1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Red River Town Council held October 30, 2017, in the Council Chambers at the Red River Conference Center. Mayor Linda Calhoun called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Linda Calhoun present
Councillor Steve Cherry present
Councillor Dan Foley present
Councillor George Woerndle present
Councillor Ben Richey present

3. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – OCTOBER 30, 2017

Councillor Dan Foley made a motion to approve the agenda for October 30, 2017. Councillor Ben Richey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting - September 26, 2017
b. Special Meeting - September 29, 2017

Councillor George Woerndle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Council Meeting on September 26th and the Special Council Meeting on September 29th. Councillor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

6. PRESENTATION BY PEOPLES BANK

Augustine Fernandez and Britney Cisneros were present to speak on behalf of Peoples Bank. Augustine introduced himself and Britney to the Council. Britney spoke on the history of Peoples Bank. Peoples Bank was founded in 1871 and now has 35 branches in 9 states, including New Mexico. The first branch to open in New Mexico was in Taos. Peoples bank has grown to five locations in the Taos County area. In 2005, Centinel Bank closed their Red River branch and the Town of Red River expressed a concern for need of a bank. With great help from Bank President Scott McAdams and CEO Wint Winter, the Red River branch of Peoples Bank opened in record time of eight weeks. Since then Peoples Bank has developed a long-lasting relationship with Red River and the people of Taos County and going forward will continue business as usual as they transition to Hillcrest Bank. Britney then spoke about who Hillcrest Bank is. NBH is a National Bank Holding Corporation that owns four banks, including Hillcrest, located in three states Colorado, Texas and Kansas. Peoples Bank and NBH share common values of putting clients first, and providing them with a personalized experience by knowing customers names and financial needs. Augustine spoke of submitting a package to the Town a couple of weeks prior to address any concerns or questions. He then spoke regarding questions that were submitted. One question he received ask what will be new benefits with merge and what will we be losing. In
answer to this question he said NBH is currently looking at what they offer and what Peoples offers and will offer the best. Being that Peoples is a million dollar bank and NBH is a multi-billion dollar bank, there will be a lot of revenue and growth for the Town of Red River. The second question that Augustine addressed was would bank account numbers change? He answered that there is a possibility that account numbers will change. Augustine then opened to questions from Council. Mayor Calhoun asked if we would need to order new checks if the account numbers change? Augustine answered it is a possibility and that NBH did state they would provide first batch of checks complimentary. Mayor Calhoun then asked if automatic drafts would change? Augustine answered that automatic drafts will stay the same. Administrator Georgiana Rael inquired about interest rates and loans for home purchases. Augustine answered that they don’t quite have the answer on that. Britney commented that there is a possibility that they will open a loan department in Red River. Mayor Calhoun asked if we would have the same key personnel in Taos? Augustine answered that most likely there will be some new faces. Councilor Foley asked if we would have an ATM here? Augustine answered that they are guaranteeing an ATM for every location. With no further questions, the presentation concluded. Mayor Calhoun thanked them for their time and asked what the timeframe is for transfer? Augustine answered February to March.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT and APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

Administrator Georgiana Rael reported that Gross Receipts collection was up $20,036.00 or 8.99%. To date 24.99% of the budget is used to date. October GRT’s for the month of August were as follows:
Construction was down $1,025.00 or 15.5%.
Retail was up $5,012.00 or 10.78%.
Real Estate was up $28,453.00 or 106.5%.
Food and Accommodations was down $6,012.00 or 15.5%.
Lodger’s Tax was down $8,985.00 for the month with three lodges not reporting in time. Had they all reported by the 25th we would have been up by $351.00.
YTD Lodger’s Tax is down $4,167.00 or almost 2%.

Councilor George Woendle made a motion to approve the financial report and expenditures for the month of September 2017. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. COMMITTEES

a. Public Safety
   There was no meeting this month.
b. Public Works/Recycling
   See attached
c. Parks & Recreation
   See attached
d. Lodger’s Tax Advisory Board/Economic Development
   See attached

- PROJECT UPDATES
  The project updates are covered under the Public Works/Recycling report - see attached

- MAYOR’S REPORT
  Mayor Calhoun reported that she was in Santa Fe on Tuesday to make a
presentation to the Water Trust Board. It went well and they did ask a couple of questions. The Mayor asked for design and engineering and is optimistic about it. The Mayor reported that we got word on the land conveyance issue from James Duran. They are going to allow us to decrease the 66ft. easement at the AWWT down to 33ft. At the cemetery they are going to let us do away with the easement. We will have to leave the ones at the Park and Pioneer as is.

The Mayor reported that we did get the slash pile burned and it is still smoldering. The Mayor reported that we received a call from NM Gas Co. regarding their work near Pilar. During Thanksgiving it will be a one lane road, but from December 22nd through January 2nd, they will have both lanes open for traffic.

The Mayor then addressed the subject of Flybox WiFi and an email received from the Town’s attorney. The attorney had several concerns and questions including that the process should probably be done through an RFP rather than advertising. The Mayor and Tourism Director Jenna Grubbs looked at the statistics and they are not impressive. Only 1% or less are actually clicking through to ads. Of $7,000 emails received, if you count $1 per email and bare advertising worth maybe $10,000.00, we have only gotten about $25,000.00 in value from them and they want to be paid $50,000.00. The Mayor was excited about the capability of advertising in the Dallas Fort Worth area through Flybox but it doesn’t seem to be going anywhere. Further concerns addressed include that we cannot get nailed down from them exactly what we are getting for our money and they will not ever say that the Town owns the advertising. Also concerning is that the contract provided by Flybox does not have a fixed term of time. As a municipality we cannot have it be continually renewed. Discussion followed regarding more research needs to be done and to look into other municipalities that offer WiFi and see what they have done. An email will be crafted to Flybox letting Heston know specifics of what needs to be included in the contract and that we are looking into other ways to do this.

9. PLANNING & ZONING
   No items

10. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF:

   1. RATIFY NEWEMPLOYEE
      a. Ellen Gay - Conference Center Coordinator

      Councilor Steve Cherry made a motion to approve ratifying new employee. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Kim Leach took a roll call vote. Councilor Woerndle - yes, Councilor Cherry - yes, Councilor Richey - yes, Councilor Foley - yes. The motion carried.

11. NEW BUSINESS

   a. Resolution 2017-31 Bank Signatures

      Councilor Steve Cherry made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Kim Leach took a roll call vote. Councilor Cherry -yes, Councilor Foley - yes, Councilor Richey - yes, Councilor Woerndle - yes. The motion carried.

   b. Ambulance Director, Dina Burnham/606 Internal Service Fund
An internal service fund transfer for cardiac monitors requested. Councilor Ben Richey made a motion to approve the fund transfer. Councilor Dan Foley seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Kim Leach took a roll call vote. Councilor Cherry -yes, Councilor Richey - yes, Councilor Foley - yes, Councilor Woerndle - yes. The motion carried.

12. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Ordinance 2017-03 - Amending Ord. 2016-09 ROHV

This is deleting item K of Article 3 regarding driver required helmet to be in accordance to state law.
Councilor Steve Cherry made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Kim Leach took a roll call vote. Councilor Woerndle -yes, Councilor Foley - yes, Councilor Cherry - yes, Councilor Richey - yes. The motion carried.

b. Ordinance 2017-04 - Amending Uniform Traffic Ordinance UTO

This comes through legislature. Minor additions and deletions and we need to adopt to be in accordance with the state.
Councilor Dan Foley made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Councilor Steve Cherry seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Kim Leach took a roll call vote. Councilor Richey -yes, Councilor Woerndle - yes, Councilor Cherry - yes, Councilor Foley - yes. The motion carried.

13. OTHER

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 7:58PM.

Kim Leach, Deputy Clerk

Linda Calhoun, Mayor