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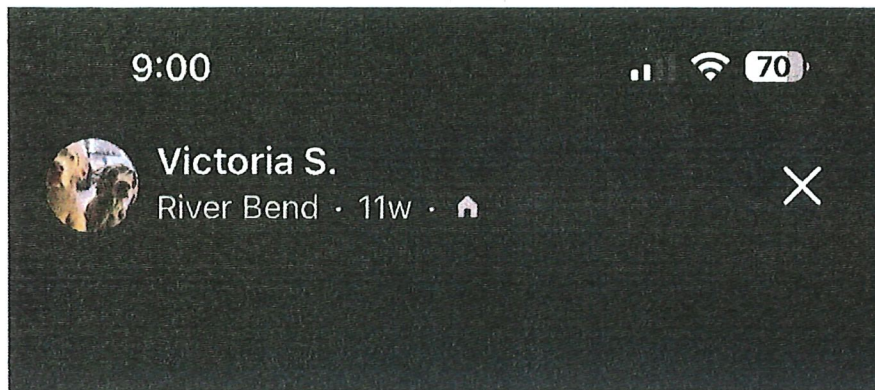
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RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL PROPOSED AGENDA

Work Session Meeting
November 13, 2025
River Bend Town Hall – 45 Shoreline Drive
5:00 p.m.

1. **VOTE** – Agenda: Additions / Deletions / Adoption
2. Discussion – Official Town Spokesperson Role – Benton
3. Discussion – Water Committee - Weaver
4. Discussion – Planning Board Member Appointment - Sheffield
5. Discussion – Pickleball Grant Application - Jackson
6. Discussion – Kayak Launch Access - Jackson
7. Review Agenda – Nobles
8. Adjournment

Pledge Next Week: Noonan



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TO: Residents of River Bend

FROM: Council Member Jeff Weaver

DATE: 7/18/2025

RE: Clarification Regarding Pickleball Court Funding and Water System Upgrades

Following the Town Council's recent vote to approve funding for a new pickleball court, there have been public statements made that have caused confusion and concern. I want to provide you with clear, accurate information regarding both the pickleball court project and the ongoing efforts to improve our water system.

1. Recreation Projects Are Not Funded from the Water System Budget

The pickleball court project was funded using the Council Discretionary Fund and a portion of the Capital Improvement Plan, which is entirely separate from the Water Enterprise Fund. By law, money collected through your water bills must be used only for water-related operations and infrastructure. It cannot legally be used for parks, recreation, or other general town projects.

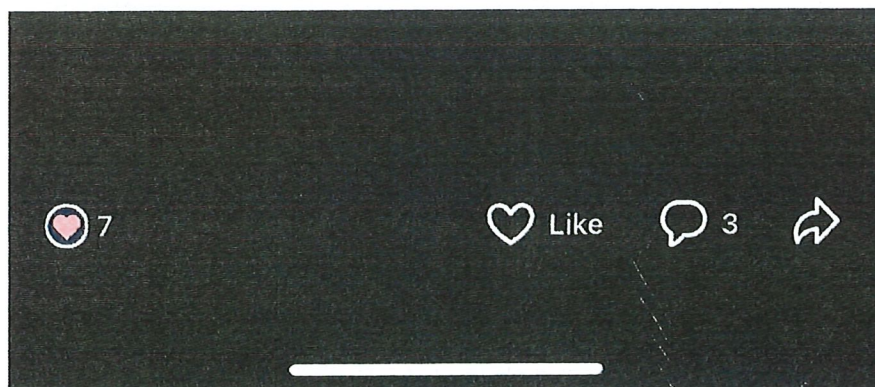
The funds approved for the pickleball court are not interchangeable with utility funds. To suggest otherwise is simply false and creates unnecessary confusion.

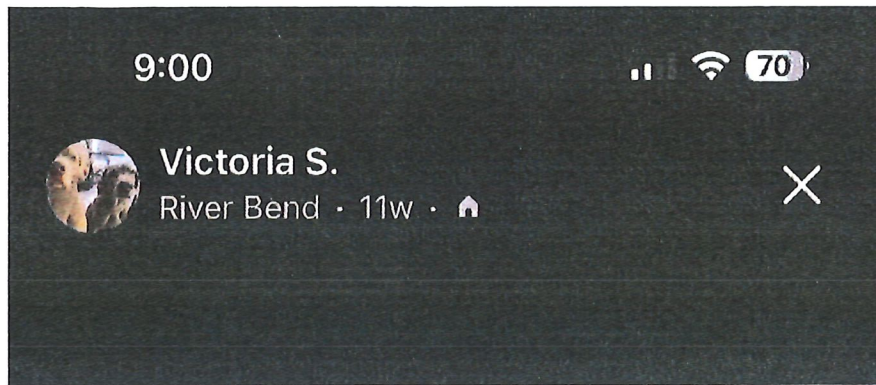
2. We Are Making Real Progress on Water Quality — Every Day

Yes, if construction on a new water treatment facility began today, it could take approximately four years before water from that facility comes out of the tap. But it is disingenuous to suggest that nothing is being done in the meantime.

We are actively working every day to provide the best water product possible using our existing system. This includes:

- Flushing and valve replacement programs,





- System monitoring and maintenance.
- And significant engineering and planning efforts already underway.

Furthermore, millions of dollars in grant funding have already been secured to build a modern water treatment facility. The total project is estimated at nearly \$20 million, and we are intentionally waiting on a few final grant applications in hopes of completing the project at zero cost to residents.

Put simply: we're doing everything we can to prevent your water bill from going up.

Yes, we could move forward today and fill the remaining gap with loans, but why would we take on debt when we're close to fully funding the project through grants?

These efforts take time, patience, and fiscal discipline, all of which we're exercising on your behalf.

3. The Pickleball Court Project Is Responsible and Community-Driven

This project was not rushed or frivolous. It was the product of:

- Multiple public discussions,
- The completion of engineered plans,
- And data from a Parks & Recreation survey, where pickleball ranked as one of the top requested amenities.

The \$85,000 in funding came from a combination of two sources:

- Approximately \$40,000 from the Parks & Recreation Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) line, and
- The remaining \$45,000 from the Council Discretionary Fund.

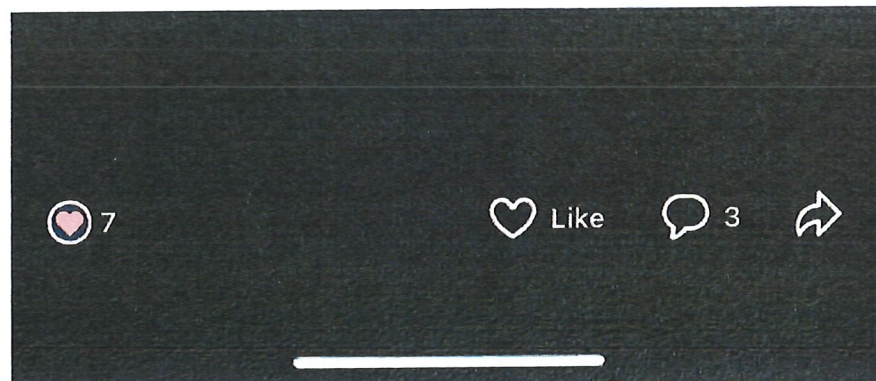
None of these funds are tied to water utility revenues, and they were specifically intended for general government or recreation projects. This is a strategic, modest investment in quality of life that does not impact utility operations or delay infrastructure improvements.

Residents deserve honest information from their elected officials. Making misleading comparisons between unrelated funding sources does a disservice to the public conversation. We are capable of both improving our infrastructure and investing in the well-being of our community.

If you have questions, I'm always available to explain where your tax dollars are going, with facts, not politics.

—Jeff Weaver

Council Member – Town of River Bend



TOWN ORDINANCE

MAYOR

§ 3.01.020 OATH.

The Mayor, before entering upon the duties of his or her office, shall take and subscribe before some person lawfully entitled to administer oaths, an oath of affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state and the laws made pursuant thereto and to faithfully perform the duties of his or her office, which oath or affirmation shall be entered upon the minutes of the Council subscribed as provided in this section, attested by the officer administering the oath, and further shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

(Prior Code, Ch. 2, Art. II)

§ 3.01.021 DUTIES.

The Mayor shall be the chief executive of the town and shall perform the following duties:

- A. Attend and preside over all meetings of the Town Council;
- B. Sign all contracts, resolutions, franchises, ordinances and other documents authorized by the Council;
- C. May appoint members of special ad hoc committees that fall within the area of the Mayor's responsibilities and outline their duties, subject to the consent of the Council;
- D. Make recommendations to the Council from time to time concerning the affairs of the town;
- E. Represent the town at ceremonies and other official occasions; and
- F. Perform other duties and functions as authorized by the Council, the General Statutes of North Carolina or by the Town Charter.

STATE LAW

§ 160A-67. General powers of mayor and council.

Except as otherwise provided by law, the government and general management of the city shall be vested in the council. The powers and duties of the mayor shall be such as are conferred upon him by law, together with such other powers and duties as may be conferred upon him by the council pursuant to law. The mayor shall be recognized as the official head of the city for the purpose of service of civil process, and for all ceremonial purposes. (1971, c. 698, s. 1.)

§ 160A-148. Powers and duties of manager.

(a) The manager shall be the chief administrator of the city. The manager shall be responsible to the council for administering all municipal affairs placed in the manager's charge by the council, and shall have the following powers and duties:

- (1) He shall appoint and suspend or remove all city officers and employees not elected by the people, and whose appointment or removal is not otherwise provided for by law, except the city attorney, in accordance with such general personnel rules, regulations, policies, or ordinances as the council may adopt.
- (2) He shall direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the city, subject to the general direction and control of the council, except as otherwise provided by law.
- (3) He shall attend all meetings of the council and recommend any measures that he deems expedient.
- (4) He shall see that all laws of the State, the city charter, and the ordinances, resolutions, and regulations of the council are faithfully executed within the city.
- (5) He shall prepare and submit the annual budget and capital program to the council.
- (6) He shall annually submit to the council and make available to the public a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the city as of the end of the fiscal year.
- (7) He shall make any other reports that the council may require concerning the operations of city departments, offices, and agencies subject to his direction and control.
- (8) He shall perform any other duties that may be required or authorized by the council.
- (9) The manager shall receive a minimum of six clock hours of education upon the occurrence, or within six months of the occurrence, of any of the following:
 - a. The Local Government Commission is exercising its authority under Article 10 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes with respect to the city.
 - b. The city has received a unit letter from the Local Government Commission due to a deficiency in complying with Chapter 159 of the General Statutes.
 - c. The city has an internal control material weakness or significant deficiency in the most recently completed financial audit.
 - d. The city is included on the most recently published Unit Assistance List issued by the Department of State Treasurer.

(b) The education shall incorporate fiscal management and the requirements of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes. The education may be provided by the Local Government Commission, the School of Government at the University of North Carolina, the North Carolina Community College System, the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, or other qualified sources at the choice of the governing board and upon the prior approval of the Local Government Commission. The clerk to the governing board shall maintain a record verifying receipt of the education by the manager and shall provide this information, upon request, to the Secretary of the Local Government Commission. (1969, c. 629, s. 2; 1971, c. 698, s. 1; 1973, c. 426, s. 22; 2021-124, s. 5.)

Recommendation for Quarterly Water System Q&A / Information Session

I wanted to share a recommendation following the meeting on October 22, 2025, with residents regarding the ongoing water concerns. The discussion was productive and civil. While the residents expressed understandable frustration, they were also open to solutions and genuinely want to be part of improving communication with the Town.

One of the suggestions raised was the creation of a citizen “oversight” or advisory board specific to water issues. While I understand where that idea comes from, I don’t believe a formal oversight committee is the right structure for a number of operational and regulatory reasons. However, I do think there is real merit in what the residents are asking for, better communication and more opportunities for direct information sharing.

As most of you know, the Town has made significant progress toward long-term solutions, securing millions in grants and direct allocations toward a new water treatment facility, increasing flushing frequency in problem areas, and replacing the Birm media, among other efforts. But for those living with the day-to-day effects of water discoloration or odor, that progress isn’t always visible. I think part of what we’re facing is a communication gap, not because the information isn’t available, but because we sometimes take for granted that people know what we’re working on.

With that in mind, I’d like to recommend that the Town consider hosting a quarterly public Q&A or informational meeting dedicated specifically to water system updates until this issue is finally resolved. It could be an opportunity for residents to hear directly from staff about what’s being done, what’s planned, and to ask questions in an open, structured setting. Given that project timelines and maintenance schedules often vary, a quarterly format seems more practical and sustainable. In the meantime, residents can continue to reach out during our regular monthly council meetings or by email with any questions or concerns.

In addition to improving communication and transparency, I think this format could also benefit us as a council by allowing us to receive feedback or information that we might not otherwise hear. It would help us stay connected to what residents are experiencing firsthand and keep us collectively accountable as we continue working toward a permanent solution.

This is just my recommendation based on the feedback I heard, but I welcome everyone’s input on how we might structure something like this, or if there are other ideas to help strengthen communication and public confidence moving forward.

Respectfully,
Jeff Weaver
Council Member



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REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS

Planning Board

BOARD/COMMISSION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING

Richard Taylor

NAME

richardtaylor@aol.com

E-MAIL ADDRESS

298 Shoreline Drive

STREET ADDRESS

703-789-7898

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

Regularly attend Planning Board meetings and Town Council meetings to facilitate my comprehensive understanding of Town budgeting, operations, governance and development.

Possess a strong interest and understanding of our community, including Town history as well as current initiatives and opportunities. I have broad experience with citizen engagement and community decision-making processes.

I believe it is critical to represent the entire community; not personal or specific business interests.

Senior Marketing and C-Suite leadership roles in the US and Internationally with:

Bacardi USA - Burger King - Aol - Goal Financial - WiseChoice - Echo360

General Business Consulting with numerous Tech Start-Ups in various categories:

Automotive, B2C SaaS Platforms, Cloud Storage Infrastructure and BioTech

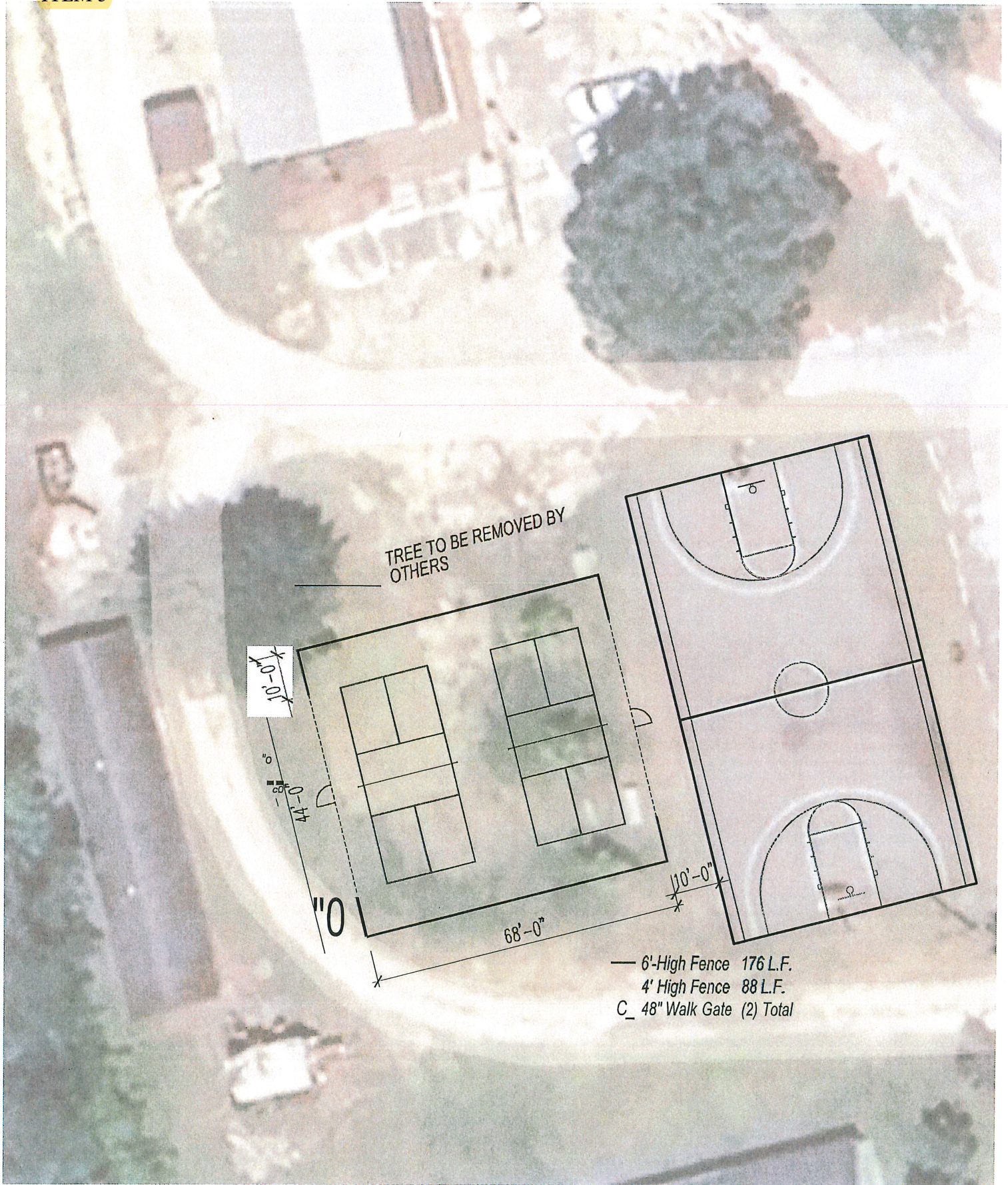
- Board of Directors, Warrior to Cyber Warrior 2012-2016
- Board of Advisors, International Tennis Hall of Fame 2006-2012
- Board of Directors, Burger King Foundation, 1998-2002

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.

Please submit application to
townclerk@riverbendnc.org

SIGNATURE

June 6, 2025
DATE



Town of River Bend

115 Wildwood Dr.
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ITEM 6



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**RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL
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November 20, 2025
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5:00 p.m.**

Pledge: Noonan

1. Call to Order (Mayor Bledsoe Presiding)
2. Invocation / Pledge
3. Recognition of New Residents
4. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
5. Addresses to the Council - NONE

6. 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 Mayor 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.

7. Public Hearings - NONE

8. 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 October 9, 2025 Work Council Meeting
Minutes of October 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting*

9. Town Manager's Report – Delane Jackson

Activity Reports

- A. *Monthly Police Report* by Chief Joll
- B. *Monthly Water Resources Report* by Director of Public Works Mills
- C. *Monthly Work Order Report* by Director of Public Works Mills
- D. *Monthly Zoning Report* by Assistant Zoning Administrator McCollum

Administrative Reports:

10. CAC – Councilwoman Benton

- A. CAC Report

11. Environment & Waterways – Councilman Leonard

- A. EWAB Report

12. Planning Board – Councilman Sheffield
 - A. Planning Board Report
13. Public Safety – Councilwoman Noonan
 - B. Community Watch
14. Parks & Recreation – Councilman Weaver
 - A. Parks and Rec Report
 - B. Organic Garden Report
15. Finance – Councilman Leonard
 - A. Financial Report - Finance Director
16. Mayor's Report
17. Adjournment