

Town of Bristol resolution 9/17/2024-8 summary.

1. For Public Comment Periods, each speaker is allowed three (3) minutes, unless time is extended by the presiding officer. Public Comment Periods shall be limited so that the length of the Meeting does not exceed two (2) hours unless such time is modified by a majority vote of the Council.
2. Each attendee shall be permitted to speak only once during a Public Comment Period. Meeting attendees may not “donate” their speaking time to another person.
3. During a Public Comment Period that includes a public hearing as required by law, speakers are not permitted to comment on topics unrelated to the issue that is the subject of the public hearing.
4. All remarks should be addressed to the Council as a whole.
5. All speakers shall refrain from comment or behavior that involves:
 - a. Disorderly speech or action; name-calling or personal attacks; obscene or indecent remarks; and derogatory comments on personalities;
 - b. The private activities, lifestyles, or beliefs of others, including Town employees and elected officials, that are unrelated to the business of the Council or the Town;
 - c. Advertising or promoting the sale of products, services, or private enterprise;
 - d. Promoting any contest or lottery; or
 - e. Promoting candidates for public office or upcoming ballot measures.
6. In addition to the limits specified above, the presiding officer may set other reasonable, viewpoint-neutral limits to prevent disruption of the Meetings.
7. These Rules do not permit members of the public to join in debate or discussion with speakers, members of the Council, other Town elected or appointed officials, or with other members of the public present at any Meeting, e.g., no “back and forth.” The Council may, but is not obligated to, provide responses to questions or comments presented by persons during Public Comment Periods.
8. Once a motion is on the floor, discussion from the public shall no longer be permitted on that agenda item.

These Rules are intended to foster a fair, respectful, and productive meeting. Any person who violates these rules will be declared out of order by the presiding officer and will receive a warning. If an attendee receives three (3) warnings, the presiding officer may, upon issuing the third warning, direct: (1) the attendee to leave the meeting; and (2) a law enforcement officer to remove the attendee from the meeting, if the attendee refuses to leave when directed by the presiding officer for a violation of these Rules. Nothing in these Rules may be construed to prohibit a law enforcement officer from immediately removing an attendee from a meeting if: (1) removal of the attendee is necessary to maintain order or ensure the safety of another person; (2) the attendee commits a criminal offense; or (3) the attendee violates these Rules. *See* Ind. Code §