

**River Bend Town Council
Work Session Minutes
May 14, 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
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles
Police Chief: Sean Joll
Town Attorney: Trey Ferguson

Members of the Public Present: 4

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present.

VOTE – Addition to the Agenda

Councilman Leonard motioned to amend the agenda by adding Closed Session NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6) as item #8. The motion carried unanimously.

VOTE – Approval of Agenda

Councilman Leonard motioned to accept the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Water / Sewer AIA

The Town Manager introduced Gary Flowers with Municipal Engineering. Mr. Flowers presented a PowerPoint on the recently completed Water and Sewer AIA (Asset Inventory and Assessment) grants.

Discussion – Stormwater AIA

The Town Manager introduced Bobby Blow with Municipal Engineering. Mr. Blowe presented a PowerPoint on the recently completed Stormwater AIA (Asset Inventory and Assessment) grant.

Discussion – Town Ordinance, 7.01.003 Recommendation

Chief Joll stated that he recommends amending the town ordinance 7.01.003 to follow the North Carolina General Statue regarding unlicensed motor vehicle operation prohibition. The Town Manager stated that he would have the proposed ordinance amendment ready for the next meeting.

Discussion – Town Ordinance, 9.01 Animals Recommendation

The Town Manager stated that he has worked with the town attorney to amend the town's ordinance 9.01 to address dog attacks and vicious animals. Councilman Weaver stated that he would like for item #3 in the dangerous animal definition removed regarding animals that have been trained in attack methods. The Council agreed to have the language removed. There was

a brief discussion about the "warning sign" that the town will provide indicating that a vicious animal is kept at that residence. It was agreed that the town would provide those signs when an animal is deemed vicious. The Town Manager stated that he would have the ordinance amendment ready for the next meeting.

Discussion – Surplus Real Property

The Town Manager stated that the town did not receive any bids for the property located at 111 Starboard and the town will retain ownership of the property.

REVIEW – Agenda for the May 21, 2026, Council Meeting

The Council reviewed the agenda for the May 21, 2026, Council Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION


Councilwoman Benton motioned to go into Closed Session under NCSG §143-318.11(a)(6). The Council entered Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Councilwoman Benton motioned to return to Open Session at 6:48 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT/RECESS

There being no further business, *Councilman Weaver moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Kristie J. Nobles, MMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk