

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2011
5:30 P.M.

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in regular session on August 22, 2011. Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Wayne Williams to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Armstrong asked Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer to take roll call. The following were present:

Councilor Olivo

Councilor Holman

Councilor Williams

Councilor Hood (via teleconference)

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer informed Mayor Armstrong there was a quorum.

Also present:

H. John Underwood, City Attorney

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer

Terri Mosley, Finance Director

Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director

Steve Dunigan, Planning & Zoning Director

Jim Kofakis, Museum Director

Not present:

Doug Babcock, Chief of Police

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Armstrong stated next item on the agenda was approval of the agenda.

Mayor Armstrong entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilor Williams moved to approve the agenda with that change. Seconded by Councilor Olivo.

Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Williams, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Armstrong stated next item on the agenda was approval of the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Armstrong entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Williams moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the request to remove the Beautification Committee Report for discussion. Seconded by Councilor Olivo.

Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Williams, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 8, 2011.

Councilor Williams moved to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 8, 2011. Seconded by Councilor Olivo.

Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Williams, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Councilor Williams moved to approve Accounts Payables. Seconded by Councilor Olivo.

Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Williams, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilor Williams moved to approve Monthly Reports. Seconded by Councilor Olivo.

Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Williams, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Williams moved to approve Committee Reports. Seconded by Councilor Olivo.

Councilor Williams said he wanted to talk about the Beautification Committee and there was a pretty good deal with Greentree Solid Waste and that they have agreed to utilize All American Park for the Tire Amnesty weekend on September 23rd and 24th. He said that was a great opportunity for Ruidoso Downs to participate in that event and for those in the valley to not have to travel so far. The amnesty program utilizes car, light truck, and SUV tires, some with or without rims. They will also take discarded pots and pans. He said they would encourage all local and residents of Ruidoso Downs to do this. It will begin on the 23rd from 8-5 p.m. and 8-Noon on the 24th. He said also on the 24th was the Trek for Trash fall cleanup and he would have more information as the event comes closer. One more item he had was to encourage residents to use Greentree Solid Waste because they were open five day a week and beginning in September would be open on the second Saturday of the month for residents to bring anything and everything to dispose of for free.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Armstrong stated the next item on the agenda was Unfinished Business.

There was no Unfinished Business.

OTHER BUSINESS (items are for discussion only-no action will be taken)

Mayor Armstrong stated next item on the agenda was Other Business and no action would be taken.

Mayor Armstrong said their flood efforts have been rewarding. He said he would like to thank Lynn Ditto of Jeff Bingaman's office in helping us to acquire some of the jersey barriers. He said the City has done a good job in dealing with the flood areas.

Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director said the Nevada project they have most of the curb and gutters laid and the base course should be started this week and they should be the portion that they could with what was covered with this project.

Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director said on North Central they have more than half of the curb and gutter at this point. He said they are pushing the contractor to move through that area as quickly as possible to avoid some of the flooding problem.

Mayor Armstrong said they were also working with the Highway Department on work for Highway 70 and was an important part of this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Armstrong stated next item on the agenda was - Consider Approving Special Dispenser Permit Application - Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium - October 6, 2011.

Mayor Armstrong entertained a motion to approve Special Dispenser Permit Application - Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium - October 6, 2011.

Councilor Olivo moved to approve Special Dispenser Permit Application - Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium - October 6, 2011. Seconded by Councilor Williams.

Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Williams, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Armstrong stated next item on the agenda was - Consider Approving Special Dispenser Permit Application - Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium - October 7th and 8th, 2011.

Mayor Armstrong entertained a motion to approve Special Dispenser Permit Application - Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium - October 7th and 8th, 2011.

Councilor Williams moved to approve Special Dispenser Permit Application - Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium - October 7th and 8th, 2011. Seconded by Councilor Holman.

Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Williams, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Armstrong stated next item on the agenda was - Consider Approving Resolution No. 2011-10 Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Mayor Armstrong entertained a motion to approve Resolution No. 2011-10 Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Councilor Olivo moved to approve Resolution No. 2011-10 Authorizing and Approving Submission of a Completed Application for Financial Assistance and Project Approval to the New Mexico Finance Authority. Seconded by Councilor Williams.

Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director said this was an application to the New Mexico Finance Authority for \$50,000 for planning a replacement water line system for the Agua Fria area. The system was very old and they have continual line breaks. In order to get grants they have to do a preliminary engineering report and an environmental impact study for that area in order to get the funding. This is an area they have to get attention to as soon as possible.

Councilor Williams asked Terri Mosley, Finance Director if this was a bond issue?

Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director answered that this was initially set up as loan/grant combinations.

Councilor Williams asked what the preliminary engineering report would consist of?

Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director said it be the initial phase of developing the replacement of the water system of the entire Agua Fria area.

Councilor Williams said about a year and a half ago they were doing some marking in that area and he asked what that was for?

Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director said that was for the sewer system.

Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Williams, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Armstrong stated next item on the agenda was - Consider Approving Amendments to City of Ruidoso Downs Personnel Policy Manual

1. Chapter 6 Rule 605.1
2. Chapter 11 Rules 1103.1, 1103.2, 1103.3, 1103.4, 1104, 1104.1 A, B, C, D, E and F

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Seconded by Councilor Holman.

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer said the New Mexico Self Insurance provides legal services to all entities. We have taken advantage of the attorneys and Rich Olson is the lead legal counselor to review personnel policies for all municipalities at no charge. There were changes to Chapter 6, 11 & 12 and more changes would come up at future council meetings.

H. John Underwood said Rich Olson does a tremendous amount of work on personnel policies for municipalities in New Mexico. He said he has reviewed these changes and was basically to bring the personnel manual up to code.

Roll call votes: Councilor Olivo, Aye; Councilor Williams, Aye; Councilor Holman, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

(All concerns to be addressed only to the Governing Body as a Whole with a 3-minute Time Limit)

Mayor Armstrong stated next item on the agenda was Public Input.

Wayne Williams said the City seemed to be pointing the finger at the Highway Department but he said he has been here ten years and wanted to know who was to blame for the mud at

the intersection of Highland Lane and Joe Welch? He said at each of those roads at the intersection goes uphill and they need a bar ditch and a culvert. The mud was coming from houses being built on the mountainside. He said he didn't know who's decision that was but that city council needed to take a hard look at the flood control before they start giving each other a pat on the back for it.

Judy Miller said she got a call from a neighbor on the 12th but she was out of town and the neighbor said she had a river running through her property. Judy called Public Works and through she spoke with Cleatus Richards. The property flooded in 2008 and they put in 11 yards of gravel and took the culvert up and all of that gravel went into the yard. She had to pay to have it cleaned up and now it's been flooded again? She asked if that curb and gutter on North Central was going to cure the flooding problem? She said it seemed very superficial and wanted the plan to be explained to her.

Her time ran out and Mayor Armstrong asked her to meet with Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director to look at the plan.

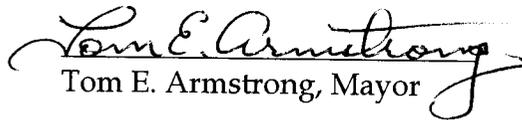
Sebrina Lundquist said she lives on River Lane and she said she wanted them to look at the river down there. FEMA came in after the flood last year and dug out on her side of the property to make a barrier on the other side. She said before too long the continuous erosion on her side would leave here with little of her own property left. She asked them to look at the situation to see if they can do anything about it.

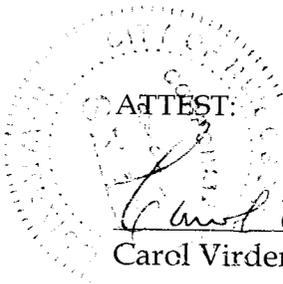
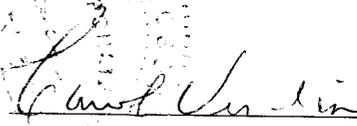
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Armstrong entertained a motion for adjournment.

Councilor Williams moved to adjourn at 5:57 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Olivo.

All were in favor and motion passed.


Tom E. Armstrong, Mayor


ATTEST:

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer