

**TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Red River Town Council was held Tuesday, August 26, 2008 at the Red River Conference Center. Mayor Linda Calhoun called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Linda Calhoun	Present
Councilor George Woerndle	Present
Councilor Debbie Hubbard	Present
Councilor Ben Richey	Present
Councilor Jenny Hawkes	Present

A quorum was present.

3. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Calhoun gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Hubbard moved to approve the agenda. Councilor Richey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting – July 22, 2008
- b. Special Meeting – August 5, 2008

Councilor Woerndle moved to approve the minutes for July 22, 2008 and August 5, 2008. Councilor Richey seconded the motion and the motion carried

6. FINANCIAL REPORT/APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR JULY 2008.

Town Administrator Russell Church gave the financial report for July 2008. Councilor Richey moved to approve the expenditures for July 2008. Councilor Hubbard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**7. RECOGNITION OF TOWN EMPLOYEE: ADRIAN GARCIA
15 Years of Outstanding Service**

Mayor Calhoun recognized Adrian Garcia for his fifteen years of service with the Town of Red River. Mr. Garcia was not present but Mayor Calhoun stated that he would be presented with a certificate expressing appreciation for his years of public service to the citizens of Red River.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilor Woerndle reported that a meeting was held on August 19th and the following was discussed:

1) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

a. FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Deke reported that the new fire station has been delayed because of no permit.
- Bid opening for the new ladder truck will take place on Monday, August 25th.
- Wheeler Peak BBQ will be on Sunday, August 31st.

b. EMS

- A new EMT class will start on September 16th and run through January 27th, with five of our young recruits wanting to participate.
- The Enchanted Circle Mini Fire Academy will be September 13th, 14th and 15th.
- The Enchanted Circle EMS Conference will be September 27th and 28th.

2) DISCUSSION OF MEMORIAL DAY VENDORS SELLING EARLIER IN THE WEEK

The Committee had some discussion about the expanded week with comments from Dick Wilkerson and EMS Director Dina Burnham. They both had concerns about having to gear up additional personnel and also the expense the Town would incur for the additional days. The committee agreed to put this topic on next month's agenda to get input from Chief Ron Burnham and Marshal Jerry Hogrefe.

(ATTACHMENT 1)

B. PUBLIC WORKS

Councilor Richey reported that the Public Works Committee met on August 19th and the following items were discussed:

- 1) A request was made to run a sewer line between Caribel Trail North and Silver Belle. This will eliminate problems that some homeowners are having with the current sewer line. Public Works Director Adrian Garcia and Town Administrator Russell Church will be giving a cost analysis on 250-300 ft. of 8' sewer line.

- 2) Taos is bringing their vacuum truck to help clean out the catch basin on Caribel Trail.
- 3) Public Works Project:
 - a. Restrooms at Town Hall/Visitor Center are completed and open for use.
 - b. 8-21-08 should finish the paving at Jack and Sixes.
 - c. Bid for Claimjumper Street project was opened and will go before Town Council.
- 4) Other Concerns/Requests:
 - a. Would the Town please work on improving the road conditions at Heartbreak Trail.
 - b. Bob Davidson asked about Goose Lake Bridge. Russell Church said that the bridge is on Forest Service property and will be on their agenda for sometime in '09.

(ATTACHMENT 2)

C. PARKS AND RECREATION

Councilor Hawkes reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee met August 19th and the following was discussed:

- 1) Received positive feedback in response to a Recreational Facility in Red River. Looking at local organizations such as Chevron mining and Wyndham Resorts for assistance in funding the center.
- 2) The Town has been doing improvements at the skate park. The tree roots have been dug up and they are getting the area ready for resurfacing.
- 3) Talked about upgrading the playground equipment at Mallette Park.

(ATTACHMENT 3)

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Councilor Hubbard reported that the Economic Development Committee did not meet for the month of August.

E. LODGERS TAX ADVISORY BOARD

Councilor Hubbard reported that the Lodgers Tax Advisory Board met August 19th and Town Administrator Russell Church reviewed fund 214 and 298. The Economic Director gave her report.

E. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Heliport Update

Mayor Calhoun updated the Council on the progress of the Heliport project. She stated that the pre-construction meeting was July 18th but no construction has started because they are still waiting on paperwork in order to move forward.

2. Snow Removal

Mayor Calhoun stated that she had met with the Forest Service about utilizing Bitter Creek as a potential site for snow removal.

3. RTD Update

Mayor Calhoun stated that in the Enchanted Circle area, most entities want to move forward with an RTD program. Robert Perry is in contact with people at the State level to see if we can move forward with this program.

4. Interview with Action 7 News

Mayor Calhoun stated that the interview in the Channel 7 News helicopter was a wonderful experience and that the interview can be viewed on Action 7 News, August 31st @ 6:00 pm.

9. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

There were no Planning and Zoning issues to be considered for August 2008

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ratify Town Employee:

1. Julie Kulhan – Dispatcher

Councilor Woerndle moved to ratify Town of Red River employee Julie Kulhan as Dispatcher. Councilor Hubbard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

D. CONSIDERATION OF:

1. Resolution 2008-12/COOP FUNDING

This Resolution is one that the Town does yearly authorizing participation in the Cooperative Joint Powers Agreement with the New Mexico Department of Transportation. The funding through the program will be for pavement rehabilitation and improvements for drainage on various local streets. After discussion, Councilor Hubbard moved to adopt Resolution 2008-12. Councilor Richey seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Hawkes, aye. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor Hubbard, aye. Councilor Richey, aye. Resolution 2008-12 was adopted.

2. Resolution 2008-13/Grant Agreement/SAP08-3142-STB/Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sludge Dewatering System Improvements

This Resolution is a grant agreement between the Town and New Mexico Environment Department for expenditures from the Severance Tax Bond to plan, design and construct improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sludge Dewatering System in Red River in Taos County. After discussion, Councilor Richey moved to adopt Resolution 2008-13. Councilor Woerndle seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor Hubbard, aye. Councilor Hawkes, aye. Councilor Richey, aye. Resolution 2008-13 was adopted.

3. Resolution 2008-14/Signatory Authority/SAP08-3142-STB/Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sludge Dewatering System Improvements

This Resolution authorizes persons to sign reimbursement requests and other documents requiring a signature for submittal to the State of New Mexico Environment Department for grant # SAP08-3142STB. Resolution 2008-14 authorizes Robert Perry or Russell Church as the Signatory Authority for reimbursement request. After discussion, Councilor Woerndle moved to adopt Resolution 2008-14. Councilor Richey seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor Hubbard, aye. Councilor Richey, aye. Councilor Hawkes, aye. Resolution 2008-14 was adopted.

4. Resolution 2008-15/ Public Transportation

This Resolution authorizes the funding of the Town's public transportation system under the Rural and Small Urban Public Transportation Program. After discussion, Councilor Hubbard moved to adopt Resolution 2008-15. Councilor Richey seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Hubbard, aye. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor Richey, aye. Councilor Hawkes, aye. Resolution 2008-15 was

adopted.

5. Resolution 2008-16/ICIP

Mayor Calhoun explained that the Council had discussed the plan at the August 26th work session and the following changes had been made to the top five priority items:

1. Road Projects/Claimjumper Project
2. Sludge System, Disinfection System, Roof repair
3. 100' Aerial Ladder Truck for Fire Department
4. Emergency Mgt. and Public Facility Land Purchase
5. Road Maintenance and Snow Removal Equipment Purchase

After further discussion, Councilor Woerndle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-16. Councilor Hubbard seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Hawkes, aye. Councilor Hubbard, aye. Councilor Richey, aye. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Resolution 2008-16 was adopted.

11. AWARD BID#708 Claimjumper Street Projects

After discussion, Councilor Hubbard made a motion to reject ITB#708/Claimjumper Street Project and to grant authorization for Town Administrator Russell Church to solicit a contractor for the project with the best possible price up to \$550,000.00. Councilor Richey seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor Hubbard, aye. Councilor Richey, aye. Councilor Hawkes, aye. The motion carried.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Virgil Blevins commented on the following:

- 1) Requested that the bear proof dumpsters in Young's Ranch be looked at. They appear to be getting dented during the dumping process.
- 2) Thanks to the Town of Red River for the beautification around the Young's Ranch dumpster area.
- 3) Economic Development Director and Staff did a great job for Chili Cook Off.

13. OTHER

There was no other business.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Georgiana Rael

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Municipal Clerk

Linda Calhoun

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Mayor