

**River Bend Town Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 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  
Public Works Director: Brandon Mills  
Finance Director: Mandy Gilbert  
Police Chief: Sean Joll  
Town Clerk: Kristie Nobles

Members of the Public Present: 14

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bledsoe called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at the River Bend Town Hall with a quorum present.

**VOTE – Addition to the Agenda**

*Councilman Weaver motioned to amend the agenda by adding Addresses to the Council – Victoria Stuppy, Parks and Recreation Chair, as item 9C. The motion carried unanimously.*

**VOTE – Approval of Agenda**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Don Fogle – 107 Anchor Way – Addressed the Council in support of pickleball courts in Town. He presented a petition with residents' signatures in support of pickleball courts being built in 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 June 12, 2025, Work Council Meeting  
Minutes of June 19, 2025, Regular Council Meeting*

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Manager stated that he had good news and bad news for the Council.

The Manager stated that he was notified on Wednesday that the Town had been awarded a \$3,100,000 grant and a \$3,000,000 1% interest loan for two new wells. He also stated that there has been an issue with the new Birm media that was recently installed and the town sent out a

public notice, which is included in the agenda. He stated that the Public Works Director, Brandon Mills is present to answer any questions the Council may have.

Councilman Leonard asked the Manager if this is new funding other than what has been awarded to the town previously and the Manager stated yes. The Manager presented a PowerPoint presentation on "Where the Project Stands and Funding". After the presentation the Mayor stated that he felt it was important to say that if the Council decided today to move forward with this project, it would be 2028 or 2029 before the first drops of water go through the new system. The Manager stated that he had asked the engineer if everything fell perfectly into place for this project when is the soonest he felt the Town could put bids out and what is the soonest he felt that the Town could put this plant in service? The Engineer, Greg Churchill, told the Manager that he thought it would take 27 months to be prepared to receive bids, which would be October 2027, and with the time he has given for construction he expects it to be completed in July 2029. The Town Manager stated that he expects to have a ribbon cutting ceremony at the regular Council meeting in July 2029. He stated that this timeline would not change even if the town had the funds readily available. He stated that the town still has to go through the same process, regardless of funding.

Councilwoman Benton stated that the Town of River Bend is not the only town pulling water from the upper section of the Castle Hayne Aquaphor and asked Brandon Mills if he knew how the other towns were dealing with the cosmetic issues. He stated that a lot of these towns have replaced their filter media several times. He stated that River Bend is one of the very few towns that still use Birm media filtration and that most towns use green sand. Councilman Weaver asked if there was anything that could be done within the next five years, prior to the new system, to improve our current system and Brandon Mills stated that an aerator could be added to outside of the building which requires permitting, and that would give more time to oxidize the iron and manganese and the town could increase flushing. The Mayor asked Brandon Mills what is the process of handling a work order for brown water and he stated that a Public Works Technician will go to the home and take a sample of the water then flush the meter and the lines outside. The Mayor stated that he encourages anyone with water issues to contact Town Hall to have a work order created, because it does not appear that there are a lot of concerns coming through Town Hall. Councilwoman Benton asked if there as an afterhours emergency number for residents to call and he stated that there is. She asked how many complaints have there been in the past month and Brandon stated that there were roughly about five. The Mayor and the Council thanked Brandon Mills and the Public Works team for all of their efforts and hard work.

At this time the Manager recognized Police Chief Joll. Chief Joll stated that the police department has a couple of upcoming events.

- July 25 – Coffee with a Cop at Good Vibes Coffee Shop in River Bend
- August 2 – Water Fun Day – 115 Wildwood Drive
- September 1 – Fishing with a Cop
- October 7 – National Night Out

Chief Joll stated that there have been calls about solicitors soliciting in Town, after the fact. He stated that if anyone sees or has any dealings with anyone soliciting in the Town to please call the nonemergency number to report them immediately. The phone number is 252-638-1108 extension 1, to get the officer on duty.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **PARKS & RECREATION – Councilman Weaver**

Councilman Weaver stated that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board did not meet in July.

### **RIVER BEND COMMUNITY ORGANIC GARDEN**

Councilman Weaver gave the following report from the July meeting:

The summer garden is in full swing. June was a month of large harvests. The produce goes to gardeners, Interfaith Refugee Ministries, neighbors, visitors and friends of the garden. Gardeners labored 125 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2025, at 1:30 pm in the Municipal building. Guests are always welcome at the meetings and in the garden.

