

**River Bend Town Council  
Work Session Minutes  
May 8, 2025  
Town Hall  
5:00 p.m.**

Present Council Members:

Mayor Mark Bledsoe  
Lisa Benton  
Brian Leonard  
Kathy Noonan  
Jeff Weaver  
Buddy Sheffield

Town Manager: Delane Jackson  
Police Chief: Sean Joll  
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles

Members of the Public Present: 7

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present.

**VOTE – Approval of Agenda**

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

Councilwoman Benton arrived at 5:02 p.m.

**Discussion – Recommendation of Award for Wastewater Treatment Plant Enhancements, Phase 1**

The Town Manager introduced Greg Churchill and Kevin Cooper from Rivers and Associates, Inc. and said that their recommendation for the award of contract is in the agenda package. He stated that the Town held a bid opening for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Enhancements and only received one bid. He stated that the bid was more than the current specific grant funding for this project, by about \$5,000,000. He stated that there is another possible funding source for this project, which is the Direct Appropriation Funds that were earmarked for the Water Treatment Plant but could be used for sewer projects too. Councilman Weaver asked when the grant funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant expire, and the Manager stated that the funds have to be spent by December 31, 2026. Councilwoman Benton asked if all the funds were not spent would they have to be returned, and the Manager said yes. He stated that he recommends fully funding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project with a portion of the Direct Appropriation Funding.

**Discussion – Aare Creek Preliminary Plat**

The Town Manager stated that Ellis Development has submitted a preliminary plat for the Aare Creek Subdivision and excerpts from it are included in the agenda package for the Council and also posted on the town's website. He stated that this is in the very early stages, and the preliminary plan has been submitted to the Planning Board.

**Discussion– Budget Amendment for Leak & Limb Department**

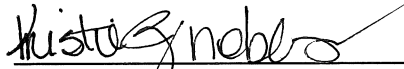
The Town Manager stated that he will present a budget amendment at the next meeting that will cover several items including the Leaf and Limb pickups, the new employee salary for Public Works and the employee merit pay that the Council approved previously.

**REVIEW – Agenda for the May 15, 2025, Council Meeting**

The Council reviewed the agenda for the May 15, 2025, Council Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT/RECESS**

There being no further business, *Councilman Sheffield moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

  
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Kristie J. Nobles, MMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk