TOWN OF RED RIVER
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 14, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the Red River Town Council held May 14, 2019, at the High Street Fire Station. Councilor Steve Cherry called the meeting to order at 2:09 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Linda Calhoun Absent
Councilor Steve Cherry Present
Councilor Sloan Covington Present
Councilor Dan Foley Present
Councilor George Woerndle Absent

3. DISCUSSION OF:

a. Memorial Day Venue Situational Analysis

Marshal Tim Boren opened the discussion by stating there will not be much difference in police presence than last year other than the addition of some plain clothes officers from the State due to intelligence reports that some motorcycle gang clashes are more heightened than previous years. Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe was present and stated that the Town of Red River is paying for six additional officers from the Taos County Sheriff’s office but that he is going to provide eight county officers. Marshal Boren brought up that there is the addition of the concert venue by the Best Western that is new to the rally this year. In talking with the people putting on the event, Marshal Boren feels that they will have it staffed properly with the right type of experienced event staff that are used to dealing with crowds and alcohol. One of the main concerns was River Street and the potential of crowds standing outside the concert venue. He was told that there will be trucks and generators surrounding the venue as a barrier between the street and the venue which should discourage that. The plans are to have the concert venue emptied out at 10PM on Friday and Saturday night. As of the time of the meeting they had sold 500 tickets but are hoping to sell 2000-3000 over the two nights. Marshal Boren does not anticipate there being any problems, but if there are any, they will be prepared to deal with them. Sheriff Hogrefe mentioned that there are three forest service law enforcement officers that are also planning to be present. Marshal Boren stated that there will also be two game wardens present to help take care of patrolling the area up Mallette.

Snider Sloan went over the plans and schedules for the meals to be provided to the officers and EMS working the weekend. He also mentioned they are still in need of volunteers to assist with the meal service at the Community House.

EMS Director Dina Burnham stated that they will be staffing as they have the last couple of years by having a primary crew out and back crews available as things come up. They send a crew along with Steve Stucker’s group ride. She mentioned that the past two years have been very calm for the EMS. The biggest thing they have going is the mutual aid coverage
from around the circle so that if something happens in any area, not just here, there will be resources to cover. Dina inquired if there would be lodging available for additional EMS people coming in from out of town. Marshal Boren told her he believes that is already reserved.

Town Administrator Clerk Georgiana Rael asked the Council if they want to have the daily morning meetings this year. It was agreed that these meetings will happen as needed if anything occurs that they need to hear from law enforcement.

Fire Chief Ron Burnham expressed his concern about the concert venue and if there is a medical emergency in the venue that they can access the person in a reasonable fashion without having to fight their way in. Marshal Boren stated they usually arrive before EMS and would clear a path for them. Chief Burnham mentioned it would be helpful if they could have an emergency access point besides the gate that would be helpful.

Shelby Werley was present on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Shelby stated that the Chamber will be doing things the same as previous years. The food vendors will be on River Street and others on Jacks & Sixes. They have the same number of vendors in the same locations as last year. There will still be emergency access to the streets in case it is needed.

Ellen Gay was present on behalf of the Conference Center. She stated that they have more vendors than previous years due to changing up the layout of the vendors in the park. Steve Stucker will have his Rally in the Valley ride on Saturday. The Busted Knuckles Stunt group will be performing again in the municipal parking lot. Public works will be patching up the parking lot and sweeping it in preparation for the stunt group.

Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe expressed concern about the no parking areas painted in the center lane and that there needs to be enough access to merge in the center lane for left hand turns. The no parking areas need to be pulled back 30-40 feet further from intersections than what they are currently painted. He also mentioned that he has the mobile command unit and they will be bringing it up to stage. They will probably stage it at the “y”

Marshal Boren also mentioned that the Public Works department has put in new crosswalks at intersections of Gilt Edge, Independence, Golden Treasure and Silver Belle. There will be ten officers from the State Police. They will assist with escorting Steve Stucker’s group ride on Saturday as well as helping patrol the areas in and around town.

Sheriff Hogrefe said that he and Marshal Boren are getting as much real time intel as they can from DHS regarding the Kinfolk, Mongrels, Bandidos, and Bandoleros who seem to be having weekly shootouts among each other at Sandia, Santa Fe Harley shop, Albuquerque and various locations. He does not know if any of that will trickle up to here but there is a territorial war going on with them that has picked up over the past year.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Councilor Steve Cherry adjourned the special meeting at 2:43 PM.

Georgiana Rael, Administrator Clerk

Steve Cherry, Councilor