Our Budget Preparation Process

The Town of River Bend employs an open and transparent budget development process that allows for significant participation from elected officials, advisory boards, staff, and the public. This tentative schedule of budget workshops outlines the dates of these sessions and the proposed topics to be discussed during each session.

While the Town Council and staff do their best to adhere to the printed schedule, there are times when deviation is necessary in order to accommodate adequate discussion of items scheduled for consideration. Therefore, if time or information does not allow for complete discussion of a scheduled item, that item may be taken up at the beginning of the next session.

The Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Public Hearing is tentatively set for Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Documents pertaining to the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget preparation will be posted on the Town's webpage prior to each budget workshop. All budget related documents shall remain as draft and are subject to change until the Budget Ordinance is officially adopted by the Town Council.

Mayor and Town Council Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026-27

"It's all about resources"

Continue to provide a safe, dynamic, and attractive community for people of all ages, and continue to address the changing demographic composition of the Town.

Continue to provide safe drinking water and quality treatment of wastewater through maintenance of the current systems and continued prudent fiscal management of the utilities.

Continue to operate wastewater treatment facilities to maintain regulatory compliance and serve the current and future needs of the Town.

Continue to work with advisory boards as a means to encourage citizen participation in Town government.

Continue to be good stewards of the natural environment through planned stormwater and floodplain management efforts.

Continue to cooperate regionally and with other municipalities and, where appropriate, share ideas and resources.

Maintain a commitment to the Council—Manager form of government, and to support an adequate and well-trained staff to serve the current and future needs of the community.

Continue to employ sound fiscal management practices to ensure the long-term financial viability of the Town.

Maintain a visionary posture, acknowledging that change is inevitable.

Town of River Bend

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Preparation Workshops

All Budget Workshops will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Dates & times are tentative and may change if necessary.

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APRIL 28, 2026

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS
- Pay Plan Review
- Retirement / 401K / LESA
- Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

LABOR ALLOCATIONS AMONG DEPARTMENTS & FUNDS
- Staffing Projections
- Allocation Table

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS
- General Fund
- Vehicle Replacement Plan
- Information Technology Replacement Plan

ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND FUEL PRICES

GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS

GOVERNING BODY
- Association Dues, Training, Contributions

ADMINISTRATION
-Property and Liability Insurance, Training, Association Dues

FINANCE
- Information Technology

TAX LISTING
-County Provided Services, Collection Projections, Fees

LEGAL SERVICES
-Attorney

ELECTIONS

STREET MAINTENANCE
- Roadway Improvement Plan

STORM WATER MAINTENANCE
- Prioritized Drainage Concerns
- Scheduled Maintenance

PUBLIC WORKS
-Capital Outlay

PUBLIC BUILDINGS
- Building Maintenance

APRIL 30, 2026

GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS CONTINUED

POLICE
Community Watch, Fuel, LESA, Capital Outlay

RECREATION AND SPECIAL EVENTS
- July 4th Plans, Recreation Programs

PARKS AND CAC
- Parks, Community Appearance Commission Projects

EMERGENCY SERVICES
- Contingency Funding

ANIMAL CONTROL

WETLANDS & WATERWAYS
- Pond and Canal Maintenance
- Environment and Waterways Advisory Board

LEAF & LIMB AND SOLID WASTE
-Contract Costs

PLANNING AND ZONING

GENERAL FUND—REVENUE/ EXPENSE

GENERAL FUND—FUND BALANCE

MAY 11, 2026

ENTERPRISE FUND DEPARTMENTS

WATER AND SEWER FUND CASH LEVELS
- Debt Service
- Capital Reserve Funds
- Capital Improvement Plan/ Water and Sewer

WATER FUND DEPARTMENTS
- Administration
- Water Supply & Treatment
- Water Distribution

SEWER FUND DEPARTMENTS
- Administration
- Sewer Collection
- Sewer Treatment

UTILITY FINANCIAL MODEL
- Rate History
- Consumption Trends
- Revenue & Expense—Cash Balances
- Rate Scenarios

WATER AND SEWER– REVENUE/EXPENSE

MAY 14 2026

TAX RATES, UTILITY RATES AND OTHER FEES
- Ad Valorem Tax Rate
- Utility Rates and Fees
- Schedule of Rates and Fees

MAY 19, 2026

MEET IF NECESSARY

MAY 21, 2026

OVERVIEW

DRAFT-BUDGET MESSAGE, ORDINANCE and SCHEDULE OF FEES

The proposed topics shown in this schedule does not represent an all-inclusive, exact list of topics for those dates and departments. These are proposed topics. Some of them may be omitted, while other topics and/or items related to those departments may be added for discussion. A time for public comment, as designated by Council, will be included in each session.

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