TOWN OF RED RIVER  
TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2019  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. CALL TO ORDER  
A special meeting of the Red River Town Council held April 10, 2019, in the Council Chambers at the Red River Conference Center. Mayor Calhoun called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. DISCUSSION OF:  
A. ORDINANCE 2019-03 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2016-09  
Mayor Calhoun opened the discussion with items in the ordinance needing to be changed that she heard brought up at the public meeting which included; removing the language in the ordinance that says only to access trail heads, lowering the speed limit on Main Street to 25 MPH, and trying to come up with something to address the parking issue. Mayor Calhoun stated that she does not feel like parking is anything that needs to be in this ordinance right now, and as far as the speed limit, since our Main Street is a State Highway the speed limit issue would have to go through the Department of Transportation. It would involve traffic studies and would probably be a year out. In the Mayor’s opinion the most reasonable thing to discuss would be whether we want to strike the language that says only to access the trail heads. That would allow people to use the side streets, park on the side streets, and go into businesses on Main Street but not actually ride on Main Street. If we wanted to make one change that we could put into effect for this summer, this would be the change that the Mayor recommends. Mayor Calhoun then opened the discussion to the audience.

Richard Swigart expressed concerns over parking, the curfew for ROV’s, as well as a need for more law enforcement in the future if ROV’s will be allowed to ride on Main Street and treated as regular vehicles. He feels the curfew should be pushed back to 10PM. Mayor Calhoun brought up the reason for the curfew is due to nightly rentals and noise, in areas such as the Tenderfoot area. Angela Spotts brought up that her guests at the Ponderosa do care about the noise.  
Mayor Calhoun stated that she would rather run the trolley two hours later than extend the curfew for the ROV’s.
Reed Weimer brought up that in the Offroad Coalition meetings they had discussed that the curfew be extended from 7PM to 8PM due to it being daylight later in the summer.

Councilor Dan Foley asked do we want to look at maybe increasing the age of the driver in town to maybe cut down on the people who are just cruising around town. Jessica Cisneros brought up that this part of the ordinance is state statute, and this would be hard to enforce.

Councilor Foley then asked what everyone’s thoughts were about putting flags on the ROV’s for visibility. Chris Green spoke on behalf of the Offroad Coalition and stated that any other place you go like Colorado they do require flags on the ROV’s for visibility. If someone came without a flag it would be easy to mount one. He stated that it would be a four-foot flag that would be take one bolt or a clamp to attach. Red River businesses could sell these flags as souvenirs or to raise money to put towards trail maintenance.

Liz Tate spoke about changing the evening curfew from 7PM to 8PM. That would make the hours 8 to 8 which is easy to remember. She stated that as a business we have the power to drive the mentality of the visitors to see the extended hours as a privilege, not a right.

Vicki Swigart stated that they do their best to educate their guests to follow the rules, but some of them come with the attitude that they will take their chances and do whatever.

Angela & Jeff Spotts spoke about how they send out the ROV rules to their guests in advance, but they get here and do whatever they want to do. We will always have people in the mindset of they are on vacation and they do not have to follow any rules.

Tim Tate suggested that we add the hours of usage along with a picture of an ROV to the DOT required signs “End ROV Zone”

Tim Tate also brought up that most of the visitors are an hour ahead of us in their home time zone when they visit and want to leave for the trails earlier than 8AM. Vicki Swigart responded that we need to remember that it is not only ROV users who are visiting here. Mayor Calhoun said she could not imagine our lodges or private home owners like in the Tenderfoot area being ok with the morning time being changed to 7AM.

Jeff Spotts said we need to help everyone have a good time on their vacation and giving the ROV’s more time is certainly not going to enhance your visit of you came to hike and bike.

Fritz Davis asked what time does the sun set on August 1st when the days start getting shorter? Would they be riding at the most dangerous time of the day which is twilight during August and September. We need to take that into consideration. Mayor Calhoun asked for a show of hands from meeting attendees who was in favor of extending the ROV curfew to 8PM and who was in favor of extending it to 9PM. The majority of the attendees were in favor of a 9PM curfew. Mayor Calhoun expressed concern that the lodges and residential areas may not like the 9PM curfew. The Mayor is more comfortable with the curfew being 8AM to 8PM.
Richard Swigart stated that people do not want to park their ROV’s where they cannot see them. He feels that they would rather park their vehicle in the municipal lot than their ROV’s because their vehicle can be secured easier. He feels that by changing the wording of the ordinance to open the side streets that people will use them as their main mode of transportation throughout town while they are here. Tim Tate stated that he thinks that there will not be a higher percentage of people using their ROV’s as a main vehicle throughout town. Their ROV’s get dirty and they will not be loading the family in the ROV to go have dinner.

Vicki Swigart stated that as we create more of an ROV friendly atmosphere we are going to get more ROV’s coming into town. We are going to have more issues with parking as most lodges do not have the space. She feels like in the future we will see more of an influx of ROV visitors.

Mayor Calhoun responded that parking is an issue in many places and that we need to get our visitors to utilize the municipal lot and either walk the one-mile length of town or utilize the trolley. She mentioned that we were hearing for years that we were losing our visitors to Colorado because we were not ROV friendly and now we are blessed to be dealing with other problems from increased visitors.

Mayor Calhoun stated that from the feedback we have received, that the majority wants to extend the curfew to be 8AM to 8PM and allow access to the side streets and businesses. These are issues we can look at changing for this summer. This is just a work session and we will have a public hearing when we make the changes to the ordinance. We will have a public hearing for this ordinance at the special meeting already scheduled on May 6th.

4. OTHER

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Mayor Calhoun adjourned the special meeting at 5:52 PM.

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Georgiana Rael, Administrator Clerk  Linda Calhoun, Mayor

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