### **ADDRESSES TO THE COUNCIL – Victoria Stuppy**

Councilman Weaver introduced Victoria Stuppy, chair for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Ms. Stuppy stepped to the podium to address the Council and spoke in favor for the Town adding Pickleball court to the town's amenities. (Ms. Stuppy's statement is attached)

### **DISCUSSION – Pickleball Courts**

Councilman Weaver stated that the Council has been discussing adding pickleball court to the town's amenities for over two years now. He stated that the quote that was received in the amount of \$85,000 is modest and offers the community broad and lasting benefits. He stated that the project directly aligns with the Parks and Recreation priorities as proven by the survey that was conducted in the community at the Council's request. He stated that funding is readily available with \$40,000 in the Parks and Recreation CIP and \$50,000 from the Council's discretionary fund. He stated that this project is a small shovel-ready project and is low maintenance and one that the community supports. Councilman Leonard stated that he supports getting pickleball courts in the Town, but however at the budget workshops, the Council planned for a two-year process to fund the courts. He stated that he feels it will be fiscally irresponsible if the Council choose to use their discretionary funds at the beginning of the year. Councilwoman Benton stated that she agrees with Councilman Leonard, however right now funding is an issue. She stated that she is for appropriating the CIP funds that are available for Parks and Recreation to the pickleball courts but she cannot, with a clear conscience, use all the Council discretionary funds towards pickleball courts, leaving the Council to use their general fund balance that is currently at approximately 1.6 million dollars. She stated that the Council recently passed a four-cent tax increase to rebuild the General Fund to two million dollars and if the Council continues to spend that money, they will not reach that goal. She stated that she is not in favor of pickleball courts at the current time with the proposed funding. Councilman Weaver stated that if they Council waited two years there would not be enough funds to fund this project and the Council did not raise taxes to increase the general fund, the tax rate was increased to offset inflation. Councilwoman Noonan stated that she agrees with building the pickleball courts and feels it is good for the community and the children of town. She stated that she feels that they should use the money they have. The Mayor stated that Councilman Sheffield is absent from this meeting due to family health issues. The Manager stated that the town's Rules of Procedure dictate that if the Mayor becomes involved in debate, he must pass the gavel to someone else. At this time the gavel was passed to Councilman Leonard. The Mayor stated that he likes the idea of pickleball and would like to see it in the town and he understands that it is a big expense, and it is all at once. He stated that the optics of raising the town's taxes and immediately doing a large-scale project is not a good optics, but it can benefit a large part of the community. He stated that he has thought about what would be the best long-term benefit for the town and if the town did fireworks on July 4, it would be 15 minutes of fun. He stated that the long-term benefit for him would be what would best suit the residents of River Bend.

### **VOTE – Award of Contract for Pickleball Court**

Councilman Weaver motioned to award the contract for the pickleball courts to Recreational Ventures, Inc. dba Court One as presented. The vote was tied with 2 ayes (Councilman Weaver and Councilwoman Noonan) and 2 nays (Councilwoman Benton and Councilman Leonard). The Mayor voted aye and the motion carried.

**CAC – Councilwoman Benton**

Councilwoman Benton stated that CAC did not meet in June but has a Special Meeting scheduled in July. She stated that CAC hosted a Patriotic Wreath Event and the annual July 4, Independence Day Festive Award was successful.

**FINANCE – Councilman Leonard**

Financial Report – Finance Director, Mandy Gilbert, presented the financial statement for the month of June to the Council. She stated the total of the Town's Cash and Investments as of June 30, 2025, were \$2,940,367 and Ad Valorem Tax Collections for FY24-25 were \$987,733 and Vehicle Ad Valorem Tax Collections were \$112,801.

**VOTE– 2023 Appropriation Act Resolution**

Councilman Leonard then called on the Town Manager to review the 2023 Appropriation Resolution.

*Councilman Leonard motioned to approve the 2023 Appropriation Act Resolution as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)*

**VOTE– Budget Amendment 25-B-01**

Councilman Leonard then called on the Town Manager to review Budget Amendment 25-B-01.

*Councilman Leonard motioned to approve Budget Amendment 25-B-01 as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)*

**VOTE– Budget Amendment 25-B-02**

Councilman Leonard then called on the Town Manager to review Budget Amendment 25-B-02. The Manager stated that with approval of awarding the pickleball courts, this budget amendment appropriates the funds for that project.

*Councilman Leonard motioned to approve Budget Amendment 25-B-02 as presented. The motion carried unanimously. (see attached)*

**ENVIRONMENTAL & WATERWAYS – Councilman Leonard**

Councilman Leonard provided the following report from the July meeting. EWAB July 7th, 2025, Meeting. Chairman Hall called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. There was a quorum of members present. There were no visitors. The minutes for the January and May 2025 meetings were approved. Old Business: Still working to provide fishing line recycling containers. Waterways clean up in the fall with help from the Scouts. Informal depth readings to take place on 7/29/25 on the waterways in town. New Business: Getting quotes for tee shirts for members. Marker # 3 is missing from the entrance to the Plantation canal. Voted to recommend Jeff Myer to Council as a new member of EWAB. Councilman Leonard gave a Council update and answered members questions. Volunteer Hours: 6 The next meeting will be on August 4th, 2025, at 7 PM in the small conference room in the municipal building. The public is welcome to attend. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM

**PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilwoman Noonan**

Councilwoman Noonan stated that Community Watch assisted with the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations and parade. She also stated that there is a new member.

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Councilwoman Noonan motioned to go into Closed Session under NCSG §143-318.11(a)(6). The Council entered Closed Session at 6:29 p.m.*

**OPEN SESSION**

*Councilwoman Noonan motioned to return to Open Session at 6:58 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.*

**VOTE – Town Manager Merit Pay**

*Councilman Leonard motioned to give Manager Jackson merit pay in the amount of \$6,600. The motion carried unanimously.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, Councilwoman Noonan moved to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.*

  
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Kristie J. Nobles, MMC  
Town Clerk

## RESOLUTION BY TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND

**WHEREAS,** the Town of River Bend has received a Directed Projects grant from the 2023 Appropriations Act, Session Law 2023-134, administered through the Drinking Water Reserve and Wastewater Reserve to assist eligible units of government with meeting their water/wastewater infrastructure needs, and

**WHEREAS,** the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality has offered 2023 Appropriations Act funding in the amount of \$9,252,105 to perform work detailed in the submitted application, and

**WHEREAS,** the Town of River Bend intends to perform said project in accordance with the agreed scope of work,


### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVER BEND:**

That Town of River Bend does hereby accept the 2023 Appropriations Act Directed Projects Grant offer of \$5,112,650.

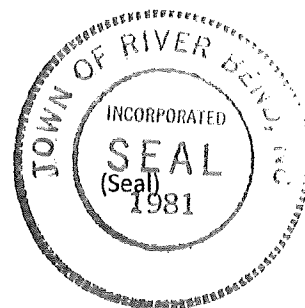
That the Town of River Bend does hereby give assurance to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality that any Conditions or Assurances contained in the Award Offer will be adhered to.

That Delane Jackson, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with this project; to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required by the Division of Water Infrastructure.

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025 at River Bend, North Carolina.

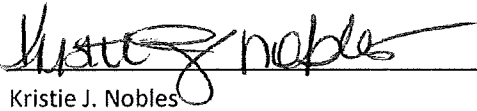
  
Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

  
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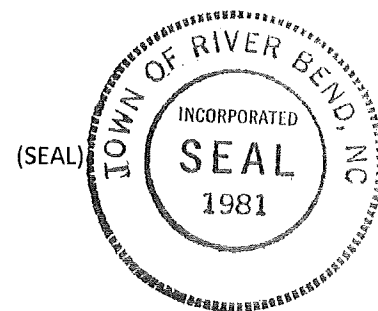


**CERTIFICATION BY RECORDING OFFICER**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Town Clerk of the Town of River Bend does hereby certify:  
That the above/attached resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution authorizing the filing of  
an application with the State of North Carolina, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of  
the Town Council duly held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025; and, further, that such resolution has been  
fully recorded in the journal of proceedings and records in my office. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 2025.

  
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Kristie J. Nobles

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Town Clerk





**TOWN OF RIVER BEND  
BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 25-B-01  
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of River Bend, North Carolina that the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance 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**

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	130,500
Appropriated Fund Balance	205,880
Total	2,707,895



**Section 1. General Fund (continued)**

Authorized Expenditures

Governing Body	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	76,000
Contingency	25,156
Transfer To General Capital Reserve Fund	151,344
Transfer To L.E.S.A. Fund	0
Total	<u>2,707,895</u>

**Section 2. General Capital Reserve Fund**

Anticipated Revenues

Contributions from General Fund	151,344
Interest Revenue	<u>2,800</u>
Total	154,144

Authorized Expenditures

Transfer to General Fund	130,500
Future Procurement	<u>23,644</u>
Total	154,144

**Section 3. Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund**

Anticipated Revenues:

Contributions from General Fund	0
Interest Revenue	<u>540</u>
Total	540

Authorized Expenditures:

Separation Allowance	0
Future LEOSA Payments	<u>540</u>
Total	540



**Section 6. Sewer Fund**

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.

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Adopted this 17th day of July, 2025.

  
Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC, NCCMC



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FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026**

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**Section 2. General Capital Reserve Fund**

Anticipated Revenues

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Interest Revenue	2,800
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>40,000</u>
Total	194,144

Authorized Expenditures

Transfer to General Fund	170,500
Future Procurement	<u>23,644</u>
Total	194,144

**Section 3. Law Enforcement Separation Allowance Fund**

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Contributions from General Fund	0
Interest Revenue	<u>540</u>
Total	540

Authorized Expenditures:

Separation Allowance	0
Future LEOSSA Payments	<u>540</u>
Total	540

**Section 4.            Water Fund**

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	<u>712,800</u>

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	<u>712,800</u>

[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	<u>25,000</u>

Authorized Expenditures

Transfer to Water Operations Fund	25,000
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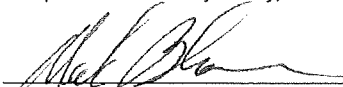
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Adopted this 17th day of July, 2025.

  
Mark Bledsoe, Mayor

Attest:

  
Kristie J. Nobles, Town Clerk, MMC, NCCMC