

**TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Red River Town Council was held Tuesday, November 24, 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 Debbie Hubbard	Present
Councilor Jenny Hawkes	Present
Councilor Ben Richey	Present
Councilor George Woerndle	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 Jenny Hawkes made a motion to approve the agenda for Tuesday, November 24, 2009. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Regular meeting – October 27, 2009
- b. Special meeting – November 18, 2009

Councilor Debbie Hubbard made a motion to approve the minutes for October 27, and November 18, 2009. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**6. FINANCIAL REPORT/APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR OCTOBER, 2009**

Town Administrator Russell Church gave the financials for October, 2009. He reported that Gross Receipt Taxes were up 39.5 % for the month and up 16.75% for the year. He also reported that Lodger's Tax was up 11.4% for the month and up 3.5 % for the year. Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to approve the financials for October, 2009. Councilor Debbie Hubbard 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**  
\* See attached report

**C. PARKS AND RECREATION**  
\* See attached report

**D. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
The Economic Development Committee did not have a meeting this month.

**E. LODGERS TAX ADVISORY BOARD**  
Lodgers Tax Advisory Committee did not have a meeting this month.

**F. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Smithsonian breakfast meeting - American History will be displayed at the Red River Community House mid-June to the end of July 2010.
- Grant application – OHV permit fund has been moved from the Forest Service to Game & Fish. The Town has applied for \$4500.00 for snow grooming. The monies should be available between January and February 2010.
- SE Group – They are assisting the Town in acquiring forest service land via the Townsite Act. They have been conducting studies of the area, mapping & facilitating correspondence with the forest service.
- CDBG Update – the station is looking great. Completion of the project is December 15, 2009. We will be planning a grand opening party.
- Congressional Delegation Appropriations – Town of Red River is applying for these appropriations to support the Claimjumper Road project and the refurbishing of the Red River Community House. These types of projects didn't qualify under CDBG funding.

**G. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

- Fire Station construction is progressing. Funding for this fifteen year project has been from legislative appropriations, legislative re-appropriations and a CDBG grant
- Upcoming Census – The census will be underway April 1, 2010. We really need to make an effort to get everyone accounted for in Red River. Last census in 2000, only 44% of the population had been accounted for in Taos County.
- Legislative Update – Representative Robert Gonzales spoke at the IGC meeting and reported on the proposed taxes which could include reauthorizing the food tax, applying a motor vehicle tax and a personal tax. These taxes will stay at the state level and not funnel to municipalities. He stated that everyone needed to pay attention to community debt.

**H. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

- Taos Entrepreneurs has money set aside to host seminars for up to 35 people for development strategies, business inventory – what is your value?
- Public Relations – Vollmer Public Relations firm is actively marketing Red River by setting up Red River Ski packages to include lodging meals, lift tickets &

rentals. They are also creatively pitching Red River travel tips for family vacations and single/couple vacations to various publications such as Fort Worth Magazine, D Magazine and daily and weekly newspapers.

**8. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

(No items)

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CONSIDERATION OF:**

1. Resolution 2009-19/Authorizing the submission of a New Mexico CDBG Program application

After discussion, Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-19/authorizing the submission of the New Mexico CDBG program application for the rehabilitation of the Town of Red River water wells. Councilor Debbie Hubbard 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.

2. Resolution 2009-20/Public Transportation Service/Federal Transit Administration/Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy

After discussion, Councilor George Woerndle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-20/Public Transportation Service/ Federal Transit Administration/Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. 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. The motion carried.

3. Resolution 2009-21/Election Resolution

Mayor Calhoun stated that this resolution was to announce the upcoming municipal election on March 2, 2010. After discussion, Councilor Debbie Hubbard made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-21/Election Resolution. 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.

4. Resolution 2009-22/Employee Merit Incentives

After discussion, Councilor Ben Richey made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-22/Employee Merit Incentives. Councilor Jenny Hawkes 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.

**10. PUBLIC HEARING**

- A. Ordinance 2009-03/Amending Ord.2000-05/Reclassify part of HES 508 Tract A in the Timbercrest Subdivision/Rezone R-1 to R-3**

Mayor Calhoun stated that this was a public hearing for Ordinance 2009-03/ Amending Ord.2000-05/Reclassify part of HES 508 Tract A in the Timbercrest Subdivision/Rezone R-1 to R-3. Councilor Woerndle asked if the Town would consider applying a deed

restriction to these properties to indicate that if these homes are utilized as nightly rentals, the garage must remain open and clear for two parking spaces. Planning & Zoning Director Ed Saint stated that the Council could apply this restriction to the amended ordinance. After discussion, Councilor Jenny Hawkes made a motion to amend Ordinance 2000-05, reclassifying part of HES 508 Tract A in the Timbercrest Subdivision from R-1 to R-3 for the purpose of nightly rentals and furthermore, will include a deed restriction on said properties to include the maintenance of two parking spots in the garage area during the time of nightly rentals. Councilor Ben Richey seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Councilor Jenny Hawkes, aye. Councilor Ben Richey, aye. Councilor Debbie Hubbard, aye. Councilor George Woerndle, aye. The motion carried.

## **11. OTHER**

There will not be an Enchanted Circle Day this coming year for the legislative session. Tourism Day will be held at the Santa Fe Hilton on February 9, 2010. Mr. Ralph Gill commended the marketing that has been done to promote Red River. The social networking is incredible. Eddie Dry wanted to invite everyone to the Red River Community House on November 30, 2009 for a hospitality showcase.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Calhoun adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

---

Georgiana Rael  
Municipal Clerk

---

Linda Calhoun  
Mayor