

**River Bend Town Council  
Budget Workshop Minutes  
May 11, 2023  
River Bend Town Hall  
6:00 P.M.**

Present Council Members: Mayor John Kirkland  
Brian Leonard  
Barbara Maurer  
Buddy Sheffield  
Jeff Weaver  
James Castranova

Town Manager: Delane Jackson

Members of the Public Present: 2

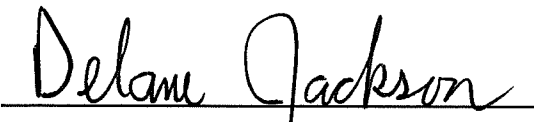
The Mayor called the meeting back to order at 6:00 p.m. and recognized the Town Manager.

The Manager began discussions by presenting the Council with all of the agreed upon changes that had been made in previous budget meetings. There were no objections to any of the changes. The Manager then proceeded with the agenda as scheduled, which included a PowerPoint presentation showing how the 24¢ tax rate would impact revenues for the town and what impact it would have on property owners. The Manager also presented the proposed fee schedule and utility rates and fees. During this segment he recommended eliminating the town ordinance violation penalty chart from the fee schedule. He stated that the town ordinance contained language to address those issues. He also stated that the Town Attorney had advised removing that section from the fee schedule. All agreed to the change.

The Manager stated that he was now finished with his presentation. The Mayor asked if everyone was satisfied with the proposal as presented. All members stated they were satisfied. The Manager stated that he could present his draft budget message at the May 18th Council meeting and thus avoid the need for the May 18th budget workshop. The Council agreed to cancel the May 18th budget workshop.

With the remaining time, the Manager asked to discuss an issue with the Metronet encroachment agreement. All agreed to do so. The Manager informed the Council that Metronet had previously offered to provide free internet service at Town Hall. The Manager stated that Metronet has now stated they could offer service at a reduced price, but not free. Councilman Weaver said he did not want free service to hold up the project. Councilman Weaver motioned to authorize the Manager to negotiate the best deal possible with Metronet and execute the encroachment agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

With no further business, Councilman Sheffield motioned to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

  
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Delane Jackson, Town Manager