

River Bend Town Council
Work Session Minutes
February 12, 2026
Town Hall
5:00 p.m.

Present Council Members: Mayor Mark Bledsoe
Buddy Sheffield
Lisa Benton
Brian Leonard
Kathy Noonan
Absent Council Member: Jeff Weaver

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

Members of the Public Present: 5

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present.

VOTE – Addition to the Agenda

Councilwoman Noonan motioned to amend the agenda by adding EWAB membership as item #12. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

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

VOTE – CAC Appointment

Councilwoman Benton stated that the CAC met on January 21 and recommends that the Council appoint Steve Sarg to the advisory board.

Councilwoman Benton motioned to appoint Steven Sarg to the Community Appearance Commission with a term beginning on February 12, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE – Parks and Recreation Appointment

Councilwoman Noonan stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met on February 4 and recommends that the Council appoint Kay Thomson to the advisory board.

Councilwoman Noonan motioned to appoint Kay Thomson to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term beginning on February 12, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE – Surplus Property Resolution for Vehicle

The Manager stated that there is a 2004 Hawke Trailer in the public works fleet that has been replaced with a new trailer last year. He recommended that the Council declare the trailer as surplus, which would allow the trailer to be auctioned in the normal process on GovDeals.

Councilman Leonard motioned to approve the Surplus Property Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)

Discussion – Building Use Policy Amendment

Due to Councilman Weaver's absence the Mayor called on the Town Manager. Manager Jackson stated that the amended building use policy was included in the agenda package. He stated that the suggested changes from the last Council meeting are included. He asked the Council for directions on implementing the policy with the current building reservations on file. After a brief discussion among the Council, it was agreed that all ongoing reoccurring reservations would have until April 1 to bring their deposit to the proposed \$250 deposit. The Manager stated that the proposed amended policy would be voted on at the next Council meeting.

Discussion – Animal Control Ordinance Amendment

The Town Manager stated that the current animal control ordinance lacks adequate language regarding vicious animals. He stated that he has been communicating with the town's attorney and police chief to modify the town's ordinance to address vicious animals. He stated that he wanted to make the Council aware that the ordinance is currently being amended and will be presented to the Council in the near future for its consideration.

Discussion – Water Resources Policy Manual – Penny Policy

The Finance Director stated that the US Mint has suspended production of the penny and at some point, the town may not be able to give back the exact change based on being out of pennies. This amended policy will allow a customer to have a balance up to \$1 and not incur any additional fees. The Town Manager stated that the amended policy will be voted on at the next Council meeting.

VOTE – Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Council Priorities

Councilman Sheffield stated that one of the proposed 26-27 Council Priorities does not reflect the Council's current situation. After a brief discussion among the Council, it was agreed that the priority would read as "Continue to provide safe drinking water and quality treatment of wastewater by diligently maintaining current systems, prudent fiscal management and prioritizing efforts to build new systems."

Councilman Sheffield motioned to adopt the FY2026-2027 Mayor and Council Priorities as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE – 250th Anniversary Banners

The Town Manager presented a quote for 250th Anniversary of America banners to be displayed around town.

Councilman Leonard motioned to use discretionary funds from the Governing Body department to purchase 250th Anniversary Banners as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Snow Removal Plan

The Town Manager stated that the Town's current Snow Removal Plan has not been updated in 16 years. He presented the current plan with revisions that he and Brandon Mills, Public Works Director, recommended. After a discussion among Council, the Town Manager and Town Attorney it was agreed that the language regarding secondary streets would be revised to reflect that "snow removal efforts may expand to secondary street after primary streets have been cleared". The Town Manager stated that the amended plan will be voted on at the next Council meeting.

REVIEW – Agenda for the February 19, 2026, Council Meeting

The Council reviewed the agenda for the February 19, 2026, Council Meeting.

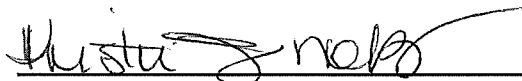
VOTE – EWAB Membership

Councilman Leonard stated that EWAB has submitted a recommendation for removal of member Ray Jaklitsh, whom they have had no contact or communication with for months.

Councilman Leonard motioned to remove Ray Jaklitsh from the EWAB immediately. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS

There being no further business, *Councilman Sheffield moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.



Kristie J. Nobles, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

Resolution Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Sale of General Fund Equipment

WHEREAS, the Town of River Bend desires to dispose of certain surplus property of the Town;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of River Bend that:

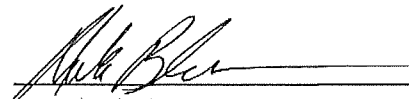
1. The following described property is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the Town:

**2004 Hawke Dump Trailer
VIN: 4BATS10164M021700**

2. The Town Manager is authorized and directed to receive, on behalf of the Town Council, bids for the purchase of the property described above and shall establish a time and date by which all bids must be received. He is also authorized to employ the action method he deems most advantageous to the Town.

3. The Town Clerk shall cause a notice of this sale to be posted on the town's webpage and on the town's bulletin board. The Town shall retain the right to reject any and all bids.

Adopted this 12th day of February, 2026



Mark Bledsoe
Mayor

Attest:



Kristie J. Nobles, MMC, Town Clerk