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Bristol, CT, July 7, 2006 - Mayor William T. Stortz, in a prepared release, announced that the City budget document can be reviewed by the public online by logging onto the City of Bristol website at www.ci.bristol.ct.us. Said Stortz, "This is part of an ongoing effort to open the government process and keep our citizens informed." In addition, a copy of the budget book can be reviewed at City Hall and at each library during regular working hours. By August 15, a budget book containing additional descriptive information will be available for reviewing.

This year's budget is a \$9,145,700 dollar increase from last year, which resulted in an increase of .88 mills or 2.64%. This increase is below the reported inflation rate.

Approximately \$608,750 dollars went for additional road resurfacing, as a start of a plan to get current with our infrastructure. In addition, \$650,000 was allocated for textbooks, again an area that has fallen behind in funding over the years.

Said Stortz, "These two items alone count for 48.9% of the mill increase for the coming year. However, if we are to grow as a city, be attractive for business and provide the appropriate services, we must properly fund those basic services for which government is responsible."

Plans are underway for an on-going review of spending and budgets, and ideas for cost cutting or eliminating are already being reviewed for the coming year.

Mayor Stortz concluded, "We are confident that these efforts will pay off in improved services for all citizens and taxpayers."

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