

**TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Red River Town Council was held Tuesday, December 22, 2009 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	Absent

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 Debbie Hubbard made a motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday, December 22, 2009 with the amendment to remove item C, under New Business, Introduction of Ordinance 2009-04. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular meeting – November 24, 2009

Councilor Ben Richey made a motion to approve the minutes for November 24, 2009 with the amendment to remove the word doors under Section 10, Public Hearing, Ord.2009-03. Councilor Debbie Hubbard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

Town Administrator Russell Church gave the financials for November, 2009. He reported that Gross Receipt Taxes were down 22.9 % for the month and YTD up 13.4%. He also reported that Lodger's Tax was up 7.2% for the month and up 4.4 % for the year. Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to approve the financials for November, 2009. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Committee did not have a meeting this month.

B. PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Committee did not have a meeting this month.

C. PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks & Recreation Committee did not have a meeting this month.

D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

* See attached report

E. LODGERS TAX ADVISORY BOARD

* See attached report

F. MAYOR'S REPORT

- CDBG application submission - CDBG application was submitted to the State by grants administrator Bob Perry on December 11, 2009. We are hoping that we will get the funding to rehabilitate the wells. We will go before the CDBG board toward the end of March to make our presentation on our request. We have requested a waiver to extend the time on our current CDBG grant. Installation of the elevator and the lighting package are still needed to receive a certificate of occupancy. The fire department held their Christmas party in the bay area of the new station last week.
- National League of Cities/ Prescription card - Anyone who has a Red River address can come to the conference center to pick up a prescription card and start saving up to 20% on their prescriptions. It can't be used in conjunction with another insurance card. It's a great benefit for the public.
- Update on NCRTD - Russell and I met with North Central Regional Transit District. They are ready to start running buses to Red River from the Questa area. We discussed the tentative routes and at this time it looks like they will start the service with four routes. The bus service will run Monday through Friday.
- Postcards for the Red River Community Foundation - They have one thousand postcards that describe the foundation. Ted Calhoun, Katie Pierce and Danny Lamb are currently on the advisory board at this time.

G ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- Fire Station construction is progressing very well.
- SE Group recommends that we include all the pieces of property in Town that are currently Forest Service property and include them to our scope via the Town site Act.
- The UV System at the treatment plant was installed today. It has taken nine months to finish this project
- Commissioner Larry Sanchez has been paying a lot of attention to our area. He has initiated the road work that has been done in the upper valley this year. He works Red River and understands what are needs are.

- We received a letter from the Game & Fish Department letting us know that we were not awarded the \$4,500.00 grant. They did encourage us to re-apply next year.

H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS REPORT

- Vollmer Public Relations - Currently following up with the journalist that attended our media event. Vollmer is making sure that they have all the information necessary to start working on their articles about Red River and they will receive any questions that the journalist may have. They continue to traditionally pitch Red River to all media outlets in the Metro-Plex. We have two journalists who have expressed interest in coming to Red River for a stay. One writes for a national snow shoe publication and the other writes for a Dallas lifestyle magazine. Vollmer is going to confirm with the journalist what dates that they want to visit and then I will find lodging for them. Another topic that Vollmer will be working on along with Travelocity is Spring Break on the cheap. Our commitment to this would be to pay for the travel expenses for the Travelocity expert and also the satellite uplink truck. Budget wise, we are studying this project to see if it would be feasible. Otherwise, I will be going back to Dallas in January and arrange for media interviews.
- Lauren, with the RRSA has a public relations tour coming at the end of January. Five different groups with six journalists will come and spend time in Red River. She is arranging lodging and meals and all the things that go along with that.
- The television program that was filmed during our most recent September media tour, Destination Polaris is going to air on the Outdoor Network channel on January 25, 2010.

8. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

A. APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO HAILEY ODOM HOTWOOD CONSTRUCTION DBA: GUMBO A GO-GO CART DURING CHRISTMAS 2009 AND MARDI GRAS, FEBRUARY 2010.

Mr. Hailey Odom, owner of Gumbo a Go-Go Cart presented his request to acquire a conditional use permit to sell gumbo, water and sodas from his concession cart. The Mayor asked where he was planning to set up his stand. Mr. Odom stated that during the day he would be set up on the corner of Gilt Edge and River St. across from the Copper chair and in the evenings at 416 Main St. next to the 1900's. The Mayor asked if he had acquired his permit from the State Health Department. Mr. Odom stated that Mr. King with the State Health Department was scheduled to come up and inspect the cart. Councilor George Woerndle expressed some concerns about having sidewalk food carts/vendors. Councilor Woerndle stated that he has had several complaints about cart vendors competing with local restaurants. Economic Development Director Rebecca Latham spoke out on behalf of an economic development stand point. She stated that unlike Mr. Shirey, who lives in Angel Fire, Mr. Odom is a resident of Red River and we should encourage new businesses by starting something small such as this vending cart and continue to grow into something successful and permanent. After discussion, Councilor

Debbie Hubbard made a motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit to Mr. Hailey Odom, Gumbo a Go-Go. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Debbie Hubbard, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. The motion carried.

B. APPROVAL OF A LICENSE TO ENCROUCH/CHRIS AND DEBBIE YATES/THREE BEARS LODGE – 301 E. MAIN STREET (Formerly El Western)

Town Administrator Russell Church directed the council to see the attached map that illustrates the current encroachment of the Three Bears Lodge onto the municipal street. If the lodge owner should ever tear down the structure and rebuild the license becomes void and they would have to build inside their property. After discussion, Councilor Ben Richey made a motion to approve the license to encroach for Chris and Debbie Yates, Three Bears Lodge located at 301 E. Main Street. Councilor Debbie Hubbard seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Debbie Hubbard, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. The motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. AWARD:

a. ITB# 409 POLICE VEHICLE

Mayor Calhoun reported that the Town received one bid from Town & Country of Alamosa, Colorado. The vehicle met specifications. They gave two price quotes for the same vehicle. Option #1 included a spotlight for \$27,644.00 and option #2 was quoted w/o spotlight for \$27,198.00. Town Administrator Russell Church reported that option #1 is the best option for the price. After discussion, George Woerndle made a motion to award ITB#409 to Town & Country. Councilor Debbie Hubbard seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Debbie Hubbard, aye. The motion carried.

B. CONSIDERATION OF:

a. Resolution 2009-23/COOP Extension

After discussion, Councilor Debbie Hubbard made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-23/COOP Extension. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Debbie Hubbard, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Resolution 2009-23 is adopted.

b. Resolution 2009-24/Authorizing and approving the submission of a completed loan application/NMFA/Police Vehicle

After discussion, Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-24/ Authorizing and approving the submission of a completed loan application/NMFA/Police Vehicle. Councilor Debbie Hubbard seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. Councilor Debbie

Hubbard, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Resolution 2009-24 is adopted.

10. OTHER

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 8:23 P.M.

Georgiana Rael
Municipal Clerk

Linda Calhoun
Mayor