

**River Bend Town Council
Budget Workshop Minutes
May 9, 2024
River Bend Town Hall
7:00 P.M.**

Present Council Members: Mayor John Kirkland
Brian Leonard
Barbara Maurer
Buddy Sheffield
Jeff Weaver
Lisa Benton

Town Manager: Delane Jackson

Members of the Public Present 9

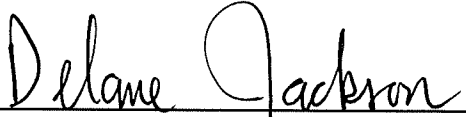
The Mayor called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m. This session of the budget workshops was held as part of the May Council Work Session, and it was conducted as the first item of business. The Mayor recognized the Town Manger.

The Manager began by following the budget workshop agenda as scheduled and presented a PowerPoint presentation showing how the 24¢ tax rate would impact revenues for the town and what impact it would have on property owners. The Manager also presented the proposed fee schedule and utility rates and fees and stated that there were no changes recommended. The Manager stated that he was now finished with his budget presentation.

The Mayor asked if everyone was satisfied with the proposal as presented. Barbara Maurer requested that \$5,000 be moved from the Governing Board discretionary line to the Street Department and be earmarked for median improvements along Plantation Drive. Specifically, she explained that the CAC wanted to make improvements in the median from Shoreline Drive, near town hall to the bridge crossing near Quarterdecks. The goal is to make improvements to that section of the median as a demonstration project and if well-received, similar improvements could be made to the rest of median in the future. All Council members agreed to the change. The Manager said that he would incorporate that change into his budget recommendation and everything else would remain as previously agreed.

The Manager asked if any more changes were needed. There were none. He stated that he could present his draft budget message at the May 16 Council meeting, as he has been done in the past, and thus avoid the need for the scheduled May 16 budget workshop. The Council agreed to cancel the May 16 budget workshop.

Councilman Sheffield motioned to adjourn the budget workshops. The motion was unanimously approved.



Delane Jackson, Town Manager