1. CALL TO ORDER
A regular meeting of the Red River Town Council held September 24, 2019, in the Council Chambers at the Red River Conference Center. Mayor Calhoun called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL
Mayor Linda Calhoun Present
Councilor Steve Cherry Present
Councilor George Woerndle Present
Councilor Sloan Covington Present
Councilor Dan Foley Present

3. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – September 24, 2019
Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to approve the agenda for September 24, 2019. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   1. Regular Meeting – August 26, 2019
   2. Special Meeting – September 3, 2019
Councilor Steve Cherry made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on August 26th and the special meeting on September 3rd. Councilor Dan Foley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT and APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR AUGUST 2019
Town Administrator, Georgiana Rael presented the financial report and expenditures for August 2019. The GRT’s received in September collected in July are as follows: Construction was up $9,960.00 or 153%, Retail Trade was down $4,787.00 or 7.2%, Real Estate was up $15,942.00 or 62.89%, Accommodations and Food was up $11,202.00 or 20.45%. Year-to-date 16.669+% of the budget has been used. Lodger’s tax for the month and year was up $5,443.00 or 4.03% all lodges reported. Gross receipts collected for the month were up $39,654.00 or 19.82%. Year to date gross receipts were up $51,765.00 or 11.33%.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
   1. Public Safety
      See attached
2. **Public Works/Recycling**  
   No quorum

3. **Parks & Recreation**  
   No quorum

4. **Lodger's Tax Advisory Board/Economic Development**  
   See attached

8. **MAYORS REPORT**
   - Services for Senator Carlos Cisneros will be this Friday in Santa Fe at the Rotunda in the Round House.
   - Attended Tourism Regional Planning meeting. They hired a group from Seattle, WA to meet with all the regions to identify assets and how to increase nightly stays and forecast who our target market will be for the next five to ten years.
   - We had a meeting with the National Forest Foundation. The roads stewardship program is looking at how they can support and maintain the forest service roads such as goose lake road. The Red River Off Road Coalition is working with the foundation to support off highway trail/road management.
   - We had a final meeting of the Questa to Red River Trails committee. We now have a good action plan, hired a GIS tech to map the trail and we will be going to the legislature for funding to hire and engineering firm.
   - The Forest District Ranger stated that a spotted owl injunction was filed to stop all tree cutting in all the forests in New Mexico and part of Arizona. This should not affect the tree cutting for the US Capitol Christmas Tree.
   - The breached dam at Fawn lakes has caused a significant amount of damage. They are trying to identify what it will take to repair. They asked if we prefer river fishing or flat lake fishing in that area? The cost to refurbish will be upwards of $2 million dollars.
   - Georgiana and Yolanda met with NCRTD to negotiate a consolidation of entities. NCRTD stated that they plan to mirror the on-demand service that the Red River Miner's Transit is currently providing as well as enhance the routes.
   - On October 2, 2019, we will be having a retirement party for Kerry Shepherd and Yolanda Acosta. The party will start at 12:00 pm.
   - On October 8, 2019, we will be having a retirement party for Ron and Dina Burnham. The party will start at 5:00 pm.
   - The Town of Red River hosted the Legislative Finance Committee in August. We had forty powerhouse legislators and their families enjoying our community for a few days.

9. **PLANNING AND ZONING**  
   (No items)

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **RATIFY:**
   
   a. **Holly Snowden-Fagan – Red River Librarian**

   After discussion, Councilor George Woerdle made a motion to ratify Holly Snowden-Fagan as our librarian. Councilor Sloan Covington seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF:

   a. Resolution 2019-21 Water Trust Board loan grant agreement

   The Mayor explained that this was the loan grant agreement for the Pioneer Tank Rehabilitation Project. After discussion, Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-21. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Covington, aye. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor Cherry, aye. Councilor Foley, aye. Resolution 2019-21 was adopted.

   b. Purchase a Type III Ambulance

   Mayor Calhoun explained that we had a work session to discuss the need to replace an ambulance which has over 245,000 miles. The quote for a new ambulance came in at $184,900. With the additional equipment, price is $205,000. Once the order is placed for the ambulance, it will take over 300 days to put it in service. After discussion, Councilor Steve Cherry made a motion to approve the purchase of a Type III ambulance. Councilor Sloan Covington seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor Covington, aye. Councilor Foley, aye. Councilor Cherry, aye. The motion carried.

   c. Naming the Heliport

   Mayor Calhoun explained that we had received a few suggestions considering the naming of the heliport after two employees that will be retiring in October. Councilor Dan Foley made a motion to name the heliport the Burnham Heliport in honor of Ron and Dina. Councilor George Woerndle seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Cherry, no. Councilor Woerndle, no. Councilor Covington, no. Councilor Foley, aye. The motion did not pass.

2. AWARD:

   a. RFP #119 Attorney Services

   Mayor Calhoun reported that we received two bids for attorney services and both firms met specifications. Mayor Calhoun also advised that the RFP is written that we can award both law firms. After discussion, Councilor Sloan Covington made a motion to award RFP#119 to Robles, Rael & Anaya, P.C. and Coppler Law Firm, P.C. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor Covington, aye. Councilor Foley, aye. Councilor Cherry, aye. RFP#119 was awarded.

   b. RFP #219 Lobbyist Services

   Mayor Calhoun reported that we received one proposal from Universal Professional Services for RFP#219. The proposal met specifications. The proposal is for $60K a year. Mayor Calhoun suggested that we negotiate and offer $36K a year. After discussion, Councilor Steve Cherry made a motion to award RFP#219 to Universal Professional Services with the offer of $36K a year and we will revisit the contract after the legislative session. Councilor Dan Foley seconded
the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Foley, aye. Councilor Cherry, aye. Councilor Woerdle, aye. Councilor Covington, aye. RFP#219 was awarded.

c. RFP #319 IT Services

Mayor Calhoun reported that we received one proposal from Ambitions Technology Group. The proposal met specifications. After discussion, Councilor Steve Cherry made a motion to award RFP#319 to Ambitions Technology Group. Councilor Sloan Covington seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Woerdle, aye. Councilor Covington, aye. Councilor Foley, aye. Councilor Cherry, aye. RFP#319 was awarded.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Councilor Sloan Covington and Economic Development and Tourism Director April Prout-Ralph will be going to Silver City for the Outdoor Economic Development Conference.
- Citizen asked if there are any updates on the medical marijuana business.
- Paulette Kiker asked about the nuisance ordinance and if fines have taken place. Mayor Calhoun reported that Planning & Zoning has submitted certified letters to the property owners letting them know that they must comply with our ordinance.
- Reed Weimer expressed concerns about the plastic rose pedals from outdoor weddings that get into to river. Can we maybe stipulate that the pedals be biodegradable?

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 6:01 PM

Georgiana Rael, Administrator Clerk

Linda Calhoun, Mayor