

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS  
JUNE 27, 2005

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in regular session on June 27, 2005. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Barbara Green to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were present:

Councilor Miller	Councilor Morales
Councilor Olivo	Councilor Garrett

Clerk Virden informed Mayor Miller there was a quorum.

Also present:

Dan Bryant, City Attorney  
John P. Waters, City Administrator  
Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Robert Denny, Chief, Department of Public Safety Director  
Dan Gens, Public Works Director  
Tom Armstrong, Licensing, Planning, Permitting Supervisor

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Councilor Morales and seconded by Councilor Olivo 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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2005 REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Councilor Garrett and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2005 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 Garrett and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the Accounts Payable. Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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 said I have been asked questions about the drainage and Clerk Virden just told me that it has gone out for bid. We have had a lot of discussion on the tank. My understanding is the new tank on Spring will be started around the first week in July.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Miller stated the first item under New Business, Southeastern New Mexico Community Action Corporation Grant and Elisa Davis is going to give us a presentation.

Ms. Davis said thank you for allowing us to be here today. My name is Elisa Davis and I am the Executive Director of the Southeastern New Mexico Community Action Corporation. I am going to give you an overview of what our agency is. We were recently selected to become your Community Action Corporation for Lincoln County and give you some of the background of what we have done in the county since we were selected.

Southeastern New Mexico Community Action Corporation was established in 1965 as Eddy County Community Action. The name was changed in 1997 and became Southeastern New Mexico Community Action Corporation because we took over other counties as well as other projects in other counties. We now serve Eddy, Otero, Chaves, Lincoln and Lea counties. We currently have about 320 employees scattered throughout the five county area. This includes our siphoned employees which are foster grandparents and senior companions. Our annual budget is about \$8.7 million. The objective of the agency is to enable people to achieve self-sufficiency and providing them with the resources to do that. We do that in a variety of different ways. Some of the programs we have are Child and Adult Food Reimbursement Programs, Creative Services, which is also referred to CSPG, Head Start, Foster Grandparent Program, Senior Citizens Program, Senior Companion Program and we do special projects, usually using special funding or Community Service Block Grant money. Community Service Block Grant money is our most flexible funding that we have. The Child and Adult Food Reimbursement Program were designated in Otero, Lea and Eddy counties. We currently fund 1,585 children in the program. We reimburse 284 homes and we provide free training conferences

held annually. We do provide this program in the Mescalero Apache Tribe Reservation, however, we haven't been funded to provide it in Lincoln County. I do believe you have a provider here. Our Community Service Block Grant Program, this was the program we were funded to do in Lincoln County. In October of last year we picked up Lea, Lincoln and Chaves counties. You were served by another Community Action program and they chose to dissolve as an agency. We have FEMA in some of the counties and we also have foundation money to do some of our special projects. Last year we assisted 968 households and some of the programs we provide are mortgage assistance, utility, prescription assistance, etc. Again, this is the most flexible funding and we do have an office here in Ruidoso. Our Foster Grandparent Program is probably the most rewarding program we have. It provides persons sixty and over with the opportunity to volunteer. They are low income individuals and they get provided a siphon of \$2.65 an hour for up to twenty hours a week. The Foster Grandparent Program we have is in Eddy and Lea counties. We have 37 volunteers, 11 workstations and last year we provided 30,267 hours of volunteer time to have one on one attention with at risk children. We don't have this program in Lincoln County and we have worked with the State to possibly get funding to start a program such as this in Lincoln County. Our Head Start Program is funded in Eddy and Chaves counties. We have eight centers, one delegate agency and 749 children enrolled in the program. We serve three to five year olds. This by far is our largest program at about \$5,500,000 so it is the bulk of what we do. You do have a Head Start program here that is administered by a different program. Our Senior Companion Program is very much like the Foster Grandparent program. We have volunteers that we reimburse \$2.65 an hour. We are only funded to do this in Eddy county. We have seventy seniors served. The purpose of this program is to help. We assign a single volunteer to a senior that may be at risk for institutionalization. They get a little bit of help to stay in their home. Our Senior Citizens Program, we are only funded for Eddy county. Last year we provided over 58,000 congregate meals; 68,000 home delivery meals, 23,000 transportation units and about 5,700 housekeeping units. This is our program that we struggle with the most. It does a lot of good but it is on a very tight budget. Our Special Projects, in 2003 we provided a group work camp in Lovington, Loving and Carlsbad. It was funded by the PNM Foundation. We enter into partnership with group work camp foundation out of Colorado. The first year that we tried this we did 29 homes and PNM Foundation provided us with \$19,000 match money to do it. Last year we did one in Artesia funded by PNM Foundation and in one weeks time we renovated 58 homes. We had over 400 kids from all across the country come in to help out. We started Mission Carlsbad where nine different churches have band together to continue that type of service for the community. In 2003 we did eight homes, in 2004 we did sixteen homes. This year we were hoping to double it to 32 but the homes we did this year needed a lot more work. Artesia, the outcome of our group work camp was Victory Outreach which is a Christian drug rehabilitation program that worked with us and did two roofs for the elderly. We are also working with adult daycare in order to fund it in Eddy County and that is something we hope to be able to partner with and get started. You have a great

senior program in this county so we would like to provide assistance but let them run the program. In our goals for Lincoln County we have provided some assistance with your daycare in Ruidoso Downs. We are hoping to assist the Food Pantry. We have signed a contract with group work camps out of Colorado to do a group work camp here next year. We sponsored the local group work camp. We have office here that provides utilities and prescription assistance and then we have done some special training with the Attorney General's office in training some of your non-profits on the requirements of the 990 which is an IRS requirement. Mark is here with me and he is one of the volunteers that worked with the camp we did here two weeks ago. We were fortunate enough to do four homes. Again next year we are hoping to increase that number; it just depends on the number of kids that come to the camp. We have worked a contract out with the school district. The kids will be staying in the school and eating at the cafeteria.

Mark said what I do is a challenge at first. It takes a lot of cooperation and a lot of assistance from businesses outside of the area. It is a very rewarding experience to see the reaction on some of these people's faces that we have worked on their homes.

Ms. Davis said this project was able to be successful because of the volunteers we had in this area. There were a couple of staff members at Ruidoso Downs that really made a difference and that is Tom Armstrong and Emma. If it hadn't of been for them we wouldn't have been able to put the project together. They located some of the homes that we were able to work on, do the site assessment, etc. and we really appreciate the help that they gave us. Again, we would not have been able to do it if weren't for them. We are grateful to the Council for appointing one of our Board members; your City Administrator, John Waters, is on our Board. He has made a real impact on our Board of Directors and we are very pleased to have him.

Mayor Miller told Ms. Davis you have done a fantastic job. We support you wholeheartedly. Helping us with the daycare center was unreal. We deeply appreciate everything you have done.

Mark said in any of these projects it is always a challenge to get volunteers. For next year's project, we would like to send around a list for people to sign up. Honestly, we would encourage everyone to get involved with whatever level they possibly can and lend their expertise through a work situation. If you are a contractor, plumber, electrician, that kind of thing we really need help on. It is going to take a lot more effort to do the number of homes we want to next year.

Ms. Davis said there are a couple of businesses that we would like to acknowledge that made the project possible. We were able to do a lot more work on the homes because of the discounts and donations that they made. They were Home Depot of Alamogordo and Wholesale Carpet & Tile Company in Ruidoso. We really appreciate it. Mayor Miller and Council thanked them for coming.

Mayor Miller stated next item on the agenda, consider approving Resolution No. 2005-05, Certified Communities Initiative (CCI).

Administrative Waters said as part of our application to the State to become a Certified Community with the Department of Economic Development which is pretty good for a town or our size. I think Cuba is the only other small town in the State of New Mexico that beat us to the punch but order to do this we have to have a resolution supporting the application. Once we become certified then that puts grant monies available that allows us to do economic development projects within the City of Ruidoso Downs. The scope of those projects can range from putting infrastructure in for an industrial park or some type of development park to doing research on how to market Ruidoso Downs. This is another step in opening the door that is currently closed to us. There are only a few communities in the State that has this Certified Communities Initiative monies coming in. Certainly having the ability to use this is going to be a benefit to the citizens of Ruidoso Downs. I am asking the Council to approve this resolution and we will send it into the State with our application.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-05. Seconded by Councilor Garrett. Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller stated next on the agenda, presentation of Appreciation Certificates to Chon Miranda and James Sanchez representing State of New Mexico National Junior Rodeo Finals.

Councilor Olivo said I present the certificates on behalf of the City of Ruidoso Downs and Governor Richardson who I talked to on the 13th of this month. He is real thrilled that you are going to the finals representing the State of New Mexico. On behalf of the Board, we appreciate your efforts in representing the State of New Mexico and the City of Ruidoso Downs.

James Sanchez said I am an 8th grader at Ruidoso Middle School. I am 14 years old and I live in Ruidoso Downs. I have been a member of the New Mexico Junior High Rodeo Association first season, Lincoln County Rodeo Club for six years and have placed in the top five the last three years, Otero County 4-H Rodeo Club for three years and have placed in the top five the last three years and a member of United States Team Roping Champions (USTRC) for three years. In October of 2004 I earned a position to compete at the USTRC National Finals. I play football and basketball at RMS. My goals are to continue my education participation in NM High School Rodeo Association and rodeo clubs, team roping competitions and athletics. My parents are Richard and Lisa Sanchez and I have three sisters, Tina, Audreana and Angelica. I recently competed for the first time at the New Mexico Junior High Rodeo Association State Finals. I participated in the Team Roping, Calf Breakaway and Chute Dogging. I won second place in the team roping with my

partner Travis Virden and we have earned the number two position in the team roping on the State of New Mexico Team to participated at the first ever National Junior High Finals July 5 through 8 in Gallup, New Mexico. I am very proud to be able to represent Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County and the State of New Mexico at the Nationals.

Chon Miranda said I am 14 years old. I was born in Ruidoso and I live in Ruidoso Downs with my grandparents, Fernando and Ima Jean Miranda. I have been raised around horses which I enjoy riding. The first time I rode a sheep I knew I wanted to be a pro bull rider in the PBR. I began my riding career in 1997 when I placed first in a sheep riding competition for the Ruidoso Downs 50th Anniversary Rodeo held at Beavers Arena and won my first buckle which was sponsored by Wal-Mart. In 2000, I joined the Lincoln County Rodeo Club riding steers and competing in the speed events. My love for steer riding grew as I did and I outgrew the steers at the LCRC but I left winning with four years of steer riding buckles and riding gear. I moved on to the junior bulls by joining the NMJRA where my grandfather and I traveled to T or C, Bosque Farms, Mountainair, Moriarty and finishing at Grants before the finals which will be held in Las Vegas, New Mexico in August 2005. At the same time I jointed the NMJWR where I have competed in T or C, Gallup and Sky City and the state finals at Sky City where I placed first and the opportunity to ride in the finals at Gallup, July 3-8 this year. I will be representing New Mexico and I do hope and pray that I will ride and make the City of Ruidoso Downs and New Mexico proud. I would like to take the moment to thank my grandparents, Fernando and Ima Jean, family and friends for their support financially, emotionally, physically and spiritually in giving me the opportunity to live my dream this far. Thank you all.

Councilor Olivo presented a picture each of James Sanchez and Chon Miranda to be hung in City Hall. Mayor Miller said we will display these with honor.

Mayor Miller stated next item on the agenda, consider recommendations of appointments to Local Economic Development Board.

Administrator Waters said the Mayor has chosen as his appointments for the two vacant spots on the Economic Development Board Ms. Deanie Beavers and Mr. Vipal Patel. I know both of them have expressed interest in this.

Councilor Morales moved to approve Deanie Beavers and Vipal Patel to the Economic Development Board. Seconded by Councilor Garrett. Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller stated next item on the agenda, consider approving personnel recommendation of Joe Ray Ramirez as apprentice water operator for the Public Works Department.

Public Works Director Gens introduced Joe Ray Ramirez. He has been working with us for a couple of weeks now. We hired him as summer help but he has proved himself to be a very good worker, not afraid to jump on equipment and just do it. He is willing to learn and work hard. I think he could be a great benefit to the City and I would like to submit him for full-time.

Councilor Olivo moved to hire Joe Ray Ramirez as apprentice water operator for Public Works. Seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller stated next item on the agenda, consider approving personnel recommendation of Chance Hooper for the position of summer help in the Public Works Department.

Public Works Director Gens said I would like to recommend Chance Hooper to help us this summer. He is ready to go to cut some weeds and trim some trees. Mayor Miller said he comes highly recommended and I know his family real well.

Councilor Miller moved to hire Chance Hooper as summer help for the Public Works Department. Seconded by Councilor Morales. Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

There was no Public Input.

Mayor Miller entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Councilor Morales and seconded by Councilor Miller to adjourn at 6:07 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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Bob A. Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer