

MINUTES OF THE RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
FEBRUARY 17, 2004

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in a rescheduled regular session on February 17, 2004. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Joe Blaney to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Councilor Miller	Councilor Morales
Councilor Olivo	Councilor Garrett

Administrator Waters informed Mayor Miller there was a quorum.

Also present:

Dan Bryant, City Attorney
John P. Waters, City Administrator
Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer
Ken Mosley, Public Works Director
Tom Armstrong, Planning, Licensing & Permit Supervisor
Robert Logan, Director of Department of Public Safety

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Miller entertained a motion to approve the Agenda. Motion was made by Councilor Miller to approve the agenda. Councilor Olivo said I want a discussion on the motion. At the last meeting I requested an Executive Session for one of our employees and I see it was denied on this agenda; I want to know why. Mayor Miller said we will look into it and let you know. Councilor Olivo seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Miller entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Morales moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Garrett. Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2004 REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Councilor Morales and seconded by Councilor Garrett to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2004 Regular Meeting. Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

MONTHLY REPORTS

Motion was made by Councilor Morales and seconded by Councilor Garrett to approve the following reports:

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| Fire Report | Animal Control Report | Maintenance Report |
| Court Report | Code Enforcement Report | Public Works Report |
| DPS Report | Permits & Licensing Report | |

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilor Garrett asked do we have any information on the steps for the van and Administrator Waters said they have been ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Miller stated next on the agenda, Mayor’s recognition of Robert Gomez. Chief Logan said on January 31st, a gentleman traveling through Ruidoso Downs misplaced his wallet while at Wal-Mart. Mr. Gomez discovered the wallet. It had over \$1,200 in cash inside the wallet and he contacted Wal-Mart and the Police Department. We were able to get the wallet back to the gentleman. I would like to ask the members from Wal-Mart to come forward as they also have a presentation although Mr. Gomez was not able to be here this evening. If it is alright with everyone, I will accept these on Mr. Gomez’ behalf and make sure that he gets them.

Mayor Miller read the presentation from the City of Ruidoso Downs:

Whereas on January 31, 2004, Mr. Roberto Gomez, while shopping with his family in Wal-Mart, found a billfold filled with a large sum of money on the restroom floor,

And Whereas Mr. Gomez, in order to ensure the safe return of the billfold, insisted that a local law enforcement officer be called to take possession of the wallet,

And whereas trustworthiness is one of the six pillars of the Character Counts! Program, which our community supports.

And Whereas Mr. Gomez exhibited the highest degree of trustworthiness in his actions and in doing so, serves as a model for all citizens young and old,

And Whereas Honesty is a valued characteristic necessary for society to function properly.

Now therefore be it resolved that I, Bob A. Miller, Mayor of the City of Ruidoso Downs, do hereby proclaim Mr. Roberto Gomez an honorary citizen of our City and as such do hereby present him with the award of outstanding citizen this 17th day of February 2004.

A representative from Wal-Mart said in his honor we have a Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Honesty for Robert Gomez and a \$100 gift certificate for him. Mayor Miller thanked them for coming.

Mayor Miller stated next item on the agenda, Jan Rogers and Maria Moorhead presentation to council on relay for life. Clerk Virden advised that they had cancelled.

Mayor Miller stated next item on the agenda, Merriken Bryant, consider approving Resolution No. 2004-05 - Support of the Lincoln County Community-Based Juvenile Justice Continuum of Services and Sanctions Grant Application.

Merriken Bryant said I am representing the Lincoln County Community Collaborative. We are working on a grant application for the Continuum of Services for Lincoln County. This is a juvenile justice based community array of services to help children and families of our County. We are writing a grant and part of that includes getting community support and getting resolutions from our various communities.

