

**TOWN OF RED RIVER  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Red River Town Council held **FEBRUARY 23, 2016** at the Council Chambers, Red River Conference Center. Mayor Calhoun called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Linda Calhoun	Present
Councilor Ben Richey	Present
Councilor Dan Foley	Present
Councilor George Woerndle	Present
Councilor Steve Cherry	Present

**3. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Steve Cherry made motion to approve the agenda for February 23, 2016. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting January 20, 2016. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion.

**6. RECOGNITION OF TOWN EMPLOYEE:**

**a. Kerry Ellinger 10 Years of Service**

Mayor Calhoun recognized Kerry Ellinger of 10 years of service to the Town of Red River.

**7. QUESTA FOREST SERVICE RANGER DISTRICT/FOREST SERVICE REVISION**

Jack Lewis explained the Forest Service Engineer will be coming out to look at road conditions which will include Bobcat Pass Road, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Canon, Old Red River Pass, Midnight and Trail Canyon. The Forest Service is going to work on getting grants to help fix these roads. The update for Land Conveyance for the Columbine, Hondo Wilderness Act the Forest Service is waiting on the snow to clear before the surveyors can continue. The Forest Service is waiting on plats to keep moving forward this summer and to push the Santa Fe office and Regional office for data. The River Restoration Project decision mental was signed today by the Forest Service. The Forest Service still needs to amend the special use permit before they can continue. The Forest Service received a master development plan for the Enchanted Forest and they are reviewing that for approval and or modifications to be made. The Forest Service approved the Red River Ski Area for a new fuel tank and replacement of the green chair

with the Emerald Chair. The RRSA will do an environmental assessment to cover the rest of the things that are listed in their master plan which include more snow making on the mountain and bike trails. Thank you from Kevin Lehto that works closely with the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Alysia Ratcliff is the Wildlife Biologist for the Forest Plan Revision. The Forest Service Plan Revision is a 15 year business plan for the Forest Plan Revision this is how to manage the ecological resources and how to manage social and economic resources. This includes grazing, recreational resources. The current plan was signed off in 1986, it is very old. This plan is being revised and will hold up for 30 years. The assessment was done in September of 2015 this shows what the forest looks like currently of the existing condition of the entire forest for all ecological zones and for all social economics. This is at the forest level not the district level. We are currently writing the plan right now and working on desired conditions this is how the forest service wants them to look within the 15 to 30 years. This will include standard guidelines which will help get to the desired conditions and management approaches. In the process we will have to include a wilderness process which is a 4 step process. They will have to look at the entire forest and see which area has a wilderness area. Only congress can designate a wilderness area.

1. Inventory-which means they will look at the entire forest and block out in small chunks 5 thousand acers or bigger. Based on open road and structures, telephone lines and a lot of other criteria.
2. Evaluate each block to see if it has natural apparentness, solitude, geographic wilderness and if its manageability of wilderness. They will see if they could take out land or keep in the plan.
3. Analysis-take away of the evaluation and decide or not if they would put it into the plan and decide if it has social or economic impact.
4. Forest Service Supervisor will decide which one they will recommend for the forest plan.

#### **8. TOWN OF RED RIVER GO BOND Q & A**

Mark Valenzuela from George K Baum our new financial advisor is here to go over questions and answers for the GO Bond. If the GO Bond is passed at the municipal election then property owners taxes will see an increase in September. A bond cycle program would allow the Town of Red River to structure their General Obligation debt in a way that would keep the debt service mill levy at a consistent rate. The bond cycle program would also allow the Town to time the issuance of debt with the need of capital for infrastructure projects. Town of Red River can schedule bond issuances to match the award of state or federal funding approval, in anticipation of using funds for matching funds. Capital Needs: \$2,000,000 to build and refurbish water tanks. \$4,000,000 for repairs to water treatment plant. -Enactment of 0.25% GRT produces approximately \$1000,000 annually. This increased revenue could immediately provide the Town with approximately \$1,250,000 of funds for projects through bonding.

## **9. FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY, 2016.**

Councilor Ben Richey made motion to approve the Financial Report and Approval of Expenditures for January, 2016. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **10. COMMITTEES**

### **a. Public Safety**

See Attached

### **b. Public Works**

See attached

### **c. Parks & Recreation**

No Quorum

### **d. Economic Development/ Lodgers Tax Advisory Board**

No Quorum

### **e. Recycling**

No Quorum

### **Mayors Report**

- Legislative Session has ended and we are on the list for \$125,000 for a new street sweeper. Mayor Calhoun sent a letter to the Governor to ask not to veto the request.
- There is an OHV Bill which will allow OHV vehicles to use roads under the speed limit of 55mph. If this bill passes we will have to get together with David Smith about local options for OHV's. The other bill is to allow Ski Areas to expand their boundary area for liquor sale service areas. This would be using the existing license for weddings, events etc.
- Mayor Calhoun met with the Chamber, Red River Community House, Red River Conference Center, Red River Ski Area and Southwest Pickers. Southwest Pickers do a huge Bluegrass Festival in Santa Fe every year. It has become cost prohibited and would like to move it to Red River and partner with everyone in September of 2017. Have different venues and provide fiddler contest, songwriter workshops and music.
- The Governmental Liquor License is sent to Alcohol and Gaming to review.
- Town of Red River has signed papers every day for the CDBG Grant hopefully we can get our first project done to submit another phase soon.
- Town of Red River got an offer from the Clean Water Revolving Fund it was 248K in grant money and 800K in a loans. There are two projects one is for the sludge drying bed and the other is for RBC at the WWTP. They have offered money for the sludge and we really need to replace the RBC's. It would be a 57K payment for 20years. They keep telling us that we need PER done but it would cost another 100,000. We will speak to our Financial Advisor about this and talk about our priorities.

- Eddie Dry and an Eagle Scout Leader came by to speak to Mayor Calhoun about working towards their Eagle. They would like to help Parks & Recreation with any projects maybe putting up signs or anything else that they could help with.

## **11. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

### **a. Recommendation to approval of a height variance to Courtney Henderson, 201 W. River Street, for a height of 69 feet, 4 feet over existing height ordinance.**

Brenda explained this is for the new Best Western building. Courtney's architect stated that the height for the solar panels will be located towards the back of the building and will not block any views. Councilor Ben Richey made motion to accept the recommendation to approve a height variance to Courtney Henderson, 201 W. River Street, for a height of 69 feet, 4 feet over existing height ordinance. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Motion carried.

### **b. Recommendation of a Conditional Use Permit for Heidi Bowen, The Hideout 105 E River Street. Zoned General Business, with the following conditions: operating from Memorial Day to Labor Day 2016, 7 days after Labor Day the concession trailer will be covered.**

Brenda explained that it took three letters for them to respond about getting the trailer covered before they responded. The Mayor asked last year we requested that it be covered with wood siding before next year. If we want to make a recommendation now is the time to make sure the building is covered with wood siding. We will pull the minutes from last year. Councilor Ben Richey made motion to send back to P & Z with drawings for covering the metal building with wood siding as per ordinance as this was requested last year. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Motion carried.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. RATIFY: Benny Sanchez- Conference Center Maintenance**

Councilor Steve Cherry made motion to ratify Benny Sanchez as a full time employee as Conference Center Maintenance. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Motion carried.

## **B. CONSIDERATION OF:**

### **1. Resolution 2016-02 Holy Cross Mill Levy**

Ron Burnham explained the Holy Cross Mill Levy. The hospital needs to make improvements. The mill levy is to help with maintenance and equipment and would increase property tax. The election is on March 8, 2016 in Questa and in Taos. Councilor George Woerndle made motion to approve Resolution 2016-02 Holy Cross Mill Levy. Councilor Dan Foley seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor Steve Cherry aye. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Motion carried.

### **2. Resolution 2016-03 MAP Funding**

Mayor Calhoun explained this is a resolution for Map Funding for Municipal Arterial Funds. It will include Caribel Trail in conjunction with Claim Jumper Street. Councilor Ben Richey made motion to approve Resolution 2016-03 MAP Funding. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Motion carried.

### **3. Resolution 2016-04 Budget Adjustment**

Mayor Calhoun explained that this Resolution 2016-04 Budget Adjustment is for cleanup line items in the budget. Councilor Ben Richey made motion to approve Resolution 2016-04 take out 399 for snow groomer. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Motion carried.

### **4. Fire Chaser Pickup**

Mayor Calhoun explained this is for a Fire Chaser Pickup which enclosed is a state contract from Power Ford. Councilor George Woerndle made motion to accept the purchase of a new Fire Chaser pickup from Power Ford. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Motion carried.

### **5. Water System Improvement Alternative**

Mayor Calhoun has gone over the Water System Improvement Alternative with the staff and Public Works, the recommendation is alternative #1. This includes replacing the hatch tank that will service Wild Oaks subdivision. This will help add more distributions for the east end of town. The final phase would to replace the 14inch line up Pioneer. This project is 5.8 million and will go towards the bond. Councilor Ben Richey made motion to accept the list of Councilor George Woerndle seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Motion carried.

### **C. MOTION TO ADVERTISE:**

#### **1. Ordinance 2016-01 Sign Ordinance**

Brenda explained the change to the Sign Ordinance Section 1, under Maintenance. Signs, advertising banners, flying banners and flags will be kept in good repair and maintained in an appropriate and safe manner. Section L. 1. Banners and Temporary Signs as the same. These changes were approved previously and needs to be advertised. Councilor Steve Cherry made motion to advertise Ordinance 2016-01 Sign Ordinance. Ben Richey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor George Woerndle aye. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Motion carried.

#### **2. Ordinance 2016-03 New Building Permit Fees**

Brenda explained the change to Ordinance 2016-03 New Building Permit Fees. Our fees were higher than the State of NM any wanted to make them business friendly. These changes were approved previously and needs to be advertised. Councilor Steve Cherry made motion to advertise Ordinance 2016-03 New Building Permit Fees. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Motion carried.

#### **3. Asset Management Plan Consultant**

Mayor Calhoun explained this for an Asset Management Plan Consultant for water. Councilor Steve Cherry made motion to advertise Asset Management Plan Consultant. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Motion carried.

### **13. PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **A. ORDINANCE 2016-02**

An Ordinance amending Town of Red River Ordinance 2000-5 A. Article 5 Building permits, section E, Items 1. Providing for penalty and an effective date thereof and Article 25 Enforcement Section A. 1. Brenda stated this was adding a Deputy Planning Administrator to approve or disapprove. Mayor Calhoun asked for public comment. Brenda Sloan agreed with having a Deputy Planning Administrator. Councilor Ben Richey made a motion to accept the changes on Ordinance 2016-02. Councilor Bend Richey second the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Motion carried.

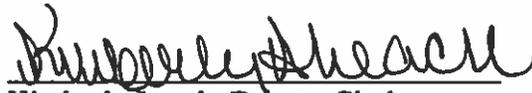
**14. AWARD:**

**A. ITB#1-2016 MEMORIAL DAY TRADEMARK**

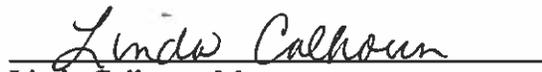
Mayor Calhoun stated the Town of Red River received one bid. The bid that was received was for \$1,500.00 for the use of the Town of Red River Memorial Day Trademark. The Town received another bid but was not submitted in the right format and was submitted before the ITB for \$15,000. Last year the Town was paid \$5,500.00 for a dollar per shirt. Mayor Calhoun recommendation was to not award the bid. Councilor George Woerndle made motion to deny the bid for Memorial Day Trademark ITB #1-2016. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Mayor Calhoun called roll call vote. Councilor Dan Foley, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor Steve Cherry, aye. Councilor George Woerndle aye. Motion carried.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 8:45 P.M.



Kimberly Leach, Deputy Clerk



Linda Calhoun, Mayor