



**RIVER BEND TOWN COUNCIL
PROPOSED AGENDA
September 18, 2025
River Bend Town Hall – 45 Shoreline Drive
5:00 p.m.**

Pledge: Leonard

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 - NONE

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 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.

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 August 14, 2025 Work Council Meeting

Minutes of August 21, 2025 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 Interim Director of Public Works Jones
- C. *Monthly Work Order Report* from Interim Director of Public Works Jones
- D. *Monthly Zoning Report* from Assistant Zoning Administrator McCollum

Administrative Reports:

11. Finance – Councilman Leonard

- A. Financial Report - Finance Director
- B. **VOTE** – Budget Amendment 25-B-03
- C. **VOTE** – Accept Easement and Authorize Drainage Project
- D. Discussion – July 4th, 2026 Festivities

12. Parks & Recreation – Councilman Weaver

- A. Parks and Rec Report
- B. Organic Garden Report

13. Mayor's Report

14. Adjournment

**TOWN OF RIVER BEND**45 Shoreline Drive
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WHEREAS, September 17, 2025, marks the two-hundred and thirty-eighth 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 18 day of September of the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.

Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

Attest:

Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk

**River Bend Town Council
Work Session Minutes
August 14, 2025
Town Hall
5:00 p.m.**

Present Council Members: Mayor Mark Bledsoe
Lisa Benton
Brian Leonard
Kathy Noonan
Jeff Weaver

Absent Council Member: Buddy Sheffield

Town Manager: Delane Jackson
Town Attorney: Trey Ferguson
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles
Police Chief: Sean Joll
Finance Director: Mandy Gilbert

Members of the Public Present: 5

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present.

VOTE – Deletion to the Agenda

Councilman Leonard motioned to amend the agenda by removing item 2 and 4 from the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Benton motioned to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Internet Policy for Advisory Board Site

Councilman Leonard stated that he recommends amending the town's Internet Policy as it is proposed and it is included in the agenda packet. He stated that the changes would include other social media platforms and would not just pertain to the town's webpage.

Discussion – Accept Gift Parcel of Land on Pirates Road described as Craven County PIN 8-206-00B

The Town Manager stated that the Council had previously agreed to accept this donated land on Pirates Road. He stated that the Town Attorney recommended that the Town Council officially accept the donated land. Councilman Leonard stated that this parcel could be used for parking for flooding events and the Town Manager agreed.

VOTE – Accept Gift Parcel of Land on Pirates Road described as Craven County PIN 8-206-00B

Councilman Leonard motioned to accept the parcel of land on Pirates Road described as Craven County PIN – 8-206-00B as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion–Town Resolution on Social Media

Councilman Weaver read the attached statement. (see attached).

Councilman Leonard asked the Town Attorney for his opinion on what Councilman Weaver read and stated that he does not want the Council to be exposed. Councilman Leonard further stated that from what he understands that Councilman Weaver is asking, is for the Council to distance themselves from the River Bend Community Facebook page and say this is not an official town site and do not conduct it as a town site. Councilman Weaver stated that the Council does not have the legal authority to monitor someone's social media page, but the Council can get thrown into the legal ramification, if a first amendment case is brought and the Council doesn't at least publish this resolution. Councilman Leonard asked the Town Attorney what exposure does the Council, a governing body, have when there is a situation as described. The Town Attorney stated that a legal opinion has been shared privately, and he asked the Council if they would like the opinion stated in open session or in closed session to preserve the attorney-client privilege. Councilman Leonard stated that he would like it to be discussed in closed session. The Town Attorney stated that he would advise to discuss it in closed session to preserve the attorney-client privilege, but he would be happy to provide that opinion in closed or open session. He warned the Council that discussing it in open session runs the risk of waiving the right of attorney-client privilege on that matter.

Councilman Leonard stated that he agrees with the Attorney and that his feelings on this matter are well known. He stated that he thinks it is more of a detriment than a benefit. He stated that the town does have policies in place and he understands that the Council, as elected officials, have different responsibilities than a private citizen. He stated that it is a balancing act, and he wishes that the Council could figure this out and put it to rest as the Council has been down this road before. The Town Attorney stated that as elected officials, you do not lose your first amendment rights. He stated that the Council still has rights. However, especially with social media context, when you begin to utilize social media platforms, either an account or a page that you administer, whether it is public opinion or giving out information about government decisions and engaging with the public in that manner, it starts to blur the lines between personal first amendment rights and acting in an official capacity as a town elected official. He stated when you are acting as a town official, Councilman Weaver's point is correct, you can not censor viewpoints, specifically deleting comments or blocking comments based on what is said. That type activity is viewpoint discrimination. The Supreme Court, in a previous case, did make a clear distinction between personal and public platforms, which could be identified with a disclaimer on that platform to say, "This is my personal page and the views expressed are my own". That preserves the individual's rights, so it's not confused as a government page.

The Town Attorney stated that the Supreme Court, is in a budding area in first amendment law, but, in the court case referenced, the court stated that this is fact-intense-analysis. He said there is not a real clear line test for when a government official's Facebook page is blurring the line from personal opinions to acting as a government. Councilman Weaver stated that elected officials could have a private page or government page, but he does not think they can have both pages. The Town Attorney stated that he feels they can have both, but it cannot be the same page. Councilman Leonard asked if someone violates the rules of a page and the administrators of those pages, remove those comments or people, and it has nothing to do with censorship, is that legitimate. The Town Attorney stated that the court would look at specific facts, as to who is administering a page, how is it being administered, what activity is going on, and if it is a nonelected official deleting these items. The question is when it's an elected official who is deleting information, comments, and people from the groups. The courts have not made it clear when its government action or not.

REVIEW – Agenda for the August 21, 2025, Council Meeting

The Council reviewed the agenda for the August 21, 2025, Council Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Councilman Weaver motioned to go into Closed Session under NCSG §143-318.11(a)(3)(6). The Council entered Closed Session at 5:19 p.m.

During Closed Session, Councilwoman Benton left the meeting at 5:50 p.m., unexcused, and left the building at 5:54 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Councilman Weaver motioned to return to Open Session at 6:16 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor stated that no action was taken in Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS

There being no further business, Councilwoman Noonan moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Kristie J. Nobles, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

Council Statement – “River Bend Community” Facebook Page

I’ve received ongoing concerns regarding the “River Bend Community” Facebook page and how it is being used by Ms. Lisa Benton, with a pattern of activity that has included periods of controversy interspersed with quieter times. This is not a personal dispute and it is not about controlling anyone’s speech. It is about a clear and ongoing pattern where a page that appears to represent our community is being used to solicit input on council business, present information in a way that suggests official standing, and then remove or block residents based on their viewpoints.

The most recent incident that sparked controversy was a post by Ms. Benton regarding brown water and the pickleball courts. The legal and ethical implications of this are significant. When an elected official uses a platform to conduct public business, that platform is no longer just “private” — it becomes a public forum subject to constitutional protections. Simply put, you can have a governmental page, and if you do, you cannot censor based on viewpoint. Or you can have a private page, but you cannot operate as both at the same time.

It’s also important to note that this concern is not new. During her campaign for this seat, Ms. Benton acknowledged the potential conflict of interest and stated she would remove herself as administrator of the page to avoid even the perception of impropriety. However, it was later discovered that she continued running the page under an assumed profile, effectively bypassing the very safeguard she had committed to. Then, after receiving criticism for it, she came out and publicly administered the page once again.

The issues with this page are not hypothetical; they are documented:

1. **Polls on Council Business** – Conducted on the page with the stated intent to use responses to guide official decision-making. The most recent example is a poll about whether to fund the pickleball courts, which Ms. Benton then used to justify her decision.
2. **Soliciting Feedback on Pending Issues** – Done while serving in an elected capacity, despite claims of acting as a private citizen.
3. **Content Removal** – Deleted comments from residents expressing opposing views on town issues.
4. **Blocking Residents** – Removed members from the group for dissenting opinions, sometimes with written admission that it was due to viewpoint disagreement.
5. **Statements of Control** – Publicly stated the page is personally owned and will be moderated at will.
6. **Threats of Legal Action** – Used as a response to concerns rather than addressing the core issue.

Why this matters is simple:

- The page functions as a **tool of governance** by soliciting official input and engaging the public on council matters.
- Viewpoint-based moderation on such a platform raises **First Amendment and ethical risks**.
- It creates legal exposure for the Town and misleads residents into believing they are participating in an open public forum, when in fact it is selectively controlled.
- This undermines public trust and transparency in our local government.

Given that prior attempts to address this privately have gone unanswered, I believe the Council should act to protect both the Town and our credibility.

My recommendation is this:

- The Council should **formally and publicly distance itself** from the “River Bend Community” Facebook page.
- We should reaffirm our Social Media Resolution and clearly state that the page is not an official Town platform.
- We should make it clear to residents that any views, polls, or moderation practices on that page are solely the responsibility of the administrator, not the Town of River Bend or this Council.

This is not about restricting anyone’s personal speech. It is about ensuring a clear separation between personal activity and official governance, avoiding legal exposure, and protecting the integrity of public discourse in River Bend. I will continue to bring this forward until the matter is resolved.

**River Bend Town Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2025
Town Hall
5:00 p.m.**

Present Council Members: Mayor Mark Bledsoe
Lisa Benton
Brian Leonard
Kathy Noonan
Jeff Weaver

Absent Council Member: Buddy Sheffield

Town Manager: Delane Jackson
Finance Director: Mandy Gilbert
Police Chief: Sean Joll
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles
Town Attorney: David Baxter

Members of the Public Present: 13

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present, followed by invocation and the pledge of allegiance.

VOTE – Addition to the Agenda

Councilman Leonard motioned to amend the agenda by adding item 12B, Jeffery Meyer, EWAB Appointment. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

Councilwoman Benton motioned to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joanne Garside – 408 Plantation Drive – Addressed the Council and shared her background explaining how she and her husband became residents of the Town.

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 July 17, 2025, Regular Council Meeting

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

The Manager reviewed the town webpage and information that is posted regarding hurricanes. He expressed the importance of signing up for town notifications that could notify and direct residents of severe weather and important information.

Chief Joll reviewed the monthly statistics for the police department. He also announced upcoming events, Fishing with a Cop on September 1 and National Night Out on October 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**CAC – Councilwoman Benton**

Councilwoman Benton stated that CAC met in August. She stated that the Fall Festive Award is scheduled for October, however the Spring and Independence Day awards have been canceled for 2026. CAC is organizing a fall hayride and the holley trolley.

FINANCE – Councilman Leonard

Councilman Leonard congratulated Mandy Gilbert, Finance Director, and the town staff on receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2024. He stated that this certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting and this was the 14th year in a row that we had received it.

Financial Report – Finance Director, Mandy Gilbert, presented the financial statement for the month of July to the Council. She stated the total of the Town's Cash and Investments as of July 31, 2025, were \$2,679,452 and Ad Valorem Tax Collections for FY25-26 were \$0 and Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Collections were \$0. She stated that this is the first month of the fiscal year.

VOTE– Internet Policy for Advisory Board Sites

Councilman Leonard stated that the proposed Internet Policy for Advisory Board Sites was discussed at the Council Work Session.

Councilman Leonard motioned to approve the Webpage Policy Amendments as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

ENVIRONMENTAL & WATERWAYS – Councilman Leonard

Councilman Leonard provided the following report from the August meeting.

Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There was a quorum of members present. There was one visitor. The minutes for the July 2025 meeting were approved. Old Business: Fishing line recycling containers have been installed. Volunteer shirts. Discussion about having a canal clear up in conjunction with local Scouts, P&R, and CAC. Jeff Meyer attended meeting and was recommended to be added to EWAB as a member. There is still one vacancy on EWAB. Markers #3 & #4 need repair. Waterways soundings were conducted in July 2025. New Business: NNO EWAB will man a table. Councilman Leonard gave a council updated and answered members questions Volunteer Hours: 13 The guest had several questions for the board. September 1st, 2025, meeting is canceled. The next meeting will be on October 6th, 2025, at 7 PM in the small conference room in the municipal building. The public is welcome to attend. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

VOTE – EWAB Appointment – Jeffery Meyer

Councilman Leonard motioned to appoint Jeffery Meyer to the Environmental and Waterways Advisory Board for a term beginning August 21, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2027. The motion carried unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION – Councilman Weaver

Councilman Weaver stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on August 6 at 6:30 p.m. and have several upcoming events. All events are posted on the town's website and the next meeting is September 3 at 6:30.

RIVER BEND COMMUNITY ORGANIC GARDEN

Councilman Weaver gave the following report from the August meeting:

It has been a brutal summer for growing vegetables. The July harvest was good but most summer crops have now been removed. The garden will remain open in the fall and winter with a reduced number of winter vegetables. Gardeners labored 177 hours in July. Volunteers continue to fill the daily work schedule and attend alternate Saturday workdays. The next meeting has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, September 2nd at 1:30 pm in the Municipal building. The change is due to the Labor Day holiday. Guests are always welcome at meetings and in the garden.

VOTE – Award of Contract for Pickleball Court

Councilman Weaver called on the Town Manager for an update on the Pickleball Court Contractor, Court One. The Town Manager stated that he had not had any response from Court One and gave them a deadline of 5:00 p.m. today to respond. He stated that he had reached out to them via telephone, email and text.

Councilman Weaver motioned to declare Court One as an unresponsive bidder and withdraw the previously accepted bid from them and reject all other bids for pickleball court construction. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Weaver stated that the only other bid received was \$130,000, which is well above the quote from Court One in the amount of \$85,000, thus the reason for rejecting all other bids. Councilman Leonard asked if the funds that were allocated for this project will be returned to the original line items and the Town Manager stated that a budget amendment will be needed and will be addressed at the next Council meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor read the following statement. “That in an effort to clarify the town’s official position on social media, the River Bend Town Council adopted the attached resolution on September 19, 2024. The town’s position remains the same. Recently, some citizen concerns have been voiced over the operation of a local Facebook page called “River Bend Community Page”. The Council has discussed these concerns and any potential legal issues related to the same, as well as Council members’ participation in, and operation of social media platforms. Today, the Council is publicly acknowledging that we have received citizen concerns, comments and input about this site. Furthermore, the Council publicly states that the Town Council, as a collective governing body, has no legal authority to regulate, monitor or control the action and/or participation of Council members on this particular site or any other social media platform and is in no way affiliated with the “River Bend Community Page” on Facebook. As is stated below, the Town of River Bend is not responsible for or liable for any content on non-Town sites.”

The Mayor then read the resolution in its entirety.

VOTE – Social Media Resolution

Councilwoman Noonan motioned to approve the resolution on social media as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

CLOSED SESSION

Councilwoman Benton motioned to go into Closed Session under NCSG §143-318.11(a)(3). The Council entered Closed Session at 5:38 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Councilwoman Benton motioned to return to Open Session at 5:53 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The Mayor stated that no action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *Councilman Weaver moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Kristie J. Nobles, MMC
Town Clerk

Webpage Policy

The Town of River Bend operates a webpage and other social media platforms, such as Face Book. The main goal of these sites is to make information about the Town of River Bend easily available to the public. Additionally, only information about groups, organizations, events or activities that are officially affiliated with or sponsored/sanctioned by the Town of River Bend may be placed on the Town's webpage or social media platforms. The webpage is also used to share time sensitive Town alerts, such as notice of meetings, weather advisories or other emergency/special notices. The Town's platforms can also be used to share information from or about other government units or agencies thereof that may be useful to River Bend residents. For example, information from Craven County, The State of North Carolina or its agencies, such as NCDOT, any U.S. Federal agency such as FEMA, CDC, HUD, The National Weather Service, etc. or any such similar government unit and/or agency. Use of the Town's website or social media platforms for a purpose other than what is stated in this policy is strictly prohibited.

Adopted 8-21-25

In an effort to clarify the town's official position on the matter, the River Bend Town Council adopted the resolution below on September 19, 2024. The town's position remains the same. Recently, some citizen concerns have been voiced over the operation of a local Facebook page called "River Bend Community Page". The Council has discussed these concerns and any potential legal issues related to the same, as well as Council members' participation in, and operation of social media platforms. Today, the Council is publicly acknowledging that we have received citizen concerns, comments and input about this site. Furthermore, the Council publicly states that the Town Council, as a collective governing body, has no legal authority to regulate, monitor or control the action and/or participation of Council members on this particular site or any other social media platform and is in no way affiliated with the "River Bend Community Page" on Facebook. As is stated below, the Town of River Bend is not responsible for or liable for any content on non-Town sites.

Town of River Bend Resolution on Social Media

Whereas, social media, in numerous platforms, is a common tool for people, business and government to communicate and exchange thoughts, ideas and positions; and

Whereas, the Town of River Bend does use social media in a very limited manner and only on platforms that are approved for use by the Town Council; and

Whereas, the Town of River Bend recognizes the potential advantages and the potential disadvantages of social media, and encourages everyone to exercise caution in separating fact from fiction while consuming information on non-official social media sites; and

Whereas, the Town of River Bend finds it necessary to officially adopt a stance on social media;


Now, therefore be it resolved, by the Town of River Bend Town Council that:

1. No town staff, employee or elected official is authorized to officially speak, post or comment on non-Town social media sites on behalf of the Town of River Bend.
2. The Town of River Bend is only responsible for the content of social media sites that are officially approved by and operated by the Town of River Bend.
3. The Town of River Bend does not monitor or exercise any control over, or have any responsibility for, the operation or content of any non-Town operated social media sites and/or the users thereof.
4. The Town of River Bend is not responsible for or liable for any content on non-Town sites.

Reaffirmed this the 21th day of August, 2025


Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC



From the Town Manager.....

We are on the cusp of the prime leaf raking season. While we provide year-round leaf and limb (L&L) collection, the next few months will be the primary season for leaf collection. The Town provides L&L collection through a contractor. Chapter 9.02.030 of the Town Code of Ordinances governs L&L collection. This service is provided seven times per year. Please familiarize yourself with and follow the town's L&L schedule and rules. Click [here](#) for the schedule, map and rules.

Each year, there are violations of our L&L ordinance. Now is a good time to remind residents of the rules and their responsibility. The following is not an all-inclusive list, but it addresses the most common violations. The town is divided into Zone 1 and Zone 2 for collection. The schedule clearly indicates the dates when debris must be placed by the road for collection in each zone and when collection will begin in each zone. Debris cannot be placed by the roadside for collection **BEFORE** the specified date on the schedule. Limbs cannot be more than 3 inches in diameter or 6 feet in length and the butt end must be street side. If they are larger than the limit, they will not be collected by our contractor or by town staff.

L&L is defined as: leaves, pinecones and small tree and shrub limbs. The definition does **NOT** include construction material of any kind, household trash, tree trunks, lot-clearing debris or debris left from commercial contractors. We do not collect L&L debris that is generated by the work of a hired contractor at your home. Also, we do not collect brown goods (furniture, lumber) or white goods (appliances, metal, electronics, etc.).

Why the need for these rules? Every pound of L&L debris that we collect is delivered to the local landfill. Last fiscal year we collected 564 tons of L&L debris at a total cost of \$93,476. Our L&L is carried to a specific area of the landfill and goes through a grinding process where it is turned into compost. Obviously, household trash is not allowed in that process. Did you know that you can purchase STA-certified, organic compost at the [Tuscarora](#) landfill for \$40 per ton? They will load your truck or trailer. You do not have to buy a ton. You can literally buy as little as you like, but the minimum fee is \$2. The compost you buy may be made from L&L material that came from your yard.

If a violation is found in your L&L debris pile, it will not be collected from the roadside. A yellow flag will be placed by your pile indicating why it was not collected. It then becomes your responsibility to remove the pile. The contractor is paid for every ton collected. It is not financially beneficial for him to skip L&L debris. He would prefer to collect the L&L rather than flag it. If your debris is not collected due to it being in violation of the rules, neither the contractor, nor the town, will go back and collect it, even if you remedy the violation. The contractor is only required to make a single pass of all streets to collect L&L. He is not required to make another pass to collect all "fixed" piles or late piles that were added after collection started for that street. The contract's fee is based on the expectation that residents will follow the rules. He is not paid to remedy violations. As the saying goes, "time is money." It is not the responsibility of the contractor to separate your trash. The maximum fine for violations of this ordinance is \$500. The town certainly does not want to fine anyone \$500 for violation of these simple rules. That can only be avoided if you follow the rules.

Finally, you cannot place your debris on the property of another person without their permission. That includes town owned property and vacant lots. If you do not own it or do not have specific permission to use it, do not place your debris there. If you want to help speed up the entire collection process, it would be ideal if multiple neighbors worked together and placed their debris in a single location. Obviously, the fewer stops that are required, the quicker the process can be completed for everyone.



RIVER BEND POLICE DEPARTMENT



MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

2025						
	ACTIVITIES	2025 June	2025 July	2025 Aug	% of Total Calls	% Change Last 2 Mos.
1	ALARMS / 911 UNKNOWN / DISTURBANCE / SHOTS FIRED (0)	7	9	7	0.53%	-22.00%
2	ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	2	0	3	0.23%	0.00%
3	ARRESTS	2	3	5	0.38%	67.00%
4	ASSAULTS / ALL OTHER VIOLENT CRIME	5	5	4	0.30%	-20.00%
5	ASSIST CITIZENS / LOCK OUT / QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES	26	25	20	1.51%	-20.00%
6	ASSIST EMS / FD / FIRST RESPONDERS / MED ASSIST	21	34	24	1.82%	-29.00%
7	ASSIST MOTORISTS / FOOT PATROLS / ALL OTHER	35	27	22	1.66%	-19.00%
8	ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	4	3	2	0.15%	-33.00%
9	B & E BUSINESS / RESIDENCE / VEHICLE	0	2	0	0.00%	-100.00%
10	CRIM. SUMM. / SUBPOENAS / WARRANTS / CIVIL COMPLAINT	8	4	3	0.23%	-25.00%
11	DOMESTICS	5	1	4	0.30%	300.00%
12	FIRES / ALARM	2	5	1	0.08%	-80.00%
13	IDENTITY THEFT / FRAUD	0	3	0	0.00%	-100.00%
14	INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
15	JUVENILE COMPLAINTS	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
16	LARCENIES	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
17	LITTERING	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
18	LOUD MUSIC / NOISE COMPLAINTS	2	2	1	0.08%	-50.00%
19	DEATH / MISSING PERSON / RUNAWAY / SUICIDE(A)	1	2	2	0.15%	0.00%
20	PROPERTY DAMAGE / VANDALISM	0	2	1	0.08%	-50.00%
21	RESIDENTIAL / BUSINESS CHECKS / COMMUNITY WATCH	998	1,064	1,098	83.06%	3.00%
22	ROADWAY DEBRIS / OBSTRUCTIONS	0	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
23	ROBBERIES	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
24	SOLICITING VIOLATIONS	1	3	1	0.08%	-67.00%
25	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS / VEHICLES / FIELD INTERVIEW	6	12	18	1.36%	50.00%
26	TOWN ORDINANCE CITATIONS	0	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
27	TOWN ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	2	2	3	0.23%	50.00%
28	TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	5	1	4	0.30%	300.00%
29	TRAFFIC STOPS	100	101	71	5.37%	-30.00%
30	TRAFFIC COMPLAINTS-RADAR	9	8	8	0.61%	0.00%
31	DWI	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
32	CHECKPOINTS	0	0	2	0.15%	0.00%
33	DRUG VIOLATIONS	1	1	2	0.15%	100.00%
34	WELFARE CHECKS	1	3	3	0.23%	0.00%
35	CASE ASSIST / PW / VEHICLE MAINTENANCE / MEETING	3	2	2	0.15%	0.00%
36	CASE FOLLOW UPS / SPECIAL OPERATION / TRAINING	19	17	9	0.68%	-47.00%
37	TRESPASSING	1	2	2	0.15%	0.00%
38	OVERDOSE	1	1	0	0.00%	-100.00%
39	TOTAL	1271	1325	1322	100.00%	0.00%

Traffic Violations

- 39 State Citations
- 42 Total State Charges
- State Warnings
- 2 Town Citations
- Town Warnings

Community Watch Checks

- 62 100 Pirates
- 62 100 Plantation
- 64 200 Lakemere
- 73 200 Rockledge
- 50 Piner Estates

Phone Calls Answered (638-1108)

- 202 Incoming Calls

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

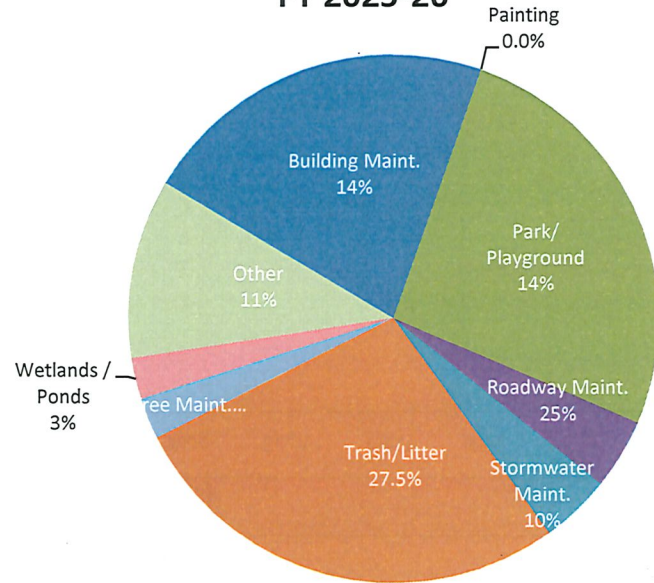
**TOWN OF RIVER BEND**45 Shoreline Drive
River Bend, NC 28562T 252.638.3870
F 252.638.2580www.riverbendnc.org**August 2025 Monthly Report
James Jones, Public Works**

Public Works has been working on public park appearances in the month of August. New pet waste stations and trash receptacles are being built and distributed throughout our public parks. The pond banks at Town Hall were mowed to allow better access to the water. Limbing and trimming on low, overhanging branches was completed on some of our busiest streets in River Bend, making the town's roads more passable for larger vehicles. Daily lawncare and weed eating to keep the town's grounds looking presentable was performed throughout the month.

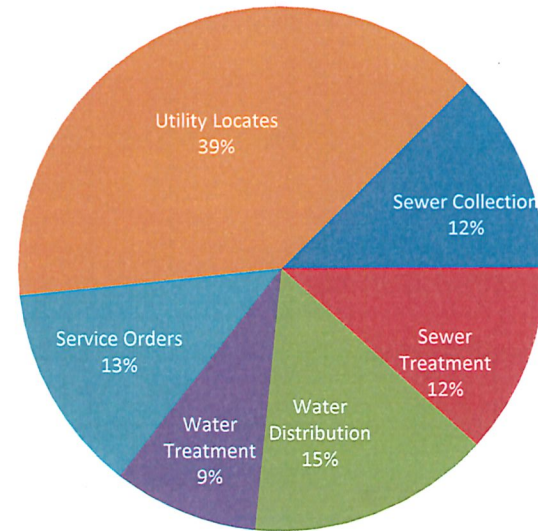
Water Resources responded to a weather/rain related event at Lochbridge lift station. A damaged manhole, located on Old Pollocksville Road, was allowing infiltration into our collections system. The extra flow due to the cracked manhole created problems for the lift station. The manhole has since been repaired, and this should alleviate any future problems from that manhole with rain events. Grease removal was performed at three of the town's lift stations during the month. Grease removal allows our lift station pumps and floats to operate more efficiently, with less call backs and better performance. Several small distribution leaks and curbs tops were repaired throughout River Bend over the month of August.

If you have any questions concerning the Water Resources/Public Works Department, please call us at 252-638-3540, Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. After hour's water and sewer, emergencies can be reported by dialing the Town Hall at 252-638-3870. You will be instructed to dial "9" and follow the directions to contact the on-call duty operator. You will then be asked to enter your phone number at the sound of the tone. After entering your phone number, the automated system will inform you that your page has been sent. Please, be patient and our utility systems operator will return your call. If you do not receive a call back within ten minutes, please notify the Police Department at 252-638-1108, and they will get in contact with the on-call utility systems operator.

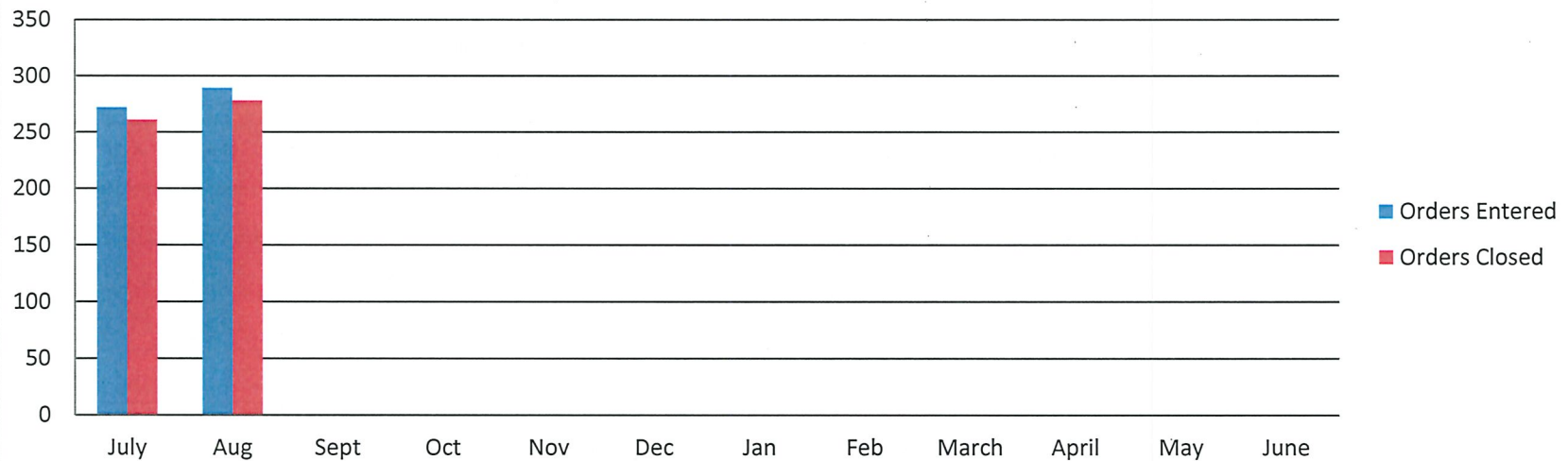
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FY 2025-26**



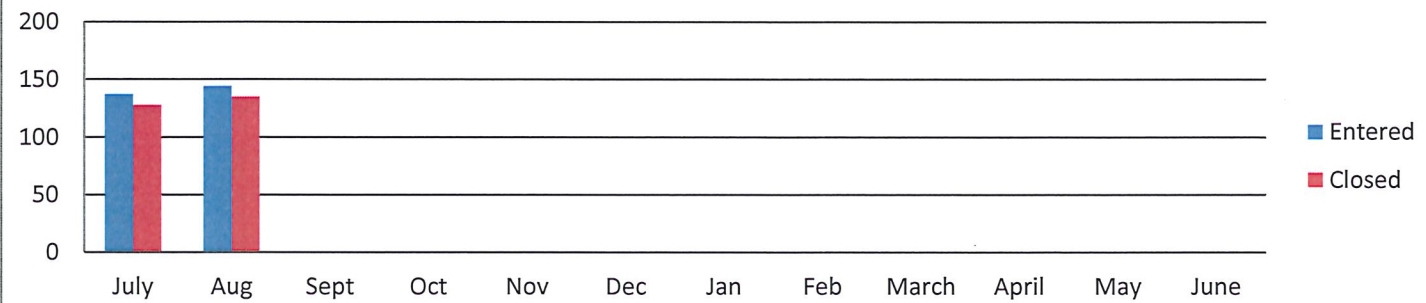
**Water Resources Work Orders
FY 2025-26**



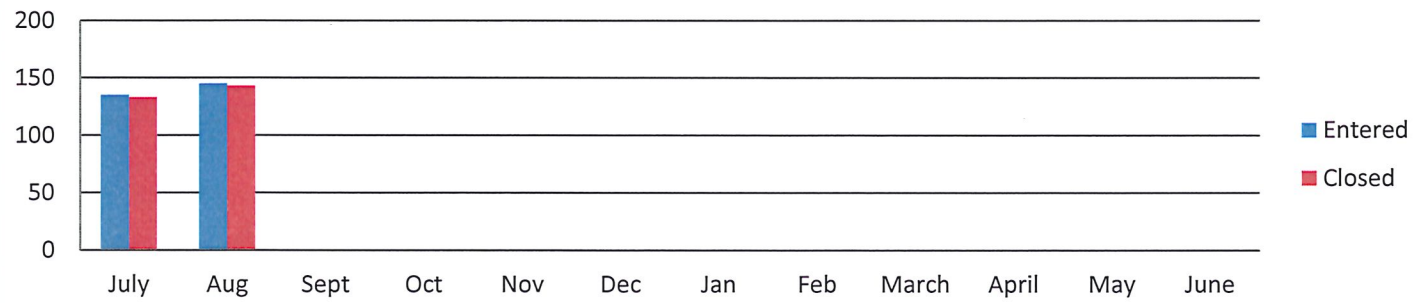
Total Work Orders - FY 2025-26



Water Resources - Work Orders



Public Works - Work Orders



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MONTHLY ZONING REPORT

MONTH YEAR

Activity	Monthly	YTD Total
Permit Applications Received	15	18
Permits Issued	15	18
Fees Collected	1033.38	1128.98
Violations Noted During Weekly Patrol	17	37
Complaints Received From Citizens	0	0
Notice Of Violations Initiated *see details below	8	19
Remedial Actions Taken By Town	1	1

Detail Summary		
Address	Violation	Date Cited
102 Outrigger	Trailer	6-Aug
307 Plantation	RV	6-Aug
104 Channel Run	Grass	6-Aug
103 Teakwood	Grass	20-Aug
103 Outrigger	State of disrepair	28-Aug
130 Pirates	Grass	28-Aug
804 Plantation	Grass	28-Aug
133 Wildwood	Trailer	28-Aug
244 Shoreline	Grass	28-Aug

Town of River Bend



Monthly Financial Report

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.



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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General Fund

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	1,153,846	1,153,846	-	2,147											2,147	0.2%	1.5%
2 Ad Valorem Taxes - Vehicle	140,000	140,000	-	12,435											12,435	8.9%	13.1%
3 Vehicle Registration Fee	30,800	30,800	-	310											310	1.0%	0.0%
4 Animal Licenses	1,500	1,500	90	20											110	7.3%	7.3%
5 Local Gov't Sales Tax	486,499	486,499	45,824	45,166											90,991	18.7%	18.9%
6 Hold Harmless Distribution	125,643	125,643	11,712	11,632											23,344	18.6%	18.2%
7 Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,200	2,200	-	527											527	24.0%	24.6%
8 Powell Bill Fund Appropriation	-	-	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
9 Powell Bill Allocation	109,000	109,000	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
10 Beer & Wine Tax	13,490	13,490	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
11 Video Programming Tax	45,303	45,303	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
12 Utilities Franchise Tax	135,931	135,931	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
13 Telecommunications Tax	6,530	6,530	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
14 Court Cost Fees	500	500	23	32											54	10.8%	14.4%
15 Zoning Permits	5,000	5,000	96	1,033											1,129	22.6%	4.7%
16 Federal Grants	-	-	12,317	-											12,317	#DIV/0!	26.5%
17 Federal Grants - BVP Program	-	-	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
18 State Grants	-	-	-	-											-	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	1,086	20											1,106	12.3%	8.9%
22 Insurance Settlements	-	-	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
23 Interest - Powell Bill	5	5	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
24 Interest - Investments	45,859	45,859	4,233	3,768											8,001	17.4%	22.0%
25 Contributions	900	900	476	-											476	52.9%	73.3%
26 Wildwood Storage Rents	18,144	18,144	1,631	1,637											3,268	18.0%	17.9%
27 Rents & Concessions	18,000	18,000	1,880	1,640											3,520	19.6%	20.3%
28 Sale of Capital Assets	12,000	12,000	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
29 Sales Tax Refund Revenue*	-	11,365	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
30 Trans. from Capital Reserve	130,500	170,500	170,500	-											170,500	100.0%	100.0%
31 Trans. from L.E.S.A. Fund	-	-	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
32 Appropriated Fund Balance*	201,350	205,880	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	2,692,000	2,747,895	249,867	80,368	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	330,234	12.0%	9.4%

*Astericked lines represent those budget items that have been amended since Original Budget adoption.

#DIV/0! indicates revenue was received, but not budgeted for this line item.



General Fund

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*	79,200	36,200	7,544	(851)											6,693	18.5%	9.6%
2 Administration*	348,000	348,725	52,209	20,375											72,583	20.8%	17.9%
3 Finance*	156,500	161,290	15,791	14,119											29,910	18.5%	16.0%
4 Tax Listing	19,500	19,500	-	309											309	1.6%	3.2%
5 Legal Services	44,000	44,000	-	-											-	0.0%	6.2%
6 Elections	-	-	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
7 Public Buildings*	74,500	75,125	3,611	6,074											9,685	12.9%	20.2%
8 Police*	836,200	839,700	77,312	59,867											137,180	16.3%	19.6%
9 Emergency Management*	5,100	5,370	975	16											991	18.5%	36.5%
10 Animal Control*	27,800	27,820	2,662	1,364											4,026	14.5%	18.3%
11 Street Maintenance*	317,000	317,675	6,739	3,410											10,149	3.2%	9.1%
12 Public Works*	289,000	290,325	20,750	17,518											38,268	13.2%	16.6%
13 Leaf & Limb, Solid Waste*	76,700	76,725	7,780	508											8,289	10.8%	17.5%
14 Stormwater Management*	88,000	88,300	7,343	2,046											9,389	10.6%	9.8%
15 Waterways & Wetlands*	2,900	3,025	124	564											688	22.7%	1.7%
16 Planning & Zoning*	62,000	62,415	6,079	5,251											11,331	18.2%	15.6%
17 Recreation & Special Events*	13,500	14,200	704	81											785	5.5%	7.8%
18 Parks*	75,600	161,000	5,599	3,957											9,556	5.9%	12.1%
19 Transfers	151,344	151,344	151,344	-											151,344	100.0%	100.0%
20 Contingency	25,156	25,156	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	2,692,000	2,747,895	366,566	134,610	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	501,176	18.2%	19.3%

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*	355,350	440,350	-	-											-	0.0%
2 Debt Service - Principle	-	-	-	-											-	0.0%
3 Debt Service - Interest	-	-	-	-											-	0.0%

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Water Fund

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	283,169	283,169	46,760	180											46,939	16.6%	16.7%
Consumption	236,146	236,146	39,667	120											39,787	16.8%	19.9%
Other, incl. transfers*	59,600	63,900	26,442	5,626											32,068	50.2%	33.7%
Hydrant Fee	17,934	17,934	18,117	(166)											17,951	100.1%	99.2%
Appropriated Fund Bal.	111,651	111,651	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	708,500	712,800	130,986	5,760	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	136,745	19.2%	18.5%

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*	530,000	530,625	50,800	31,991											82,791	15.6%	14.4%
Supply & Treatment*	74,000	76,500	15,994	8,016											24,010	31.4%	11.9%
Distribution*	84,000	85,175	31,041	5,130											36,171	42.5%	55.0%
Transfers / Contingency	20,500	20,500	20,500	-											20,500	100.0%	100.0%
Total	708,500	712,800	118,335	45,137	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	163,472	22.9%	20.3%

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	30,100	30,100	-	5,050											5,050	16.8%

Cash Balances

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Water Fund	475,047	481,484										0
Water Capital Reserve Fund	17,835	17,899										0

Water Produced

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date
Limit													
Total Gallons	6,176,000	7,173,000											13,349,000
Average daily gallons	925,000*	199,226	231,387	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	215,306

* This is the permitted daily limit.



Sewer Fund

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	298,921	298,921	49,197	377											49,575	16.6%	16.7%
Consumption	333,495	333,495	52,907	(10)											52,897	15.9%	18.2%
Other, incl. transfers*	57,478	61,528	27,427	5,116											32,542	52.9%	38.1%
Appropriated Fund Bal.	94,606	94,606	-	-											-	0.0%	0.0%
Total	784,500	788,550	129,531	5,483	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135,014	17.1%	16.3%

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*	533,000	533,650	55,818	35,783											91,601	17.2%	15.6%
Collection*	87,000	88,100	2,296	13,442											15,738	17.9%	14.4%
Treatment*	139,000	141,300	21,740	6,854											28,594	20.2%	8.1%
Transfers / Contingency	25,500	25,500	25,500	-											25,500	100.0%	100.0%
Total	784,500	788,550	105,354	56,079	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	161,433	20.5%	17.0%

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	30,100	30,100	-	5,050											5,050	16.8%

Cash Balances

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Sewer Fund	750,598	742,479										0
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	26,757	26,853										0

Wastewater Treated		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	FY to Date	
	Limit														
Total Gallons		3,038,000	4,127,000											7,165,000	
Average daily gallons		330,000*	98,000	133,129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	115,565	

* This is the permitted daily limit.



TOWN OF RIVER BEND
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 25-B-03
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of River Bend, North Carolina that the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance as last amended on July 17, 2025, be amended as follows:

Summary

General Fund	2,707,895
General Capital Reserve Fund	154,144
Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund	540
Water Fund	712,800
Water Capital Reserve Fund	25,000
Sewer Fund	788,550
Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	26,000
Total	4,414,929

Section 1.

General Fund

**25-B-03
PROPOSED
CHANGES**

Anticipated Revenues

AD VALOREM Taxes 2025-2026	1,153,846	
AD VALOREM Tax-Motor Vehicle	140,000	
Vehicle Registration Fee	30,800	
Animal Licenses	1,500	
Sales Tax 1% Article 39	225,177	
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 40	132,451	
Sales Tax 1/2% Article 42	112,435	
Sales Tax Article 44	16,436	
Sales Tax Hold Harmless Distribution	125,643	
Solid Waste Disposal Tax	2,200	
Powell Bill Allocation	109,000	
Beer and Wine Tax	13,490	
Video Programming Sales Tax	45,303	
Utilities Franchise Tax	135,931	
Telecommunications Sales Tax	6,530	
Court Refunds	500	
Zoning Permits	5,000	
Miscellaneous	9,000	
Interest- Powell Bill Investments	5	
Interest-General Fund Investments	45,859	
Contributions	900	
Wildwood Storage Rents	18,144	
Rents & Concessions	18,000	
Sales Tax	11,365	
Sale of Capital Assets	12,000	
Transfer From Capital Reserve Fund (withdraw Pickleball Court contract)	130,500	-40,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	205,880	
Total	2,707,895	-40,000

Section 1. General Fund (continued)

**25-B-03
PROPOSED
CHANGES
45,000**

Authorized Expenditures

Governing Body (withdraw Pickleball Court contract)	81,200	
Administration	348,725	
Finance	161,290	
Tax Listing	19,500	
Legal Services	44,000	
Elections	0	
Police	839,700	
Public Buildings	75,125	
Emergency Services	5,370	
Animal Control	27,820	
Street Maintenance	317,675	
Public Works	290,325	
Leaf & Limb and Solid Waste	76,725	
Stormwater Management	88,300	
Wetlands and Waterways	3,025	
Planning & Zoning	62,415	
Recreation & Special Events	14,200	
Parks & Community Appearance (withdraw Pickleball Court contract)	76,000	-85,000
Contingency	25,156	
Transfer To General Capital Reserve Fund	151,344	
Transfer To L.E.S.A. Fund	0	
Total	2,707,895	-40,000

Section 2. General Capital Reserve Fund

Anticipated Revenues

Contributions from General Fund	151,344	
Interest Revenue	2,800	
Appropriated Fund Balance (withdraw Pickleball Court contract)	0	-40,000
Total	154,144	-40,000

Authorized Expenditures

Transfer to General Fund (withdraw Pickleball Court contract)	130,500	-40,000
Future Procurement	23,644	
Total	154,144	-40,000

Section 3. Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund

Anticipated Revenues:

Contributions from General Fund	0	
Interest Revenue	540	
Total	540	

Authorized Expenditures:

Separation Allowance	0	
Future LEOSSA Payments	540	
Total	540	

Section 4. Water Fund

25-B-03
PROPOSED
CHANGES

Anticipated Revenues

Utility Usage Charges, Classes 1 & 2	200,120
Utility Usage Charges, Classes 3 & 4	18,239
Utility Usage Charges, Class 5	12,854
Utility Usage Charges, Class 8	4,933
Utility Customer Base Charges	283,169
Hydrant Availability Fee	17,934
Taps & Connections Fees	1,250
Nonpayment Fees	10,500
Late payment Fees	7,790
Interest Revenue	15,060
Sales Tax	4,300
Sale of Capital Asset	0
Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	25,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	111,651
Total	712,800

Authorized Expenditures

Administration & Finance [1]	530,625
Operations and Maintenance	161,675
Transfer To Fund Balance for Capital Outlay	0
Transfer To Water Capital Reserve Fund	20,500
Total	712,800

[1] Portion of department for bond debt service: 133,671

Section 5. Water Capital Reserve Fund**Anticipated Revenues**

Contributions From Water Operations Fund	20,500
Interest Revenue	350
Appropriated Fund Balance	4,150
Total	25,000

Authorized Expenditures

Transfer to Water Operations Fund	25,000
Future Expansion & Debt Service	0
Total	25,000

Section 6. Sewer Fund**25-B-03
PROPOSED
CHANGES**

Anticipated Revenues:

Utility Usage Charges, Classes 1 & 2	255,040
Utility Usage Charges, Classes 3 & 4	39,981
Utility Usage Charges, Class 5	28,328
Utility Usage Charges, Class 8	10,146
Utility Customer Base Charges	298,921
Taps & Connection Fees	1,250
Late payment Fees	8,222
Interest Revenue	23,006
Sales Tax	4,050
Sale of Capital Asset	0
Transfer from Sewer Capital Reserve	25,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	94,606
Total	788,550

Authorized Expenditures:

Administration & Finance [2]	533,650
Operations and Maintenance	229,400
Transfer to Fund Balance for Capital Outlay	0
Transfer to Sewer Capital Reserve Fund	25,500
Total	788,550

[2] Portion of department for bond debt service: 115,429

Section 7. Sewer Capital Reserve

Anticipated Revenues:

Contributions From Sewer Operations Fund	25,500
Interest Revenue	500
Total	26,000

Authorized Expenditures:

Transfer to Sewer Operations Fund	25,000
Future Expansion & Debt Service	1,000
Total	26,000

Section 8. Levy of Taxes

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of twenty-eight cents (\$0.28) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property as listed for taxes as of January 1, 2025, for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as "Ad Valorem Taxes 2025-2026" in the General Fund Section 1 of this ordinance. This rate is based on a valuation of \$413,245,000 for purposes of taxation of real and personal property with an estimated rate of collection of 99.72%. The estimated collection rate is based on the fiscal year 2023-2024 collection rate of 99.72% by Craven County who has been contracted to collect real and personal property taxes for the Town of River Bend. Also included is a valuation of \$50,000,000 for purposes of taxation of motor vehicles with a collection rate of 100% by the North Carolina Vehicle Tax System.

Section 9. Fees and Charges

There is hereby established, for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, various fees and charges as contained in Attachment A of this document.

Section 10. Special Authorization of the Budget Officer

- A. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to reallocate any appropriations within departments.
- B. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to execute interfund and interdepartmental transfers in emergency situations. Notification of all such transfers shall be made to the Town Council at its next meeting following the transfer.
- C. The Budget Officer shall be authorized to execute interdepartmental transfers in the same fund, including contingency appropriations, not to exceed \$5,000. Notification of all such transfers shall be made to the Town Council at its next meeting following the transfer.

Section 11. Classification and Pay Plan

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all Town employees shall be 2.8% and shall begin the first payroll in the new fiscal year. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to grant merit increases to Town employees, when earned, per the approved Pay Plan.

Section 12. Utilization of the Budget Ordinance

This ordinance shall be the basis of the financial plan for the Town of River Bend municipal government during the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The Budget Officer shall administer the Annual Operating Budget and shall ensure the operating staff and officials are provided with guidance and sufficient details to implement their appropriate portion of the budget.

Section 13. Copies of this Budget Ordinance

Copies of this Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Clerk, Town Council, Budget Officer and Finance Officer to be kept on file by them for their direction in the disbursement of funds.

Adopted this 18th day of September, 2025.

Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

Attest:

Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC, NCCMC

River Bend Community Organic Garden (RBCOG)**Monthly Report for Council – 9/2/25****August Activity**

Garden activity slowed as harvest quantities decreased and some members went on vacation. 149 work hours were recorded for August.

The fall and winter planting plan is complete. The garden will be operational all winter.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6th at 1:30 pm in the Municipal building. Guests are always welcome at the meetings and in the garden.

bjm-9/4/25