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To the Honorable Members of the City Council, City Staff, and the Citizens of Bristol, TN:

It has been an honor to serve the people of Bristol, TN—both as a member of City Council and as Mayor. Working alongside my colleagues on Council and our dedicated City Staff has been tremendously rewarding, especially during times of challenge. Bristol, TN is blessed with gifted leaders and public servants, and in them I have witnessed firsthand the strength, resilience, and commitment that characterize this community. I am proud of the decisions we made together to ensure a bright future for Bristol, TN. I am profoundly grateful for the trust placed in me and for the friendships formed through this service.

Nevertheless, my first calling has always been that of a pastor. For nearly a decade, serving as an interim pastor has enabled me to minister to congregations in various parts of the country while maintaining my home in Bristol, TN. Recently, my calling has taken a new direction, affording me the opportunity to serve in a permanent pastoral role—an opportunity I embrace with humility and thankfulness. The decision to resign as Mayor and from City Council comes with peace and confidence that Bristol, TN is in the capable hands of those who will continue to lead the city well, especially in the face of challenge and opposition.

It is, then, with a deep sense of gratitude that I submit my resignation as Mayor of the City of Bristol, TN, and as a member of City Council, effective Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

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Rev. Dr. Mark A. Hutton
Mayor, City of Bristol, Tennessee

