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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS  
OCTOBER 23, 2006

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in regular session on October 23, 2006. Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Pappy Bell to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were present:

Councilor Hood via telephone conference	Councilor Miller
Councilor Holman	Councilor Garrett

City Manager, John Waters informed Mayor Miller there was a quorum.

Also present:

John P. Waters, City Manager  
Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer  
Dan Bryant, City Attorney  
Tom Stewart, Public Works Director  
Jay Smith, Museum Director  
Steve Dunigan, Planning & Personnel Services Director  
Alfred Ortiz, DPS Chief

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2006 REGULAR MEETING

Motion was made by Councilor Holman and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2006. Roll call votes: Councilor Hood, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Councilor Holman and seconded by Councilor Miller to approve the Accounts Payable. Roll call votes: Councilor Hood, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

Fire Report	Animal Control Report	Museum Report
Court Report	Code Enforcement Report	Public Works Report
DPS Report	Permits/Licensing Report	

Roll call votes: Councilor Hood, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

## OTHER BUSINESS

Councilor Garrett just wanted to thank Mercedes Fernandez-Wells for setting up booth at the Governor's Conference on Tourism, booth was very nice and looked real good. Councilor Garrett also thanked Jay Smith and James Kofakis for helping out. Councilor Garrett stated, that she and Councilor Hood attended the meeting along with Mercedes Fernandez-Wells and was a very good meeting. Mayor Miller came in as well.

Councilor Holman stated, that the Governor's presence regarding the firefighters went exceptionally well, weather cleared up. Tom Stewart and Justin Shaw were responsible for doing a lot of that work along with John P. Waters. Mayor Miller had a great speech that was different from his usual political speech. Councilor Holman just wanted to say thank you to those people responsible for getting that together.

Councilor Miller stated, that she wanted to thank everyone who helped with the Cowboy Symposium. Jay and his staff did a great job.

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Miller stated next under New Business, consider modifying employee of the month program Resolution No. 2005-19.

City Manager, John P. Waters stated to the Mayor and members of the Council that there was a question as to the frequency of the employee of the month program, how it is proceeding and has councilors that would like to address this issue.

Councilor Garrett stated that she just thinks that once a month is too often and maybe we should take it back to quarterly. Councilor Garrett stated that she would really like to do something that really thanks people. Maybe do something at the award's banquet and pick one person as employee of the year.

Steve Dunigan Planning/Personnel Services Director stated, that the trend has been because it's not been perceived as a special program for any criteria that the same people are being nominated or not at all. The intent is great and thinks we have to recognize the employee with certainly some criteria, but thinks quarterly may be better.

Perhaps some kind of a year-end recognition award for the quarterly winner. Mr. Dunigan stated that it should be that anyone could nominate any employee.

Councilor Hood asked if that was Steve's recommendation to have a quarterly employee of the month program. Mr. Dunigan stated that it is an idea.

Councilor Miller asked if it would be a different department each time or open for all employees. City Clerk Virden stated that her recommendation would be to have a citywide nomination instead of department.

City Manager Waters stated, there has been a comment along with the same people getting it every time. The concern is that it is becoming more a popularity where four or five people have their people vote for them every time. There have been some ideas expressed in the Director's meetings, possibly have all the Director's get together and choose from the whole city, based on hard working employees, people who have done special things for the city, volunteer their time for example, a skate park exhibit, that type of thing where it would generate more of a merit and more of a good job attitude type thing, when they do something that needs to be recognized than those things are recognized for. City Manager Waters just wanted to let the Council know that was an idea that came up in the Directors' meeting.

Councilor Holman stated, that the employee program needs to be made more special in whatever is decided, because right now it's routine.

Councilor Garrett wants to see having a picnic again sometime put on by the Council.

City Attorney, Dan Bryant addressed Mayor and Council and stated, this item is on the agenda tonight as an action item, there have been enough suggestions made, but is concerned that we don't have the right kind of notice to action tonight. Mr. Bryant proposed to City Council that we would take the comments and bring a revised resolution to the next council meeting that moves it quarterly, expands the coverage and set up rules for department director's in the process for council's consideration at the next city council meeting agenda for an action item.

Mayor Miller stated next item under New Business, consider approving precinct board for special municipal election of December 12, 2006.

City Clerk Viriden stated that each member of the council have a copy of the agenda briefing memorandum that is pretty specific on the appointments of precinct board, alternates, absentees, translator and absent voter board for Special Election to be held Tuesday, December 12, 2006, along with the compensation to each of the precinct board members allowed in election code 1-2-16.

Mayor Miller entertained a motion to approve precinct board for special municipal election of December 12, 2006.

Councilor Garrett moved to approve precinct board for special municipal election of December 12, 2006. Seconded by Councilor Miller. Roll call votes: Councilor Hood, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT None

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Miller entertained a motion to go into Executive Session for the discussion of Threatening and or Pending Litigation pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 Subparagraph (H) 7 JUAB Administrative Proceedings and Forest Guardians.

Motion was made by Councilor Garrett to go into Executive Session for the discussion of Threatening and or Pending Litigation pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 Subparagraph (H) 7 JUAB Administrative Proceedings and Forest Guardians. Seconded by Councilor Hood. Roll call votes: Councilor Hood, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller closed the regular meeting at 5:45 p.m. and invited City Attorney, Dan Bryant, City Manager, John Waters and City Clerk, Carol Viriden to attend the Executive Session and called for a five-minute recess to clear the Council chambers.

Councilor Miller made a motion to go back into open session. Seconded by Councilor Garrett. Roll call votes: Councilor Hood, Aye; Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Garrett, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Miller called the regular meeting back to order at 6:00 pm and asked that a member of the Council attest to the fact that the only item discussed in executive session was that of Threatening and or Pending Litigation.

Councilor Garrett certified that nothing was discussed besides Threatening and or Pending Litigation JUAB Administrative Proceedings and Forest Guardians pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 Subparagraph (H) 7 and no decisions were made.

Mayor Miller entertained a motion to adjourn.  
Motion was made by Councilor Garrett and seconded by Councilor Miller to  
adjourn at 6:08 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

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Bob A. Miller, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer