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RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL
PROPOSED AGENDA
October 15, 2026
River Bend Town Hall – 45 Shoreline Drive
5:00 p.m.

Pledge: Sheffield

1. Call to Order (Mayor Bledsoe Presiding)
2. Invocation / Pledge
3. Recognition of New Residents
4. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
5. Special Presentations
   A. Constitution Week Proclamation – Mayor Bledsoe
   B. Daughters of the American Revolution – Donna Stebbins
6. Addresses to the Council
   A. James Myers – 111 Portside – Conduct of Council Members
   B. Barbara Maurer – 300 Shoreline – Remarks to Council of Gratitude
7. Public Comment
   The public comment period is set aside for members of the public to offer comments to the Council. It is the time for the Council to listen to the public. It is not a Question & Answer session between the public and the Council or Staff. All comments will be directed to the Council. Each speaker may speak for up to 3 minutes. A member of staff will serve as timekeeper. A sign-up sheet is posted by the meeting room door and will be collected prior to the start of the Public Comment Period. Speakers will be called on by the Clerk in the order that they signed up. In order to provide for the maintenance of order and decorum, the Council has adopted a policy for this section of the meeting. A copy of the policy is posted by the door for your review. Please follow the policy. If you have a specific question for staff, you are encouraged to contact the Town Manager or the appropriate Department Head at another time.
8. Public Hearings - NONE
9. Consent Agenda
   All items listed under this section are considered routine by the Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

   A. Approve:
      Minutes of September 10, 2026 Work Council Meeting
      Minutes of September 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
10. Town Manager's Report – Delane Jackson
    Activity Reports
    A. *Monthly Police Report* by Chief Joll
    B. *Monthly Water Resources Report* from Director of Public Works Mills
    C. *Monthly Work Order Report* from Director of Public Works Mills
    D. *Monthly Zoning Report* from Assistant Zoning Administrator McCollum

Administrative Reports:

11. Planning Board – Councilman Sheffield
    A. Planning Board Report

12. Public Safety – Councilwoman Noonan
    A. Community Watch

13. Parks & Recreation – Councilman Weaver
    A. Parks and Rec Report
    B. **VOTE** – Parks & Recreation Appointments
        I. Brittany Fillman
        II. Sean Sweeney
        III. Kate Kelly
    C. Organic Garden Report

14. Finance – Councilman Leonard
    A. Financial Report - Finance Director

15. Environment & Waterways – Councilman Leonard
    A. EWAB Report

16. Mayor's Report

17. Adjournment

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CONSTITUTION WEEK PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, September 17, 2026, marks the two-hundred and thirty-nineth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and

WHEREAS, to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Mark Bledsoe, Mayor of the Town of River Bend by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of River Bend in the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 as CONSTITUTION WEEK in the Town of River Bend and urge our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the framers of the constitution had in 1787.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of River Bend to be affixed this 15 day of October of the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.

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Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

Attest:

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Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk

ITEM 6

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Town of River Bend
Address to Council Request

Date Requested to Speak: 15 Oct 2026	Date Submitted: 9-22-26
SPEAKER'S INFORMATION	
Name: James Myers	Phone Number: 919-980-1866
	Email: JamesMyers4RBTowncouncil@gmail.com
Address: 111 Portside LN	
Organization (if any):	
Subject: Conduct of Council members	
TIME LIMITED TO FIVE (5) MINUTES UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED	
Requestor's Signature: James Myers	Time Requested*: 5 min
FOR STAFF ONLY	
Received by: Justine Snoddy	Date: 9/22/26 — Time Received: 10:41 AM
Approved by: DJ	Date: 9-28-26 — Tentative Time Limit: 5 minutes

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Town of River Bend
Address to Council Request

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TOWN OF RIVER BEND

Date Requested to Speak	Date Submitted
10/5/26	9/24/26

SPEAKER'S INFORMATION

Name	Phone Number
Barbara Mauner	252-670-0757
	Email bjmauner@gmail.com

Address 300 Shoreline Drive

Organization (if any) —

Subject ~~Barbara~~ Remarks to Council — Gratitude

TIME LIMITED TO FIVE (5) MINUTES UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED

Requestor's Signature	Time Requested*
B Mauner	5 min

FOR STAFF ONLY

Received by	Date	Time Received
J Barrow	9-24-26	8:57 AM
Approved by	**Date**	**Tentative Time Limit**
DJ	9-28-26	5 minutes

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TRB Form # 54 (Rev. 9/26)

ITEM 9

River Bend Town Council
Work Session Minutes
September 10, 2026
Town Hall
5:00 p.m.

Present Council Members:	Mayor Mark Bledsoe Buddy Sheffield Lisa Benton Brian Leonard Kathy Noonan Jeff Weaver
Town Manager:	Delane Jackson
Town Clerk:	Kristie Nobles
Police Chief:	Sean Joll
Town Attorney:	Trey Ferguson
Members of the Public Present:	21

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Noonan motioned to accept the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Flag Policy

The Mayor stated that Town does not currently have a "Flag Policy". He stated that the US Flag Code is included in the agenda and he would like the Town to follow that. He stated that proclamations from the Governor and President do not always follow the flag code. Councilman Weaver asked the Town Manager if he would like to be involved in making the decision on whether the flags in Town are lowered or not, and the Town Manager stated, no he does not. Councilman Weaver stated that until the Council approves a flag policy this decision falls on the Town Manager. He also stated that the policy does not have to be the US Flag code, and it could be a policy that follows the governor's orders to lower the flag, with the provision that the Council can order the flag to be lowered. Councilwoman Benton stated that she agreed with Councilman Weaver and if the Council approved the proposed Flag Policy, the Town Manager would still be responsible for lowering the flag. Councilman Leonard agreed with Councilman Weaver.

Councilman Weaver motioned to follow the governor's direction at the raising and lowering of the flag with the provision that the Council still have the ability to override it or add additional provisions.

The Town Manager recommended that he draft a flag policy that conforms to the motion and present it at the next meeting for the Council to approve.

Councilman Weaver withdrew his motion.

Discussion – Address to Council Policy

Councilman Leonard stated that there currently is not an Address to Council Policy, and he thinks that one is needed, just like the other policies the Town currently has. After a brief discussion among the Council, the Town Manager stated he would present a draft policy at the next meeting.

Discussion – River Bend Facebook Page

Councilwoman Benton stated that she had done research and 96% of municipalities have a Facebook page that is managed by the Town. She stated that it is easier and quicker and it would allow the Town to get information out faster than the current website. Councilman Weaver asked her if she would want comments on or off on the official page and she stated to leave the comments on although the advisory boards do not allow comments on their page. She stated that if a comment breaks a rule, you remove the comment and Councilman Weaver asked the Town Attorney what he thought of that. The Town Attorney stated that a US Supreme Court judge has stated that a Facebook page run by government officials creates limited public forum, and on limited public forums you are allowed to put certain limitations in place. He stated that the court had a problem with deleting Facebook comments. He stated that if the Town allowed a Town Facebook page and allowed comments, it will not have the ability to delete comments. He stated that if the Town chose to have a Facebook page, it would need to open and have comments on and not sensor those comments based on any viewpoint. Councilwoman Benton stated that if comments are not allowed, that does not allow citizens to interact with the page. Councilman Weaver stated that based on what he has seen in the community and on Facebook he would not support having a Facebook page with comments on. Councilwoman Noonan agreed. Councilman Leonard stated that based on the recent controversy of lowering the flag, he would agree. He stated that there are many ways to communicate with the citizens, not to mention an employee would have to monitor the page along with some legal mind fields. Councilwoman Benton stated that it is all about transparency and how quickly the Town gets information out. She stated that in her opinion, “We do a poor job with communicating with the public.” The Mayor stated that the Town has a text system that is underutilized and it would be more instant than opening a Facebook page. Councilman Leonard stated that the Town also has the weekly ENews. There was no further discussion.

Discussion – Meeting Time Change

Councilwoman Benton stated that in December 2024 the meeting time was changed from 7:00 pm to 5:00 pm and it is hard for people who work to get to those 5:00 pm meetings. She suggested that the Council move the meeting time to 6:00 pm. Councilman Weaver stated that he agrees that 6:00 pm would be a better meeting time. Councilman Sheffield stated that he has seen many meetings at 7:00 pm and there were not as many people at those meetings as there are at the 5:00 pm meeting today. Councilman Weaver asked to table this topic so he can do some research, review meeting times and the audience attendance. He stated that he will collect some data and send it to the Council and Councilwoman Benton stated she would do the same. The Mayor asked if the Council is tabling the discussion of the meeting time or a vote and Councilwoman Benton stated that the Council table the discussion until they have more data and the Mayor stated that he just wanted it to be clear that the discussion is being tabled.

Discussion – Grant Application Update

The Town Manager stated that he is currently completing documents for a grant application for a Water Supply Well #3 Replacement. He stated he will present the required resolutions at the next meeting.

VOTE – Planning Board Appointment

Councilman Sheffield stated that the Planning Board met on September 3 and has made a recommendation to the Council to appoint Barbara Maurer to the Planning Board.

Councilman Sheffield motioned to appoint Barbara Maurer to the Planning Board with a term beginning on September 10, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2028. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW – Agenda for the September 17, 2026, Council Meeting

The Council reviewed the agenda for the September 17, 2026, Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS

There being no further business, *Councilman Weaver moved to adjourn*. *The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Kristie J. Nobles, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

ITEM 9

River Bend Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2026
Town Hall
5:00 p.m.

Present Council Members:	Mayor Mark Bledsoe
	Buddy Sheffield
	Lisa Benton
	Brian Leonard
	Kathy Noonan
	Jeff Weaver
Town Manager:	Delane Jackson
Finance Director:	Mandy Gilbert
Public Works Director:	Brandon Mills
Police Chief:	Sean Joll
Town Clerk:	Kristie Nobles
Deputy Town Clerk:	Jennifer Barrow
Assistant Zoning Administrator:	Allison McCollum
Town Attorney:	David Baxter
Members of the Public Present:	63

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday September 17, 2026, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present, followed by invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF NEW RESIDENTS
None

VOTE – Additions to the Agenda
Councilman Sheffield motioned to amend the agenda by adding a Proclamation for the Town Manager as item 10B. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 nay with Councilwoman Benton voting nay.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda
Councilman Sheffield motioned to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL
Steve Kleber – 423 Gatewood Drive – Addressed the Council regarding a zoning violation he had received about a fence.

James Myers – 111 Portside Lane – addressed the Council and stated that he is very disappointed in the current Council. He stated that since he announced he is running for Council that some are painting the picture that he is doing it to get rid of Delane (Town Manager) and he stated that is not the case. He stated that the quality of his water is getting worse. He spoke on the grass mowing schedule for town properties and stated that residents are getting letters of violation regarding their grass not being mowed when the town isn't mowing its own.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Crozier –101 Sextant - spoke on the Council meeting time, and how it was changed from 7:00 pm to 5:00 pm. He stated that residents find it difficult to make the 5:00 pm meetings.

Skip McQuiston – 507 Plantation – stated that he is very disappointed in the Council for approving the property tax increase. He stated that he felt that the Council does not represent the people of River Bend and that drainage should be the #1 concern, but the Council is arguing over pickleball.

Patrick O'Toole – 217 Shoreline – stated that what Mr. McQuiston spoke about was very important. He stated that the Council is there to serve the town and they have no idea what they are doing. He also stated that when he ran for Council, that the town's infrastructure needed to be fixed and there are places that still flood.

Robert Clymore – 106 Sextant – stated that he was there to speak about municipal ethics and the conduct of Councilman Weaver. He stated that Councilman Weaver posted a public statement on social media that fails to uphold the standards of conduct, ethics and decorum required of an elected official representing the town. He asked the Council to review this matter through all available administrative and legal channels. He stated that if Councilman Weaver does not voluntarily resign that the Council pursue the appropriate disciplinary actions or removal procedures permitted under the town charter and state law.

Victoria Stuppy – 298 Shoreline – stated that she wanted to speak on the social media page that was proposed at the previous meeting. She stated that social media can be a useful tool if in the right hands, but many in the town weaponize it and use it to spread misinformation. She stated that if the need for social media is about transparency, she thinks the town provides that on the town's website, meetings and more. She stated that the town goes above and beyond what is required by law. She suggested making the website easier to find information.

Debbie Alkoff – 114 Mariners – stated that she had a package that was delivered to the wrong address in River Bend and was not returned to her. She stated that she felt it is time that the community started being neighborly again.

Jon Herrin – 110 Outrigger – stated that he is running for Town Council and running to replace one of them. He stated that the actions of the current Council demonstrate exactly what the town needs, which is change. He stated that the Council does not have to agree with the residents, but they should listen, explain their decisions, answer reasonable questions and should never make citizens feel intimidated or unwelcomed because they disagree with the Council. He stated that it is time that the citizens of River Bend be heard.

Sandra Barta – 404 Gatewood – stated that she has heard time and time again that the River Bend Community Page is a governance page, and she feels that it is not. She stated that the Council and the Town Manager do not share town information with them. She stated that they ask questions but do not get answers. She also stated that the community page is volatile but can be a source of information for those in the community. She stated that Ms. Benton shares information on the Facebook page and if it isn't liked, to get over it, don't look at it or find a way to reach out to this community.

Chris Barta – 404 Gatewood – stated that the Council has indicated that what Councilman Leonard stated in an email to Mr. Herrin was inappropriate, but they do not have the fortitude, ability or ethical ability to publicly admit this and address this issue so the citizens of River Bend can have a little bit of confidence in the elected board. He stated that the bulk of River Bend citizens have little to no confidence in the Mayor or Council. He ended with two quotes, "Stand for what is right, even if you stand alone" and "Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have the right to do and what is right to do."

Jon Segal – 420 Gatewood – stated that the Town Manager is doing a really good job and he has no complaints with the Council. He stated that the Town is moving forward with the needed utility projects. He stated that he does not agree with all of the Council but isn't ready to throw anyone under the bus. He stated that he wasn't wild about the property tax increase, because he pays as much as anyone, but costs are going up and he expected his taxes to go up at some point. He stated he is happy about pickleball and getting another amenity in town. He stated that someone suggested a 6:00 pm meeting time and he felt that was a good idea. He thanked the Council for doing a good job and for allowing him and others to speak.

Ellen Nettles – 509 Plantation – stated that she and her daughter relocated here in 2022 and fell in love with the town. She stated that she contacted the Council regarding the property tax increase and only two councilmembers responded. She stated that the amenities in town are a mess. She stated that she doesn't know why the town doesn't connect to the City of New Bern's water system.

Sandy Bruno – 27 Pier Point – stated that she and her husband moved back to River Bend in 2001 and that they love living here. She stated that she thinks the town Council is doing an amazing job and they work hard for all of River Bend. She stated that there are so many other places to live in New Bern and River Bend is the safest and most beautiful community. She thanked the Council and Town for everything they are doing.

Chena Alford – 204 Channel Run – She stated that she urges the Council to change the meeting time to 6:00 or 7:00 in the evening. She stated that she sent an email to the Council and the Mayor and Lisa Benton were the only ones to respond. She stated that the Council is held to a higher standard. She also stated that she does not think everyone is against the Pickleball Courts, she thinks that people are against the fact that there is no plan with maintenance of the courts.

Richard Taylor – 298 Shoreline – he stated that there seems to be a lot of anger, belligerence and disrespect from the previous speakers. He stated that he hopes that everyone can remember that everyone is a resident of a small community and treat each other with more respect. He stated that the town staff are being treated badly and it takes a toll on them. He stated that if he had to hire a manager, a director, a vice president, he would hire Delane Jackson. He urged the citizens to read the first amendment rights, and they will see that their rights have not been violated. He stated that he can't say whether the property tax increase is right or wrong, but he can say that during the budget workshops there were basically three people in attendance at every workshop, and they had a chance to speak at those meetings. He stated that a majority of the funding for the pickleball courts came from a grant.

At this time Councilman Weaver attempted to speak as a resident. The Town Attorney stated that the Council needed to address that Councilman Weaver is a sitting councilmember making up part of the quorum of the Council. He stated that the Council would need to make a decision if they are going to let sitting councilmember speak during the public comment period. He stated that if the Council chooses to allow him to speak during this time, they will need to vote to excuse him from the board for the purpose of calculating a quorum.

Councilman Sheffield motioned that Councilman Weaver be allowed to speak from his desk as a councilman for 3 minutes if he chooses to do so. Councilman Sheffield withdrew his motion.

Councilman Leonard stated that he did not want to set a precedent without discussing it. Councilwoman Benton stated that she agreed and that it is public comment.

Councilwoman Noonan asked if Councilman Weaver could be excused, and the Town Attorney stated that the Council could vote to excuse him as a member of the Council if they wished to do

so. He stated that the Council could amend the agenda to allow him to speak as a separate agenda item if the Council wished to do that instead.

Councilman Sheffield motioned to allow Councilman Weaver to speak for 3 minutes at the dias after the public comment is over. Councilman Sheffield withdrew his motion.

Councilman Leonard asked the Town Attorney if it was improper for any of the Council to request a moment of personal privilege to make a statement during the meeting. The Town Attorney stated that Councilman Weaver could do that, and Councilman Leonard asked if Councilman Weaver could do so during his reports on his committees and the Town Attorney stated that he could do that as well. Councilman Leonard stated that he felt that would be more appropriate.

PUBLIC HEARINGS
None

CONSENT AGENDA
The Mayor presented the Council with the Consent Agenda. *Councilwoman Noonan moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.* Within this motion, the following items were approved:

A. Approve:
Minutes of August 13, 2026 Work Council Meeting
Minutes of August 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting
Minutes of September 4, 2026 Special Council Meeting

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
The Manager gave the following updates:
- Preconstruction meeting for the test well was held earlier today.
- Pickleball Courts contract has been executed.
- Effective Monday, September 21, 2026, Brandon Mills will be acting Town Manager as Town Manager Jackson will be on extended medical leave.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
PLANNING BOARD – Councilman Sheffield
Councilman Sheffield provided the following report:
The regular meeting of the Planning Board was held on September 3rd at 6pm in the Community building. A quorum was present. Chairman Kohn called the meeting to order. The usual reports were given. Under Public Comment the two candidates for appointment to the board who were in attendance spoke. The board members voted on which candidate they would recommend to the council for appointment. They voted unanimously for Barbara Maurer. The board then took up the subject of changing town ordinances regarding fences, walls, driveway markers, etc. After considerable discussion, it was decided that board member Richard Taylor would work on the wording of the potential changes which would then be voted on at the next meeting. That meeting is scheduled for October 1st. As usual, any interested parties are welcome to attend.

Councilman Sheffield presented the Town Manager with a proclamation for his dedication and work for the town.

PARKS & RECREATION – Councilman Weaver
Councilman Weaver gave the following updates:
Parks and Recreation held a Special Meeting on September 16. He stated that this was a joint meeting with CAC to discuss upcoming events. A Fall Festival is being planned for October 30 and the last market day. The next meeting is October 7 and the board currently has several vacancies and is in need of volunteers.

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY ORGANIC GARDEN

Councilman Weaver gave the following report:
Gardeners worked 143 hours in August, for a year-to-date total of 1094 hours. The month's harvest totaled 476 pounds, most of it from cantaloupe and watermelon. Twelve percent went to Interfaith Refuge Ministries. Rows are being cleared of summer vegetables that are "done." Fall planting plans will start in mid-September. The Swap-a-Plant space is open to everyone. Anyone may take a plant or drop off a plant in the designated area. The next meeting is scheduled for October 5 at 1:30 pm. Guests are always welcome at the meetings and in the garden.

At this time Councilman Weaver read the following statement:
"Mayor and members of the council,
I want to address a complaint filed against me. I am doing this from the dias as a citizen not from the podium. The interaction Mr. Clymore is complaining about was between two individuals. I did not speak on behalf of this council. I did not use my position to silence him, prevent him from speaking, or use the authority of the town against him. He chose to make comments about me personally, including my character and my military service, which he knows nothing about. And I responded. He has every right to criticize me. He has every right to criticize my service, this council, or the government. I support that right completely. But the First Amendment protects your right to speak. It does not give you the right to control someone else's response. He chose to make it personal. So, I responded personally. I don't apologize for defending myself. If you want to debate government, let's debate government. If you want to challenge a vote, challenge the vote. If you think I'm wrong, tell me I'm wrong. But when you cross the line from discourse into disrespect, there can be consequences. Not governmental consequences. Not retaliation. Simply the consequence of the person you disrespected having the right to respond. You don't get to throw the punch and then complain that someone had the audacity to punch back. And we're all human. We get frustrated. We get angry. Sometimes our emotions get the better of us. But being human doesn't mean we're entitled to treat other people however we want and then demand that everyone else absorb it quietly. Respect has to go both ways. One final point. A handful of people do not represent River Bend. There are roughly 2,500 adults in this town. The overwhelming majority are working, raising families, helping their neighbors, coaching kids, volunteering, and simply living their lives. They're just not as loud. Loud doesn't mean large. Angry doesn't mean representative. A handful of people who have decided every disagreement needs to become a fight do not get to define this community."

VOTE – Flag Policy

Councilman Weaver stated that the Flag Policy was presented at the previous work session and the amended policy is presented with the requested language that the Council requested.

Councilman Weaver motioned to approve the Flag Policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

FINANCE – Councilman Leonard

Financial Report – Finance Director, Mandy Gilbert, presented the financial statement for the month of August to the Council. She stated the total of the Town's Cash and Investments as of August 31, 2026, were $2,578,792 and Ad Valorem Tax Collections for FY26-27 were $1,882 and Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Collections were $17,525.

VOTE – Address to Council Policy

Councilman Leonard stated that the Address to Council policy was presented at the previous work session and there were no changes to the presented policy since that meeting.

Councilman Leonard motioned to adopt the Address to Council policy as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

VOTE – Authorized Agent Grant Resolution

Councilman Leonard called on the Town Manager. The Town Manager stated that the presented resolution is required if the Council wishes to apply for a Water Supply Well Replacement grant.

Councilman Leonard motioned to approve the Authorized Agent Grant Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

VOTE – Updated Asset Management Plan Resolution

Councilman Leonard called on the Town Manager. The Town Manager stated that the presented resolution amends the town's Asset Management Plan with the Water Capital Improvement Program updated within. He stated adopting this resolution will earn the town additional points on the grant application.

Councilman Leonard motioned to approve the Updated Asset Management Plan Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

CAC – Councilwoman Benton

Councilwoman Benton stated that the CAC met on September 16 at 4:00 pm. She stated that the board is planning a joint fall event with Parks and Recreation on October 30. She stated that the commission has 2 vacancies and the next meeting is on November 18 at 4:00 pm.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor read the following report.

Rebuilding Our Community. Thank you for being here tonight. We are here because we care about this town. But we are also here because we know something is wrong. Lately, the atmosphere in our community has shifted. We have all felt it-the growing tension, the sharp words, and a rising sense of animosity among us. It is completely normal for a town to have disagreements. We are individuals with different backgrounds, different beliefs, and different ideas for our future. Passion is a good thing. But when that passion turns into hostility, it stops moving us forward and starts tearing us apart. When we view our neighbors as adversaries, everyone loses. The local problems we need to solve are left behind while we argue. So, what can we do for our community right now? First, we can choose to listen to understand, not just reply. We need to bring respect back to our public spaces and our online forums. Second, we can look for common ground. We all want a safe place to live, a thriving local environment, and a bright future for our children. Our goals are remarkably similar, even if our ideas on how to get there differ. Finally, we can choose kindness over conflict. Let us commit to treating each other with the dignity that every member of this town deserves. Let's resolve our differences through constructive conversation, not personal attacks. Tonight, I'm also going to ask that our council take a break from making social media posts for the next 30 days. I believe our town needs a few moments to breathe without comments coming from us. Our community needs time to heal, reflect, and think about how we can lift one another up rather than tear each other down. This pause is an opportunity for all of us to step back, listen, and focus on moving forward together with compassion and respect. Let's choose to be a community that lifts each other up, even when we don't see eye to eye. Thank you.

VOTE – Proclamation Honoring Manager Jackson

Councilman Sheffield motioned to approve the proclamation honoring Manager Delane Jackson. The motion passed with 4 ayes and 1 nay with Councilwoman Benton voting nay.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *Councilman Weaver moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously*. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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Kristie J. Nobles, MMC
Town Clerk

Town of River Bend

Flag Policy

(A) The Governor of North Carolina has the authority to direct the lowering of flags to half-staff on state-owned property. The Town of River Bend shall comply with such directives as issued by the Governor for flags flown on town-owned property.

(B) The Town of River Bend may also direct the lowering of flags to half-staff on town-owned property during special circumstances as directed by the Mayor with input from the Town Council.

Adopted September 17, 2026

Town of River Bend

Address to Council Policy

The Address to Council period shall be reserved as an item of business on the agenda for the Council's regular session, which is currently held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. All Addresses to the Council during this period shall be subject to the terms of this policy. The purpose of an agenda is twofold. They are: 1) To inform each Council member of the items that will be discussed during the meeting, and 2) To allow each Council member an equal opportunity to review those items in advance of the meeting where they will be discussed. This process allows Council members to be equally informed of agenda items and to have a reasonable amount of time to prepare for discussions related to those items.

1. In accordance with the town's Agenda Policy, all persons who wish to address the Council at the regular meeting must submit their request form to the Town Clerk's office no later than 9:00 a.m. two business days prior to the scheduled meeting. Generally, each requestor will be allotted five minutes to speak. However, in cases where more than three (3) people have requested to address the Council, the allotted time may be reduced. In such cases, the Mayor will determine the time allotment for each speaker and make that announcement before the addresses begin. The time limit will be the same for all speakers.

2. Once the request has been approved, the speaker will be notified and informed of their anticipated maximum time limit.

3. Each speaker shall be limited to a maximum time of five (5) minutes. Each speaker will only be allowed to speak once during the period. A staff member shall serve as timekeeper and will promptly announce when the speakers' time has expired.

4. No time may be yielded or transferred from one speaker to another. In order to avoid repetition and delay, groups of people supporting the same position are encouraged to designate a spokesperson for the group, if possible.

5. If the speaker has information, data, documents, maps, etc. they plan to use during the Address, they shall provide a copy of all such data to the Town Clerk when they submit their request so that it can be included in the agenda packet.

6. The Address to Council period is not intended to require the Council and/or any staff to answer any impromptu questions. After the speaker's time has expired, the Council may refer inquires made during the Address to the Town Manager or an appropriate staff member. If necessary, the item may be added to the agenda of a future meeting, thereby providing the staff an opportunity to research the item and provide data to the Council for consideration and review.

7. Speakers will address comments to the entire Council as a whole and not one individual member. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be permitted during the Address to Council period.

8. Speakers who have prepared written remarks are encouraged to leave a copy of such remarks with the Town Clerk.

9. Speakers shall be courteous in their language and presentation. Profanity or other inappropriate language or gestures will not be tolerated.

10. In order to provide for the maintenance of order and decorum in the conduct of the meeting, the Mayor may declare “out-of-order” any person who fails to comply with this policy. The Mayor shall caution any such person to abide by the provisions of this policy. Refusal to do so shall be grounds for removal of the speaker from the meeting.

Adopted September 17, 2026

RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, The Town of River Bend has need for and intends to construct, plan for, or conduct a study in a project described as Water Supply Well #3 Replacement, and

WHEREAS, The Town of River Bend intends to request State loan and/or grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND:

That Town of River Bend, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan and/or grant award.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of the Town of River Bend to make a scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from the Town of River Bend any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That Delane Jackson, Town Manager, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan and/or grant to aid in the study of or construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this 17th day of September 2026

Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

TOWN OF RIVER BEND, NC
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SEAL
1981

Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of River Bend does hereby certify: That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Town Council duly held on the 17th day of September 2026; and, further, that such resolution has been fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of September, 2026.

Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC

(SEAL)



RESOLUTION BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF RIVER BEND, NORTH CAROLINA

Adopting and Implementing the Town of River Bend's Updated Water and Wastewater Systems Asset Management Plan

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RESOLUTION BY GOVERNING BODY OF APPLICANT

WHEREAS, The Town of River Bend has made a comprehensive effort to compile available information into a single document that presents an inventory and condition assessment of the water and wastewater systems infrastructure; and includes a 10-year Capital Improvements Plan with cost estimates; and includes an Operations and Maintenance Plan to ensure the proper management of the water and wastewater systems assets; and

WHEREAS, The plan, as designed, will be updated regularly and will serve the Town well as a management tool for the planning and operation and maintenance of the water wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, The plan was presented to the Town Council of River Bend during the regular Council meeting held on September 17, 2026, for Council members' review, comment and adoption.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND

that the updated Town of River Bend's Water and Wastewater Systems Asset Management Plan is hereby adopted this date by the Town Council of the Town of River Bend.

ADOPTED, this 17th day of September 2026 at River Bend, North Carolina.

Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

(Seal)

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Kristie J. Nobles, MMC
Town Clerk

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ITEM 10

MONTHLY ZONING REPORT

MONTH September **YEAR** 2026

Activity	Monthly	YTD Total
Permit Applications Received	6	19
Permits Issued	6	19
Fees Collected	184.40	1192.51
Violations Noted During Weekly Patrol	28	92
Complaints Received From Citizens	1	1
Notice Of Violations Initiated *see details below	24	70
Remedial Actions Taken By Town	0	0

Detail Summary		
Address	**Violation**	**Date Cited**
111 Stillwater	Debris	2-Sep
211 Lakemere	Grass	2-Sep
404 Rockledge	Vehicle in grass	2-Sep
412 Rockledge	Vehicle in grass	2-Sep
304 Shoreline	Boat in front yard	2-Sep
283 Shoreline	Vehicle in grass	2-Sep
105 Ketch Court	Vehicle in grass	2-Sep
202 Gangplank	Boat & trailer in front yard	2-Sep
208 Gangplank	Boat in front yard	2-Sep
101 Outrigger	RV & trailer in front yard	2-Sep
114 Outrigger	Jetskis in front yard	2-Sep
702 Plantation	Boat in front yard; grass	2-Sep
316 Channel Run	Boat & trailer in front yard	2-Sep
113 Portside	Boat in front yard	2-Sep
903 Plantation	Boat in front yard	2-Sep
62 Shoreline	Grass	2-Sep
95 Shoreline	Junk vehicle; grass	2-Sep
312 Rockledge	Grass	11-Sep
204 Plantation	Grass; tree	11-Sep
101 Ketch	RV in front yard	11-Sep
103 Teakwood	Junk vehicle	11-Sep
214 Lakemere	Vehicle in grass	17-Sep
206 Lakemere	Vehicle in grass	17-Sep
46 Shoreline	Sign w/o permit	21-Sep

RIVER BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

2026

	ACTIVITIES	2026 July	2026 August	2026 September	% of Total Calls	% Change Last 2 Mos.
1	ALARMS / 911 UNKNOWN / DISTURBANCE / SHOTS FIRED (1)	2	7	6	0.42%	-14.00%
2	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	10	2	9	0.63%	350.00%
3	ARRESTS	1	1	3	0.21%	200.00%
4	ASSAULTS / ALL OTHER VIOLENT CRIME	2	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
5	ASSIST CITIZENS / LOCK OUT / QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES	32	34	24	1.68%	-29.00%
6	ASSIST EMS / FD / FIRST RESPONDERS / MED ASSIST	36	37	45	3.14%	22.00%
7	ASSIST MOTORISTS / FOOT PATROLS / ALL OTHER	12	20	10	0.70%	-50.00%
8	ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	1	2	3	0.21%	50.00%
9	B & E BUSINESS / RESIDENCE / VEHICLE	2	0	2	0.14%	0.00%
10	CRIM. SUMM. / SUBPOENAS / WARRANTS / CIVIL COMPLAINT	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
11	DOMESTICS	0	0	1	0.07%	0.00%
12	FIRES / ALARM	4	5	3	0.21%	-40.00%
13	IDENTITY THEFT / FRAUD	1	1	3	0.21%	200.00%
14	INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS	0	4	0	0.00%	-100.00%
15	JUVENILE COMPLAINTS	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
16	LARCENIES	0	0	2	0.14%	0.00%
17	LITTERING	0	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
18	LOUD MUSIC / NOISE COMPLAINTS	0	3	1	0.07%	-67.00%
19	DEATH / MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY / SUICIDE(A)	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
20	PROPERTY DAMAGE / VANDALISM	3	2	2	0.14%	0.00%
21	RESIDENTIAL / BUSINESS CHECKS / COMMUNITY WATCH	1116	1181	1,195	83.45%	1.00%
22	ROADWAY DEBRIS / OBSTRUCTIONS	0	1	1	0.07%	0.00%
23	ROBBERIES	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
24	SOLICITING VIOLATIONS	1	1	1	0.07%	0.00%
25	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS / VEHICLES / FIELD INTERVIEW	12	6	11	0.77%	83.00%
26	TOWN ORDINANCE CITATIONS	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
27	TOWN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	2	1	1	0.07%	0.00%
28	TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	8	6	5	0.35%	-17.00%
29	TRAFFIC STOPS	17	40	44	3.07%	10.00%
30	TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS-RADAR	5	12	10	0.70%	-17.00%
31	DWI	0	1	1	0.07%	0.00%
32	CHECKPOINTS	0	1	2	0.14%	100.00%
33	DRUG VIOLATIONS	2	1	1	0.07%	0.00%
34	WELFARE CHECKS	8	4	8	0.56%	100.00%
35	CASE ASSIST / PW / VEHICLE MAINTENANCE / MEETING	16	7	6	0.42%	-14.00%
36	CASE FOLLOW UPS / SPECIAL OPERATION / TRAINING	15	12	29	2.03%	142.00%
37	TRESPASSING	1	1	3	0.21%	200.00%
38	OVERDOSE	1	0	1	0.07%	0.00%
39	TOTAL	1312	1398	1432	100.00%	2.00%

Traffic Violations

24 State Citations
24 Total State Charges
State Warnings
Town Citations
Town Warnings

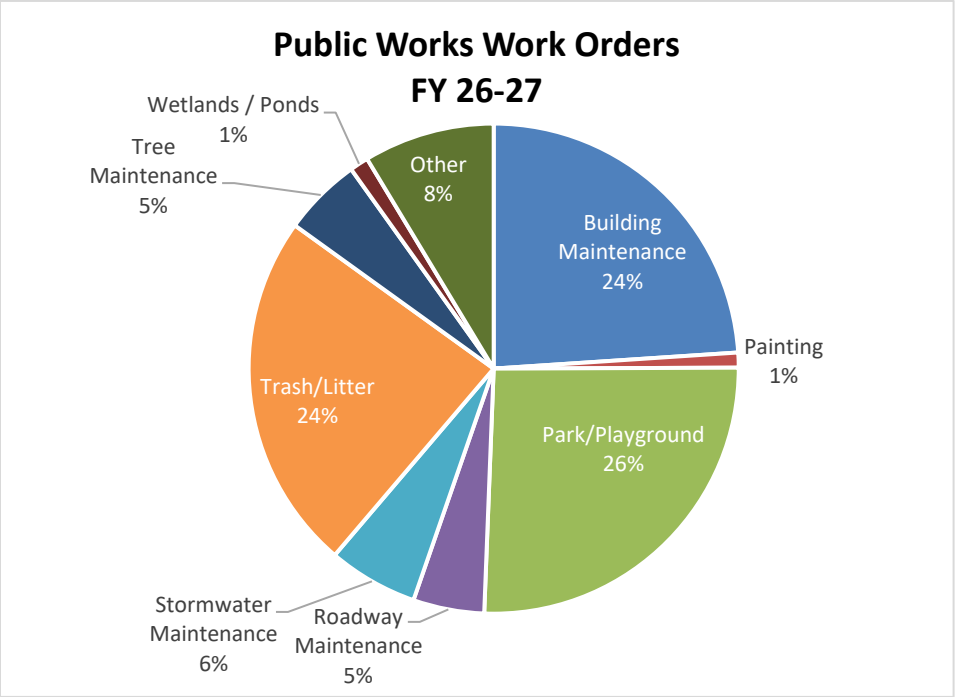
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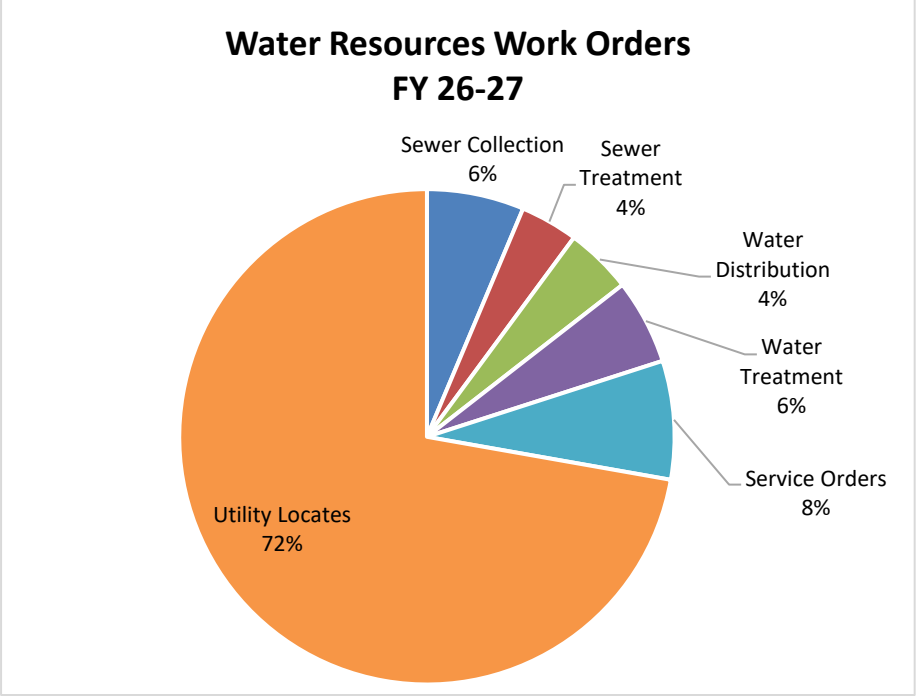
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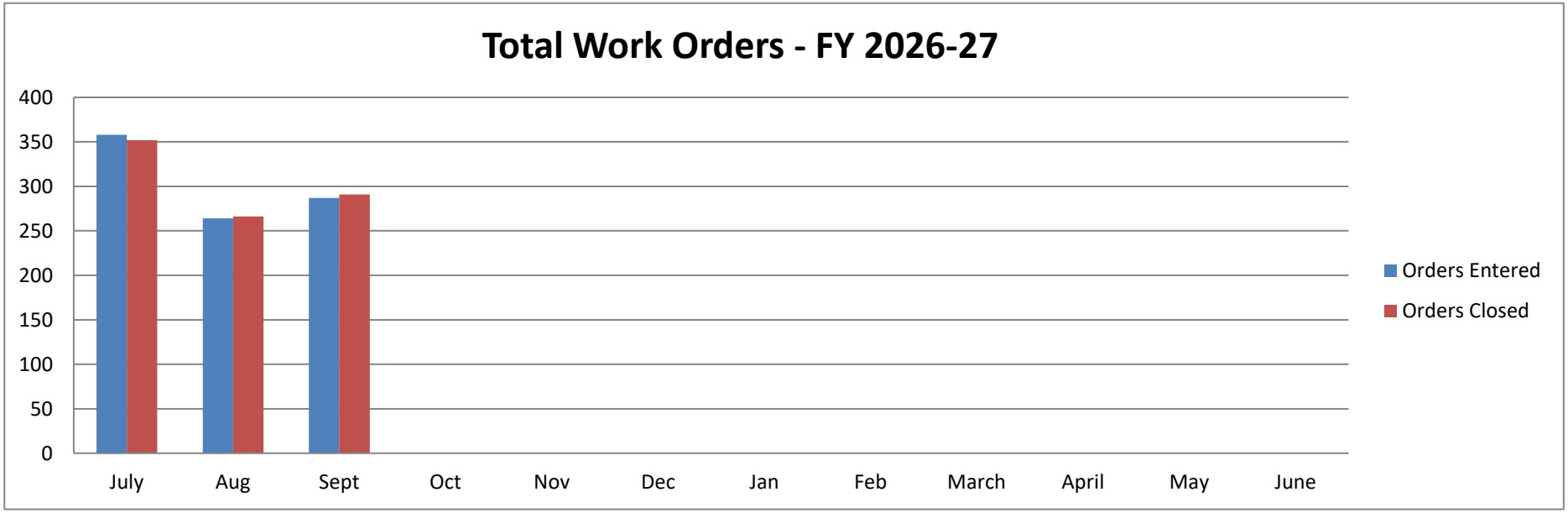
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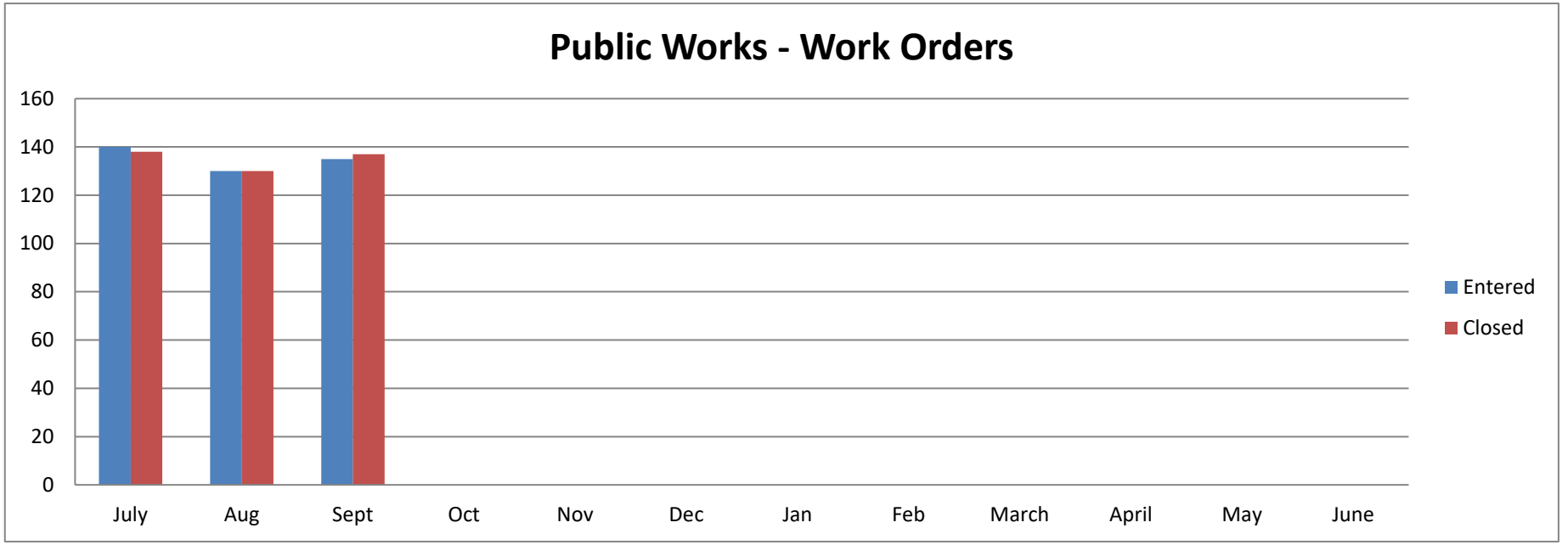
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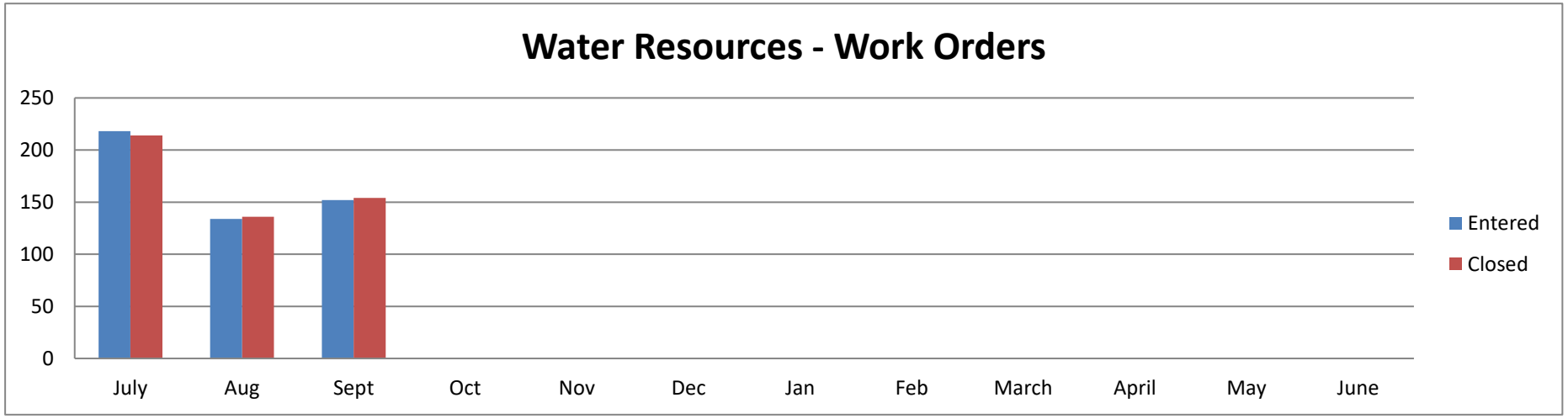
The data being presented in this report is a representation of the orginal call as it was dispatched.


Public Works Work Orders
FY 26-27
Wetlands / Ponds 1%
Tree Maintenance 5%
Other 8%
Building Maintenance 24%
Painting 1%
Trash/Litter 24%
Park/Playground 26%
Stormwater Maintenance 6%
Roadway Maintenance 5%


Water Resources Work Orders
FY 26-27
Sewer Collection 6%
Sewer Treatment 4%
Water Distribution 4%
Water Treatment 6%
Service Orders 8%
Utility Locates 72%


Total Work Orders - FY 2026-27
400
350
300
250
200
150
100
50
0
July
Aug
Sept
Oct
Nov
Dec
Jan
Feb
March
April
May
June
Orders Entered
Orders Closed


Public Works - Work Orders
160
140
120
100
80
60
40
20
0
July
Aug
Sept
Oct
Nov
Dec
Jan
Feb
March
April
May
June
Entered
Closed


Water Resources - Work Orders
250
200
150
100
50
0
July
Aug
Sept
Oct
Nov
Dec
Jan
Feb
March
April
May
June
Entered
Closed

Printed 10/13/2026

Town of River Bend
FY 2026-2027
Work Order Report

Public Works

Orders Entered	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD	Pending
Building Maintenance	30	33	34										97	1
Painting	1	2	1										4	0
Park/Playground	32	33	39										104	0
Roadway Maintenance	8	5	6										19	0
Stormwater Maintenance	10	8	6										24	1
Trash/Litter	31	34	31										96	0
Tree Maintenance	12	3	6										21	0
Wetlands / Ponds	2	1	2										5	0
Other	14	11	10										35	0
TOTAL	140	130	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**405**	**2**
Orders Closed	138	130	137										**405**	

Water Resources

Orders Entered	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD	Pending
Sewer Collection	11	13	8										32	1
Sewer Treatment	10	5	4										19	0
Water Distribution	8	6	8										22	1
Water Treatment	11	8	9										28	0
Service Orders	12	14	13										39	0
Utility Locates	166	88	110										364	0
TOTAL	218	134	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**504**	**2**
Orders Closed	214	136	154										**504**	

TOTAL	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	YTD
Orders Entered	358	264	287	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	909
Orders Closed	352	266	291	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	909

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September 2026 Monthly Report
Brandon Mills, Director of Public Works

Public Works staff replaced several pieces of exercise equipment and fence lines along the town's walking trail. This is to keep this equipment maintained and to keep it safe and usable for the public. The crew has continued its scheduled mowing operations and remains on track with routine maintenance around town. We have also several minor maintenance items in the park that we are addressing over the coming month.

Water Resources staff replaced a water service line that had been experiencing ongoing problems with leaking. The line was replaced with new piping, which will resolve the problem with it leaking. One pump was removed at one of our lift stations that had failed. This pump was quickly identified by our operators, and a backup pump was installed. Repair parts have been ordered for the failed pump, and the pump will be rebuilt as soon as the parts come in. In the later part of October, we will be doing a full water distribution system flush. This is not only to remove iron/manganese built-up, but to also service our fire hydrants throughout the system to ensure they are in proper operating order.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 252-638-3540, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. After-hours water and sewer emergencies can be reported by calling the Town Hall number 252-638-3870 use option 9 for water and sewer emergencies to get in touch with our own call operator. If your call is not answered leave your name, number, address, and a brief message about the nature of the emergency. If you do not receive a call back within 15 minutes, please call the Police Department at 252-638-1108 ext. 1, and they will get in contact with the on-call operator. If the police department does not answer, leave a message.

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS

Parks & Recreation Board
BOARD/COMMISSION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING

Brittany Fillman — NAME
brittany1291990@gmail.com — E-MAIL ADDRESS

104 Sandpiper Ct New Bern, NC 28562 — STREET ADDRESS
2155198889 — PHONE #

If you listed a post office box, do you live in the Town of River Bend? ☑ Yes ☐ No

PLEASE LIST ANY EDUCATION, SPECIAL SKILLS, OR EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE THAT WOULD BE OF USE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION (Please include any committees you have belonged to and offices held that would be helpful in considering your application):

My family and I have made River Bend our home, and with two young children, I have a personal interest in helping our community continue to be a great place for families to live, grow, and spend time together. We plan to stay in River Bend for the foreseeable future, so I care about both what our community offers today and how it develops in the years ahead. Professionally, my background in proposal development and government contracting has given me strong skills in research, project planning, organization, problem solving, and turning ideas into actionable plans. As a Board member, I could contribute by researching new recreation ideas and programs, helping identify and prioritize community needs, gathering and organizing resident feedback, supporting project planning, and bringing fresh ideas from other communities that could work well in River Bend. I also bring the perspective of a parent with young children and would like to help create recreational opportunities that appeal to families while continuing to serve residents of all ages. I enjoy taking an idea, researching the possibilities, and helping develop a practical path forward, and I would be excited to use those skills to become more involved in a community my family is proud to call home.

IF YOU NOW SERVE OR HAVE SERVED ON ANY TOWN COMMITTEES, PLEASE LIST DATES:

n/a

This information will be used by the Town Council in making appointments to Boards and Commissions, and in the event you are appointed, it may be used as a news release to identify you to the community. This form will be retained by the Town for two years after its submission. If after two years, you have not been appointed and wish to be considered for future appointments, you must resubmit your application.

Brittany Fillman — SIGNATURE
24Sep26 — DATE

Please submit application to townclerk@riverbendnc.org

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS

PARKS & REC
BOARD/COMMISSION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING

SEAN SWEENEY SSWEEN23@GMAIL.COM
NAME E-MAIL ADDRESS

234 SHORELINE DR. NEW BERN, NC 28562 303-579-7868
STREET ADDRESS PHONE #

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PLEASE LIST ANY EDUCATION, SPECIAL SKILLS, OR EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE THAT WOULD BE OF USE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION (Please include any committees you have belonged to and offices held that would be helpful in considering your application):

- I HAVE A BACHELORS DEGREE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT.
- 22 YEARS AS A DEPUTY SHERIFF IN COLORADO
- I WAS A BOARD MEMBER FOR 12 YEARS FOR THE DENVER GAELS, A GAELIC ATHLETIC CLUB (150+ MEMBERS)
- I WAS A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE COLORADO REGION SCCA FOR 10 YEARS. I HELPED PLAN RACES & WE HAD OVER 500 MEMBERS

IF YOU NOW SERVE OR HAVE SERVED ON ANY TOWN COMMITTEES, PLEASE LIST DATES:

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Sean Sweeney 10/05/26
SIGNATURE DATE

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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS

Parks and Recreation
BOARD/COMMISSION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING

Kate Kelly — KateKelly22@gmail.com
NAME — E-MAIL ADDRESS

234 Shoreline Dr New Bern, NC 28562 — 303-552-8852
STREET ADDRESS — PHONE #

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PLEASE LIST ANY EDUCATION, SPECIAL SKILLS, OR EXPERIENCE YOU HAVE THAT WOULD BE OF USE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL IN CONSIDERING YOUR APPLICATION (Please include any committees you have belonged to and offices held that would be helpful in considering your application):

Previously held committee positions on The Denver Gaels sports team board & Irish Network Colorado's board

Other skills - relationship management, cross functional collaboration, communication, strategic planning, problem solving, and eagerness to enhance the quality of life & our town for River Bend residents.

IF YOU NOW SERVE OR HAVE SERVED ON ANY TOWN COMMITTEES, PLEASE LIST DATES:
Currently supporting Community Watch as a member

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Kate Kelly — 10/6/20
SIGNATURE — DATE

Please submit application to townclerk@riverbendnc.org

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ITEM 13

River Bend Community Organic Garden (RBCOG)

Monthly Report for Town Council – 10/5/26

September Activity

Ten gardeners worked 156 hours in September, for a year-to-date total of 1250 hours.

The month's harvest totaled 471 pounds, most of it from watermelon. Interfaith Refugee Ministries received eleven percent of the total harvest.

Fall crops will be planted by the end of October.

The next meeting is a specially scheduled for November 9 at 1:30 pm. Guests are always welcome at the meetings and in the garden.

bjm-10/5/26

ITEM 14

Town of River Bend

Monthly Financial Report

Printed 10/12/2026

This monthly report is provided as an oversight/management tool for the Town Council of the Town of River Bend. For ease of reporting, and in order to be consistent with the categories used in the annual budget process, this report summarizes the revenue and expenses in each of the three operational areas of the Town. Anyone interested in more detail, or further explanation of the contents of this report, is encouraged to contact Finance Officer Mandy Gilbert.

Notes

The cash balances shown on page one are the amount of cash in each specific accounting fund. These funds are deposited in separate investment accounts. Pooled cash accounts used for operating funds but accounted for, in our internal systems, as individual accounts. Interest attributable to each account is allocated based upon the total rate of return of the account(s).

The FY Budget columns represents the original and current budget. As the fiscal year goes on and unforeseen expenses or revenues occur, we need to adjust the budget. The Council does this by formal amendment during a Council meeting. *Asterisked lines represent those budget items that have been amended since adoption.

Because this is an annual budget, it is important to note that many lines shown in this report will vary, some significantly, from month to month, and in different times of the year. In many instances, capital payments for current fiscal year projects are made early in the fiscal year and the majority of our ad valorem tax receipts occur in the middle of the fiscal year. This is another reason to maintain an adequate fund balance.

Town of River Bend
Financial Dashboard

Visit our web site http://www.riverbendnc.org/finance.html to view the Financial Dashboard. These dashboards are designed to give the user a quick overview of the status of revenues and expenditures in each of the Town's three major funds as reported in the Monthly Financial Report.

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Town of River Bend
Financial Report
Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027

Fund Cash Balances

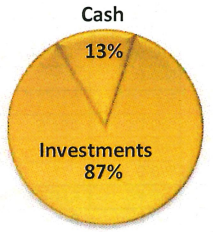
	Cash Balances	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
1	General Fund*	1,191,040	1,149,174	1,246,975									
2	Powell Bill	-	-	53,654									
3	General Capital Reserve	238,885	239,612	240,333									
4	Law Enforcement Separation Allowance	56,299	56,470	56,640									
5	Water Fund*	367,440	395,418	379,913									
6	Water Capital Reserve Fund	19,017	19,075	19,133									
7	Water Treatment Plant Capital Project	(2,652)	(2,652)	(2,652)									
8	Sewer Fund*	654,236	677,674	631,580									
9	Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	46,353	46,494	46,634									
10	WWTP Capital Projects Fund	(2,473)	(2,473)	(2,473)									
	Total Cash and Investments	2,568,144	2,578,792	2,669,735	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Truist Cash Accounts	**271,450**	**275,105**	**359,120**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

*These operating funds have equity in the Truist pooled accounts.

In order to obtain more favorable interest rates, the Town deposits funds in the North Carolina Capital Management Trust. We move funds between our cash accounts and these investment accounts to accommodate cash flow for our payables and as revenues are received in order to maintain an adequate amount of cash for operational needs while attempting to minimize bank fees and maximize interest revenue. Based upon historical cash flow and current encumbrances, our staff anticipates the level of cash needed to meet our obligations without having to make an inordinate number of transfers between accounts.

On the table above, the term cash includes those funds we hold in accounts in our designated banking institution (currently Truist). We have two accounts with Truist, a Money Market account that pays a competitive rate of interest, and an operating (checking) account from and to which we make all regular payments and deposits.

The table below shows the balances of each fund account we have in NCCMT at the end of the month. The chart to the right shows how our funds are apportioned between operating cash and investments.



	Investments in NCCMT	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
1	General Fund	1,092,220	1,038,911	1,139,095									
2	Powell Bill	-	-	-									
3	Capital Reserve (General Fund)	238,885	239,612	240,333									
4	Law Enforcement Separation Allowance	56,299	56,471	56,640									
5	Water Fund	280,346	309,761	286,677									
6	Water Capital Reserve Fund	19,017	19,075	19,133									
7	Sewer Fund	563,574	593,364	522,103									
8	Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	46,353	46,494	46,634									
	Total Investments	2,296,694	2,303,687	2,310,615	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	Revenue	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date		PY
		Original	Current													Total	% Budget	% Budget
1	Ad Valorem Taxes	1,254,048	**1,254,048**	-	1,882	113,980										115,863	9.2%	8.6%
2	Ad Valorem Taxes - Vehicle	153,000	**153,000**	-	17,525	11,966										29,491	19.3%	16.6%
3	Vehicle Registration Fee	30,800	**30,800**	-	3,270	2,770										6,040	19.6%	4.4%
4	Animal Licenses	1,500	**1,500**	100	10	70										180	12.0%	12.7%
5	Local Gov't Sales Tax	525,078	**525,078**	46,460	52,976	56,437										155,873	29.7%	28.4%
6	Hold Harmless Distribution	135,612	**135,612**	11,981	13,594	15,296										40,871	30.1%	28.5%
7	Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,200	**2,200**	-	520	-										520	23.6%	24.0%
8	Powell Bill Fund Appropriation	-	**-**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
9	Powell Bill Allocation	108,000	**108,000**	-	-	53,654										53,654	49.7%	49.5%
10	Beer & Wine Tax	13,625	**13,625**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
11	Video Programming Tax	39,333	**39,333**	-	-	10,072										10,072	25.6%	22.9%
12	Utilities Franchise Tax	134,899	**134,899**	-	-	28,029										28,029	20.8%	20.6%
13	Telecommunications Tax	6,803	**6,803**	-	-	1,499										1,499	22.0%	26.0%
14	Court Cost Fees	500	**500**	14	10	15										39	7.7%	18.9%
15	Zoning Permits	5,000	**5,000**	1,266	352	184										1,803	36.1%	38.0%
16	Federal Grants	-	**-**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	#DIV/0!
17	Federal Grants - BVP Program	-	**-**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
18	State Grants*	-	**75,000**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
19	Federal Disaster Assistance	-	**-**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
20	State Disaster Assistance	-	**-**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
21	Miscellaneous	9,000	**9,000**	130	1,630	795										2,555	28.4%	14.1%
22	Insurance Settlements	-	**-**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
23	Interest - Powell Bill	5	**5**	-	-	0										0	0.6%	0.6%
24	Interest - Investments	40,784	**40,784**	3,636	3,191	3,185										10,013	24.6%	24.7%
25	Contributions	900	**900**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	64.0%
26	Wildwood Storage Rents	17,395	**17,395**	1,531	1,500	1,532										4,563	26.2%	26.5%
27	Rents & Concessions	18,000	**18,000**	2,055	2,155	1,550										5,760	32.0%	29.3%
28	Sale of Capital Assets	12,057	**12,057**	-	-	15,075										15,075	125.0%	0.0%
29	Sales Tax Refund Revenue	11,365	**11,365**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
30	Trans. from Capital Reserve*	176,500	**196,500**	196,500	-	-										196,500	100.0%	100.0%
31	Trans. from L.E.S.A. Fund	-	**-**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
32	Appropriated Fund Balance	298,996	**298,996**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
	Total	2,995,400	**3,090,400**	**263,673**	**98,616**	**316,109**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**678,397**	**22.0%**	**20.7%**

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	Expenditures	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date		PY
		Original	Current													Total	% Exp	% Exp
1	Governing Body	72,500	**72,500**	7,708	-842	6,907										13,772	19.0%	13.7%
2	Administration	411,800	**411,800**	114,396	21,212	40,992										176,601	42.9%	31.5%
3	Finance	165,900	**165,900**	19,996	10,600	16,455										47,051	28.4%	29.9%
4	Tax Listing	25,600	**25,600**	-	476	2,028										2,504	9.8%	7.9%
5	Legal Services	42,000	**42,000**	1,546	1,001	6,856										9,403	22.4%	14.4%
6	Elections	700	**700**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
7	Public Buildings	74,000	**74,000**	3,409	8,753	3,290										15,451	20.9%	19.0%
8	Police	885,900	**885,900**	69,079	54,191	74,057										197,326	22.3%	31.4%
9	Emergency Management	5,400	**5,400**	975	16	16										1,007	18.7%	18.8%
10	Street Maintenance	324,700	**324,700**	5,959	4,265	6,673										16,896	5.2%	5.1%
11	Public Works	298,500	**298,500**	34,425	21,427	23,423										79,276	26.6%	37.6%
12	Leaf & Limb, Solid Waste	98,200	**98,200**	4,498	476	6,387										11,362	11.6%	21.6%
13	Stormwater Management*	94,500	**114,500**	3,497	1,909	6,343										11,748	10.3%	14.7%
14	Waterways & Wetlands	3,000	**3,000**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	38.7%
15	Planning & Zoning	64,700	**64,700**	6,258	4,293	7,939										18,489	28.6%	29.7%
16	Recreation & Special Events	15,200	**15,200**	5,000	64	298										5,362	35.3%	6.9%
17	Parks*	160,500	**235,500**	4,834	6,020	5,488										16,342	6.9%	20.0%
18	Transfers	224,900	**224,900**	224,900	-	-										224,900	100.0%	100.0%
19	Contingency	27,400	**27,400**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
	Total	2,995,400	**3,090,400**	**506,480**	**133,860**	**207,151**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**847,491**	**27.4%**	**29.7%**

	Capital / Debt (included above)	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
		Original	Current													Total	% Exp
1	Capital Outlay	409,300	**409,300**	7,786	-	-										7,786	1.9%
2	Debt Service - Principle	-	-	-	-	-										-	0.0%
3	Debt Service - Interest	-	-	-	-	-										-	0.0%

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Revenue	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date		PY
	Original	Current													Total	% Col	% Col
Base Charge	283,901	**283,901**	46,909	413	46,868										94,190	33.2%	30.5%
Consumption	234,513	**234,513**	42,422	116	42,544										85,081	36.3%	34.4%
Other, incl. transfers	64,635	**64,635**	25,964	3,102	938										30,004	46.4%	52.5%
Availability Fee	17,751	**17,751**	-	-	2,998										2,998	16.9%	100.1%
Appropriated Fund Bal.*	143,700	**144,515**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	744,500	**745,315**	**115,295**	**3,631**	**93,348**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**212,274**	**28.5%**	**30.7%**

Expenses	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date		PY
	Original	Current													Total	% Exp	% Exp
Admin & Finance	550,700	**550,700**	55,122	28,071	36,442										119,635	21.7%	21.2%
Supply & Treatment*	87,000	**87,815**	8,800	6,906	14,503										30,209	34.4%	38.1%
Distribution	81,300	**81,300**	31,934	2,096	427										34,458	42.4%	49.2%
Transfers / Contingency	25,500	**25,500**	25,500	-	-										25,500	100.0%	100.0%
Total	744,500	**745,315**	**121,356**	**37,074**	**51,372**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**209,802**	**28.1%**	**28.7%**

Capital	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
(included above)	Original	Current													Total	% Exp
Capital Outlay*	39,000	**39,000**	-	-	8,712										8,712	22.3%

Cash Balances

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Water Fund	367,440	395,418	379,913									
Water Capital Reserve Fund	19,017	19,075	19,133									

Water Produced		Limit	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
Total Gallons			6,151,000	5,613,000	5,516,000										17,280,000	
Average daily gallons		**925,000***	198,419	181,065	183,867	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	187,784	

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Sewer Fund

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Revenue

	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date		PY
	Original	Current													Total	% Col	% Col
Base Charge	299,115	**299,115**	49,387	442	49,373										99,202	33.2%	33.1%
Consumption	327,512	**327,512**	53,945	52	57,376										111,373	34.0%	32.4%
Other, incl. transfers*	54,373	**79,373**	43,750	3,077	1,738										48,566	61.2%	56.5%
Appropriated Fund Bal.	121,700	**121,700**	-	-	-										-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	802,700	**827,700**	**147,082**	**3,572**	**108,487**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**259,141**	**31.3%**	**30.7%**

Expenses

	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date		PY
	Original	Current													Total	% Exp	% Exp
Admin & Finance	559,000	**559,000**	62,877	29,669	39,693										132,239	23.7%	22.7%
Collection*	67,400	**92,400**	5,816	4,192	30,696										40,704	44.1%	29.3%
Treatment	140,800	**140,800**	12,382	9,934	3,126										25,443	18.1%	25.8%
Transfers / Contingency	35,500	**35,500**	35,500	-	-										35,500	100.0%	100.0%
Total	802,700	**827,700**	**116,575**	**43,796**	**73,515**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**233,886**	**28.3%**	**26.5%**

Capital

(included above)	Fiscal Year Budget		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Original	Current													Total	% Exp
Capital Outlay*	17,000	**42,000**	-	-	27,775										**27,775**	66.1%

Cash Balances

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Sewer Fund	654,236	677,674	631,580									
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	46,353	46,494	46,634									

Wastewater Treated

		Limit	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
Total Gallons			2,941,000	3,020,000	2,782,000										8,743,000	
Average daily gallons		**330,000***	94,871	97,419	92,733	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95,008	

*** This is the permitted daily limit.**

ITEM 15

EWAB October 5th, 2026

Chairman Meyer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

There was a quorum of members present.

There was one visitor who is interested in joining.

The minutes for the August 3rd, 2026, meeting were approved.

Old Business:

Canal clean up review.

Renaming the kayak launch after Jim Stevens.

New Business:

EWAB will take part in NNO.

No wake zone questions.

There are four vacancies on EWAB.

Councilman Leonard gave a council update and answered members questions.

The November meeting is canceled due to the election.

Next meeting December 7th, 2026, at 7PM in the municipal building in the small conference room. The public is welcome to attend.

Volunteer Hours: 19

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM