Fire Department	\$89,683.00					\$89,683.00
Health & Welfare	\$46,742.00					\$46,742.00
Parks & Recreation	\$608,236.00					\$608,236.00
Police/Law Enforcement	\$70,000.00					\$70,000.00
Streets & Roads	\$393,874.00					\$393,874.00
Water		\$623,692.00				\$623,692.00
Sewer		\$815,945.00				\$815,945.00
Garbage			\$399,103.00			\$399,103.00
Contingency	\$125,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$205,000.00
Cemeteries (Jehu & Buckhorn)				\$59,500.00		\$59,500.00
Grant Projects					\$13,557,834.50	\$13,557,834.50
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES	\$2,142,047.00	\$673,692.00	\$399,103.00	\$59,500.00	\$13,557,834.50	\$17,678,121.50

Reserves (restricted)

Reserves (unrestricted)

TOTAL UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES

	\$27,961.00	\$227,574.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,121,200.00
	\$3,106,454.00	\$115,949.00	\$0.00	\$76,797.00	\$0.00	\$3,332,089.00
TOTAL UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVES	\$3,134,415.00	\$343,523.00	\$0.00	\$76,797.00	\$0.00	\$4,453,289.00

TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES & RESERVES

	\$5,276,462.00	\$1,017,215.00	\$399,103.00	\$136,297.00	\$13,557,834.50	\$22,131,410.50
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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.