

**River Bend Town Council
Work Session Minutes
May 12, 2022
Town Hall
5:00 p.m.**

Present Council Members: Mayor John Kirkland
Don Fogle
Brian Leonard (via telephone)
Barbara Maurer
Buddy Sheffield
Bud Van Slyke

Town Manager: Delane Jackson
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles
Finance Director: Mandy Gilbert
Town Attorney: Dave Baxter

Members of the Public Present: 0

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kirkland called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

Councilman Sheffield motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Proposed Public Works Building

The Manager presented a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed Public Works Building Plans, describing the layout of the building. He stated that the Public Works Director, Brandon Mills has reviewed and approved these plans. The Manager stated that the building would be constructed of steel and Councilman Sheffield stated that he agrees that steel would be the best choice for the material. He stated he is happy with the plans and Councilwoman Maurer agreed. Councilman Leonard asked if the estimated cost included a shelter and the Manager stated that the estimated cost did not include a shelter. Councilman Leonard stated that he feels the shelter is needed to protect the Town's investments and equipment.

VOTE – Proposed Public Works Building

Councilman Fogle motioned to approve the Public Works Building Plans as presented. Upon a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION – Short-term Rental Court Case

The Town Attorney stated that the Planning Board has been recently discussing short-term rentals in the Town and decided to take no action until the recent court case of Schroeder versus the City of Wilmington was completed. He stated that the court case is closed and he recommends that the Town review its ordinances to allow or prohibit short-term rentals. Councilman Sheffield asked if a renter violates the noise ordinance, who is responsible and the Town Attorney stated that the Town has a noise ordinance in place that would hold the property owner responsible. Councilman Leonard stated that he would like to find a way to accommodate residents to continue with short-term rentals. Councilman Fogle stated he agreed with Councilman Leonard. The Town Manager stated that the Planning Board will meet on June 2 and this will be an item on the agenda. He also stated the Planning Board would make a recommendation to the Council and they would make the final decision.

DISCUSSION – Essentials of Municipal Government Training

The Mayor stated that the Essentials of Municipal Government training scheduled for June 9 and 10 in New Bern has been cancelled and he would update the Council if it is rescheduled.

DISCUSSION – Advisory Board Appointments

The Manager stated that a list of all advisory board members was included in the agenda package and the terms that expire on June 30 are highlighted. He asked the liaisons to discuss with each member whose term is expiring if they wished to be reappointed.

DISCUSSION – Water and Wastewater Rate Dashboard

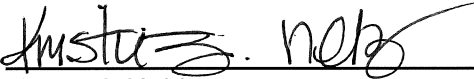
The Manager reviewed an interactive dashboard that the Environmental Finance Center from the School of Government publishes every year. He pointed out how the Town of River Bend compares to other towns of similar population.

REVIEW AGENDA FOR THE MAY 19, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

The Council reviewed the agenda for the May 19, 2022 Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS

There being no further business, Councilman Sheffield moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.



Kristie J. Nobles
Town Clerk