

**TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Red River Town Council was held Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at the Red River Conference Center. Mayor Linda Calhoun called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Linda Calhoun	Present
Councilor George Woerndle	Present
Councilor Debbie Hubbard	Present
Councilor Ben Richey	Present
Councilor Jenny Hawkes	Present

A quorum was present.

3. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday, January 26, 2010. Councilor Debbie Hubbard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular meeting – December 22, 2009

Councilor Ben Richey made a motion to approve the minutes for December 22, 2009 Councilor George Woerndle seconded the motion and the motion carried.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT/APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR DECEMBER, 2009

Town Administrator Russell Church gave the financials for December, 2009. He reported that Gross Receipt Taxes were down 7.8 % for the month and YTD up 12.1%. He also reported that Lodger's Tax was down 12.1% for the month and up 2.9 % for the year. Councilor Debbie Hubbard made a motion to approve the financials for December, 2009. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

7. RECOGNITION OF TOWN EMPLOYEE

Mayor Calhoun recognized Town Administrator Russell Church for his 20 years of service with the Town of Red River and presented Mr. Church with a plaque expressing appreciation for his many years of public service to the citizens of Red River.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY

* See attached report

B. PUBLIC WORKS

* See attached report

C. PARKS AND RECREATION

* See attached report

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development did not have a quorum

E. LODGERS TAX ADVISORY BOARD

Lodgers Tax Advisory Board did not have a meeting this month

F. MAYOR'S REPORT

- LANL – Community Leadership meeting has been rescheduled due to the weather.
- Update on NCRTD - North Central Regional Transit District buses have started running to Red River. Cori Jenkins has allowed the bus service to utilize the Woodlands parking area for drop-off and pick-up. The bus service will run Monday through Friday.
- Indoor Playground/Red River Conference Center – Mandy Buchanan requested an area in the conference center for the children to play during the winter months. Play equipment has been donated and purchased for the play area. It is located on the west side of the conference center and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00A.M to Noon and 1:00P.M. to 5:00P.M.
- Municipal Day/ February 5, 2010 – On Friday, February 5, 2010, Municipal Day will be held in Santa Fe at the La Fonda.

G ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- NEPA - Mayor Calhoun and I will be going to an all day workshop in Albuquerque to learn more about NEPA. New Mexico Off Highway Alliance is hosting the workshop.
- SE Group is finishing the area drawings and they are ready to submit the letter on behalf of the Town of Red River for the Townsite Act.
- We are saddened that Adrian Garcia resigned from the Town of Red River. We wish him the best. The City of Bloomfield is fortunate to have Adrian on their staff.

H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS REPORT

- Currently we are working with the New Mexico Tourism Department to support

their Eco- tourism initiative. The State held and Eco-tourism workshop in Taos which had a great Red River representation. Eddie Dry, Geoff Goins, Toni Gibbons, Barbara Dry and I attended the workshop and we look forward to working with the NMTD.

- A journalist from Snowshoe Magazine is in town and is writing about Red River with a snowshoe twist. The article will be focusing on our community as a snowshoe and pedestrian community.
- Vollmer is arranging a tour for journalist to come to Red River in June. These journalists are from Destination I Do and other high profile lifestyle magazines from the Dallas/ Fort Worth area.
- Lauren House hosted a successful press tour. The feedback of the tour has been positive.
- Legislature Update for TANM - We will be supporting TANM's effort to keep the Legislature from cutting the tourism departments funding. Tourism Day will be held on February 9, 2010.

9. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
(No Items)

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. RATIFY TOWN EMPLOYEE:

a. Clay Buchanan – Public Works Director

Mayor Calhoun stated that we received Adrian Garcia's resignation on January 6, 2010 and at that time Adrian recommended Clay Buchanan for the position of Public Works Director. Clay also expressed and interest in filling the position of Public Works Director. Currently, Clay has a commercial driver's license, Wastewater I and Water II certifications. After discussion, Councilor Ben Richey made a motion to ratify Clay Buchanan as our new Public Works Director. Councilor Jenny Hawkes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Debbie Hubbard, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor Jenny Hawkes, aye. The motion carried.

B. CONSIDERATION OF:

a. Resolution 2010-01/Open Meetings

After discussion, Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-01 Open Meetings. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Debbie Hubbard, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor Jenny Hawkes, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Resolution 2010-01 was adopted.

C. INTRODUCTION OF:

**a. Ordinance 2010-01/Repealing Ord.1989-3/Fair Housing
And Non-Discrimination**

Mayor Calhoun stated that this Ordinance will bring us into compliance for grant requirements such as CDBG. Ordinance 2010-01 defines our current Ordinance 1989-3, with much greater depth. After discussion, Councilor Debbie Hubbard made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2010-01/Fair Housing and Non-Discrimination. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Roll call vote.

Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor Jenny Hawkes, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Debbie Hubbard, aye. The motion carried.

B. Ordinance 2010-02/Alarm Ordinance

Mayor Calhoun stated that this ordinance is to addresses the alarms that are faulty and in need of repairs. The Town could charge a fine to the owner of the faulty alarm system and mandate that the alarm system remain off until repairs are completed. After Discussion, Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2010-02/Alarm Ordinance. Councilor Debbie Hubbard seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Jenny Hawkes, aye. Councilor, George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Debbie Hubbard, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. The motion carried.

C. Appointment of Precinct Board/March 2, 2010 Municipal Election

After discussion, Councilor Ben Richey made a motion to approve the appointment of the Precinct Board for the March 2, 2010 Municipal Election, consisting of Judge Sherry Kidd, Judge/Clerk Norma Pitts, Judge/Clerk Darcy Banks, Alternate Judge/Clerk Gail Lowry, Alternate Judge/Clerk Julie Fallin. The working board will be compensated \$150.00 per worker for the Election Day and \$20.00 per alternate for standing by on Election Day. Councilor Jenny Hawkes seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Debbie Hubbard, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor Jenny Hawkes, aye. The Precinct Board was approved.

11. OTHER

- Mayor Calhoun announced that the Enchanted Forest Cross Country Ski area will be celebrating their 25th anniversary this Saturday, January 30, 2010, 6:30P.M.
- Rick and Betty Gallagher will be bringing home their daughter from Haiti this coming month.
- The Dedication & Grand Opening of the New Fire Station will be February 28, 2010.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 7:41P.M.

Georgiana Rael
Municipal Clerk

Linda Calhoun
Mayor

