

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS  
APRIL 23, 2003

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in regular session on April 23, 2003. Mayor Pro-tem Garrett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Bonnie Richardson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Councilor Olivo  
Councilor Miller

Councilor Morales

Mayor Miller was absent but Administrator Waters informed Mayor Pro-tem Garrett there was a quorum.

Also present were:

Dan Bryant, City Attorney  
John Waters, City Administrator  
Ken Mosley, Public Works Director  
Robert Logan, Chief of Police  
Tom Armstrong, P&Z

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Olivo to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll call being: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilor Olivo and seconded by Councilor Morales to approve the Consent Agenda with one correction to the Minutes. Roll call being: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Councilor Olivo and seconded by Councilor Morales to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 9, 2003. Roll call being: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Councilor Olivo and seconded by Councilor Morales to approve the Accounts Payables. Roll call being: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye. Motion carried.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Pro-tem Garrett stated next on the agenda, priorities that Wal-Mart could assist the City with Steven Speights, Wal-Mart Manager. Administrator Waters said we did speak with Steven and he is not going to be able to be here at this meeting but he did convey that this is for a small grant, something in the neighborhood of \$1,000 is what we understand and that it is not going to be until next year. In considering your choices, you might look at where \$1,000 would be best spent and to what programs and maybe how Wal-Mart can help in the community to solve the problems that they help create whether it is water conservation, Keep America Beautiful or \$1,000 towards the skate park. It is the Councils' decision and he did convey to me if the Council could make a decision, then we would sit down and work together to come up with a grant application.

Councilor Morales made a motion that we award the \$1,000 from Wal-Mart to the skateboard park. Seconded by Councilor Miller. Administrator Waters said please be clear that we have not been awarded the grant yet; this is to apply for a grant that they offer. Councilor Morales amended her motion to make application to Wal-Mart for a grant to the skateboard park. Seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll call being: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye. Motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro-tem Garrett stated next on the agenda, consider approval to advertise Bid No. 03-014 additional offices to City Hall.

Motion was made by Councilor Morales to approve advertising for Bid No. 03-014 for additional offices for City Hall. Seconded by Councilor Olivo.

Councilor Morales asked whom are you going to put in these two additional offices. Administrator Waters said we plan to have the Mayor and administration office with a central office in between which will probably be a reception area office. We are unclear as to how the central part is right now. We need a personnel office. The other office, which is the Mayor's office now, we are planning to have as an executive meeting room.

Roll call being: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Garrett stated next on the agenda, consider approval of purchase recommendation - four-wheel drive police unit with light bar and radio.

Motion was made by Councilor Olivo and seconded Councilor Morales to approve the purchase of the police unit for \$21,562.

Mayor Pro-tem Garrett said it came in quite a bit under bid. Chief Logan said he has been talking with Zangera Dodge which is a state contract for the purchase of this vehicle. They say it will be six to ten weeks before delivery.

Roll call being: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye. Motion carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Pro-tem Garrett stated next on the agenda, a Proclamation "Golden Apple Foundation of New Mexico Tribute to Teachers Day" and Mayor Miller asked that I read it to you.

(Insert proclamation)

Mayor Pro-tem Garrett stated next on the agenda, Great American Clean Up Day, City of Ruidoso Downs Annual Clean Up on Saturday, May 3rd. Councilor Miller said first we are going to kick it off with coffee, doughnuts, water and hand out bags and gloves so everyone can get busy. When we get back from our clean up, which I suppose will just be along Highway 70, we are going to have prizes. I picked up two today from Ruidoso Ford for two oil changes plus \$100 cash to help with our T-shirts. There are going to be a few other prizes. When we get back, I believe there are going to be hot dogs, chips and cokes and then the prizes. I just look forward to it; last year was fun. I think this year is going to be bigger and better than ever. Everybody get their buddies and families and come out and have a fun day. It will be clean for our racetrack and for all of our visitors. Mayor Pro-tem Garrett said we have some seniors that said once it is done, they will help pick up and that will help a lot. Councilor Miller said I am really excited about it and I think with this Keep America Beautiful, since we are getting our certification, it will be a continuous thing. I'm hoping not just once a year. I hope we get together as a group maybe once a month. We need all of the volunteers we can get.

Administrator Waters said one thing to add upon the cleaning up afterwards, there have been some questions raised by folks who want to clean up just some time during the month. They were asking for the vests as well as bags to help clean up along the highway. If they will contact our Public Works Director, we are going to have vests stored at the Public Works Department. Councilor Miller said Wal-Mart has helped us quite a bit with this too. Mayor Pro-tem Garrett said I talked to Steven and he really wants to help with their mile of highway.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Bonnie Richardson said I heard the Mayor come on the radio and tell about welcome to Ruidoso Downs and then he ended his spiel with paid by the lodgers' tax. Coincidentally, I had a television program on whereby a man suggested that the president of the bank move his desk out to the lobby where he had direct contact with the customers. Over the next year, their business increased 5,000 percent. I

think what the Mayor did on the radio is a start and it would be nice, in my opinion, to see if the rest of the administration and councilors even the personnel, I understand Steve got a chance to be on the radio and I think that personal touch is really nice.

Councilor Morales said I think our yellow ribbons really look nice. Attorney Bryant said someone was nice enough to bring some ribbons to my office. I have them on my office doors. I want you to know that I really appreciate it.

Motion was made by Councilor Morales and seconded by Councilor Miller to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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Susan Garrett, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:

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Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer