TOWN OF RED RIVER
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 26, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. CALL TO ORDER
A regular meeting of the Red River Town Council held November 26, 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 Sloan Covington Present
Councilor Dan Foley Present
Councilor George Woerndle Present
Councilor Steve Cherry Present

3. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – November 26, 2019
Councilor Dan Foley made a motion to approve the agenda for October 22, 2019. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1. Regular Meeting – October 22, 2019
Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 22, 2019. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT and APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR OCTOBER 2019
Town Administrator, Georgiana Rael presented the financial report and expenditures for October 2019. The GRT’s received in November collected in September are as follows: Construction was up $615.00 or 3.84%, Retail Trade was down $2,574.00 or 9%, Real Estate was up $7,889.00 or 60%, Accommodations and Food was up $867.00 or 3.23%. Year-to-date 33.33% of the budget has been used. Lodger’s tax for the month were up $4,715.00 or 8%. Two lodges did not report and year to date was up $11,423.00 or 3.92%. Gross receipts collected for the month were up $5,656.00 or 4.53%. Year to date gross receipts were up $6,159.00 or 9.16%. After discussion, Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to approve the financials for October 2019. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
1. Public Safety
   No quorum
2. Public Works/Recycling
   See attached
3. Parks & Recreation
   See attached
4. Lodger's Tax Advisory Board/Economic Development
   See attached

8. MAYORS REPORT

- I would like to thank every department of the town for the amazing job that was done for the National Christmas tree cutting ceremony. I will fly out Monday morning to Washington D.C. to be at the lighting of the National Christmas tree.
- I was in San Antonio last week at the National league of Cities. Really good sessions. Legalization of recreational marijuana. Our Governor will be pushing this issue in the next legislative session. It may not pass this year but will possibly pass the following session. Cyber security was a good session. I went to another good session on short term rental. The Legislature passed HB6 that would help with the internet sales tax. Taos currently has a volunteer collection agreement with Airnb, so we have a good contact person to implement a collection agreement.
- Governor Lujan-Grisham is interviewing Representative Bobby Gonzales and Christina Ortiz for the vacant Senator position.
- Workshops coming up soon. Google is having a workshop on how to promote your business. The NM Tourism department is hosting this workshop.
- Red River to Questa trails will be meeting on December 12th.
- Chappell has started working with our workforce housing. Chappell stated that the program currently is at 66% occupancy. Should be 83% in the next few weeks. We will be having five openings coming up. Marla has started going through the waiting list. We are using a company Transunion with Smart Move to do background checks. We have started streamlining the reports making it easier for Marla and Bill who manage workforce housing. The finance aspect of the workforce housing program will be implemented at town hall.

9. PLANNING AND ZONING

   1. Conditional Use Permit/Chris Heilaman/Enchanted Off-Road, LLC/Off-Highway Rental/Red River RV Park, SP31/100 High Cost Trail

Planning and Zoning Administrator, Chappell Stewart explained that Mr. Heilaman was given a Conditional Use Permit in July 2019 that expired October 2019. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends the approval of the new Condition Use Permit starting January 2020 through December 2020. After discussion, Councilor Steve Cherry made a motion to approve Planning and Zonings recommendation. Councilor Dan Foley seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Cherry, aye. Councilor Foley, aye. Councilor Covington, aye. Councilor Woerndle, aye. The motion carried.

Councilor Steve Cherry recused himself because he has a vested interest in Anchovies. Planning and Zoning Administrator, Chappeil Stewart explained that Red River Ski Area would like to do a land exchange with the Town of Red River. The request is 718.22 Sq. Ft. with a utility easement to the town in exchange for 518.16 Sq. Ft. east of the Anchovies property line. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends the land exchange to the council. After discussion, Councillor Sloan Covington made a motion to approve the land exchange between Red River Ski Area and the Town of Red River. Councilor Dan Foley seconded the motion. Roll call Vote. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor, Covington, aye. Councilor Foley, aye. The motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF:

a. Resolution 2019-24 Surplus

Mayor Calhoun explained that the Town of Red River has two trailers at the treatment plant that were used to house state police. We had received proposals to renovate and then use them as monthly rentals. The cost of the proposals to renovate is more than the mobile homes are worth. Therefore, we are placing them on public surplus. After discussion, Councillor George Woerndle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-24. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Foley, aye. Councilor Covington, aye. Councilor Cherry, aye. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Resolution 2019-24 was adopted.

b. Resolution 2019-25 Merit Incentive

After discussion, Councillor Steve Cherry made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-25 with fulltime employees receiving $250.00 and year-round part-time employees receiving $125.00. Councilor George Woerndle seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Covington, aye. Councilor Foley, aye. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor Cherry, aye. Resolution 201-25 was adopted.

c. Scada System Purchase

Mayor Calhoun explained that the SCADA system will allow our public works to communicate and monitor our wells and tanks by utilizing their smartphones and laptops. The system is being introduced as a sole source and will need to be submitted to New Mexico General Services Administration. After further discussion, Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to approve the purchase of the SCADA system with clarification that the Pioneer well is included for the mission units. Councillor Sloan Covington seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Covington, aye. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor Foley, aye. Councilor Cherry, aye. The motion carried.
d. Mallette Cabin Placement

The Red River Historic Society purchased the Mallette cabin and would like to place it next to the library south of the dog park. After discussion, Councilor Sloan Covington made a motion to place the 12' X 24' Mallette Cabin next to the library south of the dog park. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Foley, aye. Councilor Covington, aye. Councilor Cherry, aye. Councilor Woerndle, aye. The motion carried.

11. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance 2019-07 Uniform Traffic Ordinance

Mayor Calhoun introduced Ordinance 2019-07 Uniform Traffic Ordinance. This ordinance is adopted annually with changes that our legislatures past during the legislative session. We need to adopt them as an ordinance for the Town of Red River. Councilor Woerndle made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-07 Uniform Traffic Ordinance. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Cherry, aye. Councilor Woerndle, aye. Councilor Covington, aye. Councilor Foley, aye. Ordinance 201-07 was adopted.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Judge Jack Griffin expressed concerns about the SCADA system. Would like more clarification. The governing body addressed the Judge’s concerns.
- The December council meeting will be scheduled for Monday, December 23, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 6:28 PM

Georgiana Rael, Administrator-Clerk

Linda Calhoun, Mayor