Administrator Waters then read the resolution:

RESOLUTION 2004-05
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS IN SUPPORT OF
THE LINCOLN COUNTY COMMUNITY-BASED JUVENILE JUSTICE
CONTINUUM OF SERVICES AND SANCTIONS GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974 makes funds available to the state and units of local and tribal government for programs that provide community-based services that limit the use of secure detention and institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) has condensed this into a model called the Juvenile Continuum, following the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) "Comprehensive Strategy"; and

WHEREAS, the model requires a formal collaboration among municipalities, counties, school districts, the District Court, District Attorney, Public Defender, and the Juvenile Probation/Parole Office with required involvement from the private business sector and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, working together, these agencies operate a juvenile justice community-based continuum of services encompassing early intervention, arrest, referral, adjudication, and completion of probation; and

WHEREAS, the program provides sanctions and opportunities and services for juveniles and their families, emphasizing responsibility, limiting the use of secure detention and institutionalization, and focusing on positive outcomes for the youth and family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs is in full support of a Lincoln County Community-Based Juvenile Continuum of Services and Sanctions Grant Application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Ruidoso Downs encourage increased cooperation of local agencies in all youth-related services and sanctions to ensure appropriate, effective, and equitable services and sanctions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of February, 2004.

Ms. Bryant said I appreciate your support.

Councilor Garrett moved to approve Resolution No. 2004-05 - Support of the Lincoln County Community-Based Juvenile Justice Continuum of Services and Sanctions Grant Application. Seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; and Councilor Morales, Aye, Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller stated next item on the agenda, consider approving personnel recommendation for position of communication detention officer.

Chief Logan introduced Andrew Friberg. I would like to recommend Andrew Friberg for the position of Communication Detention Officer. Andrew is a local resident and has worked with coaching programs at the Ruidoso High School. Andrew is involved in our reserve police officer program and I think he would be an asset to our department. With his hiring, that will finally get our communication detention officer staff back up to full staff once again.

Motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Olivo to hire Andrew Friberg for the position of communication detention officer. Councilor Morales asked Chief Logan if he has had a large turnover of CDO's. Chief Logan said yes we have; we had the promotion of John Sims to the Code Enforcement position and we have had two resignations right in a row so it created quite a gap. Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; and Councilor Morales, Aye, Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Attorney Bryant reported that the Board of County Commissioners in the course of their meeting discussed the continuation of the ETZ program. It was on their agenda as an action item. Following what was a great discussion that examined the costs and the benefits that are intendment to that process, the County Commission did not take any action to stop the process and we are free to go ahead. We should send Chairman Rick Simpson a letter asking him to convene a meeting of the Authority. The County will need to make some appointments on the ETZ Commission side. I am delighted that we will be able to take that process and go forward.

PUBLIC INPUT

Barbara Green said I just wanted to remind you or let you know that we are having a meet the candidates forum tonight at the Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. You are all invited to come.

Councilor Miller said you have all heard on the radio what is happening with our police department. They are training some reserve officers as volunteers and I have decided to become one. I have enjoyed every class I have been to and I cannot believe what I am learning about our police department. I have been on the Council twelve years and I am learning so much just from the four classes I have taken. The domestic violence one was very touching. The ethics one was very informative. I have learned a lot about how police officers need to conduct themselves. I just wish more citizens would become involved. The education is wonderful. Chief Logan said thank you and this is by no means going to be the end-all. We do plan this next fall, depending on our needs, to put together another class. We will try to stretch that one out a little bit longer. Right now we are training about twelve hours a week which is quite a strain on those that are involved. We do plan to have another one this fall so I invite anyone that is interested in getting involved to get in touch with us. Councilor Morales asked how many volunteers do you have. Chief Logan said we have seven reserve officers right now that are going through the training and we also have a couple that are involved in the citizens' police academy portion as well.

Councilor Morales said I would like to add that the candidates forum tonight is put on by the Ruidoso Downs Auxiliary and our newly formed Chamber of Commerce.

Councilor Miller said we had to cancel our February 7th clean-up because of weather. Every where I put a sign, I picked up a bag of garbage. We do need this cleanup; I don't know if we have time to get one scheduled in March but I also had a lady call that is really interested in finding out what date they can put things out to be picked up. I told her to call City Hall but maybe in our next newsletter we can come up with certain days for certain areas to pick up stuff because they are willing to start cleaning yards.

Mayor Miller entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Councilor Miller and seconded by Councilor Morales to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob A. Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer