

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2012
5:30 P.M.

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in regular session on January 9, 2012. Mayor Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked Councilor Olivo 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

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

Also present:

H. John Underwood, City Attorney
Terri Mosley, Finance Director
Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director
Steve Dunigan, Planning & Zoning Director
Jim Kofakis, Museum Director
Doug Babcock, Police Chief

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. 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 Hood moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Williams.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 12, 2011.

Councilor Hood moved to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 12, 2011. Seconded by Councilor Williams.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2011.

Councilor Hood moved to approve Minutes of Special Meeting of December 19, 2011. Seconded by Councilor Williams.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 28, 2011.

Councilor Hood moved to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 28, 2011. Seconded by Councilor Williams.

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

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Armstrong stated next item on the agenda was New Business – Tim Coughlin- Executive Director-Presentation-Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca.

Tim Coughlin said in the early summer of 2011 the board of the Community Youth Warehouse met with representatives of the Boys and Girls Club to consider merging and becoming a member of the Boys and Girls Club. The board by unanimous vote looked at the need in the community and the offerings of the Boys and Girls Club and what they could do to increase the services to the youth of Lincoln County. They decided that yes they would become the Boys and Girls Club. Since that time they have been working hard to get this to go. The newest Boys and Girls Club nearest to us is in Truth or Consequences and they opened about 3 years ago. Their project was about a year to get things going. We started in September and we are now taking membership applications and looking at opening our doors in March. We are working on a grand opening party on March 3rd and opening our doors on March 5th. This is a great community and they have had a lot of people standing beside them. They looked into many things and what programs the youth needed. Currently to their knowledge no municipality has an indoor year round program available to the kids. There are daycare programs and the schools had the "Little Rascals" program but some of those are unaffordable by some of the struggling families. He said they also found that during the hours of 3:00 to 7:00 in the afternoon was when most of the crime increases. Nationally 15.1 million kids are left unsupervised after school. In our community there are lots of kids left alone. Lincoln County has a population of about 20,000 people and about 3,000 kids. According to the 2010 Census Ruidoso Downs has about 757 kids under the age of 17 yrs. living in this area. Ruidoso Downs also has about 20% living in poverty. Those people would have a difficulty in paying for daycare. According to a source with the Juvenile Probation/Parole office during the first nine months of 2011 compared to the same time period of 2010 the referrals to the JPO office increased over 50%. Boys and Girls Clubs are more than just a safe place to hang out after school. There are five key elements for positive youth development. Those are: must be a safe and positive environment, must be fun, must provide supportive relationships, must provide opportunities that have expectations of the kids and must provide recognition. Nationally you will find that 2/3 rd's of the kids in high school don't graduate and of the Boys and Girls Clubs over 90% graduate. Studies show that having and not having a high school diploma means about \$10,000 a year in earning potential. Over the years that is about \$400,000 for that high school diploma. There are three priorities of the Boys and Girls Clubs. The first is academic success and the goal is that all members graduate high school, be ready for a college trade, the military or employment. They recognize that not all will go to college. The second is good character and citizenship. The goal there is that they become engaged in the community, register to vote, and a model of strong character. The third is healthy lifestyles. The goal is they adopt a healthy diet, practice healthy lifestyle choices, make a lifelong commitment to fitness and avoid risky behavior. He said they have attained about 25,000

square feet at the old middle school and that includes the gym and cafeteria, classrooms and restrooms. Their club will be open everyday after school from 2:30 to 6:30. The kids from the "Little Rascals" will move over to the Boys and Girls Club. The second big advantage is their fees will be based on a sliding scale. He said their fees are the same for everyone and that is \$10.00 a month. Additionally on non-school days they plan on being open from 7:30 in the morning until 6:30 at night. That fee will be \$10.00 per day. The success of every Boys and Girls Club depends on the partnership with schools, municipalities, civic groups, businesses, parents, kids, and the community. He said today they are here to ask Ruidoso Downs to partner with us and to ask for financial assistance in helping the kids of Ruidoso Downs. He said they are asking for \$15,000 and their budget was included in the council packets. Their budget is \$141,000 for the first year.

Mayor Armstrong said you mentioned several groups that would be going away and asked if there were others?

Tim Coughlin said it was on the "Little Rascals" group and once the kids are past 5th Grade they are out; there are no programs for Junior High or High School. He said the school district was losing money paying for that program. He said they have already spoken to the transportation company and they will pick up the kids and bring them over to the Boys and Girls Club.

Councilor Williams asked if some of the programs would benefit the kids such as computers and computer language, speaking skills and so on? In other words you're not there just to baby sit.

Tim Coughlin said through collaboration with ENMU they are setting up to have tutors come in. There is "Club Tech" which teaches them about computers and "Money Matters" which teaches the older kids how to handle a checkbook and balance a budget. He said in the new facility there is a concession stand and they are going to have the youth run it like a business and they are going to learn to run it at a profit.

Councilor Williams said he noticed there would be gang prevention and asked if law enforcement would come over to talk with the kids?

Tim Coughlin said that was one issue and law enforcement can only do so much. Some kids get turned off when they see law enforcement so it's more about mentoring. There is a national program for gang and drug intervention. When they get their charter they will be able to apply for some grants and it would be between \$600 to \$800 per student to help with that program.

Councilor Hood asked when they would get their charter?

Tim Coughlin said very, very, very soon.

Councilor Hood asked about the fees again.

Tim Coughlin reviewed the fees and said they were working on if there were cases where the parents couldn't pay that they would be able to work at the facility a few hours a month to pay the difference.

Councilor Olivo asked if there would be an ID card to enter and leave the building?

Tim Coughlin said security is a priority of theirs. On their board they do have Wade Proctor, a police detective. They have Catherine Cox, a JPO officer. They have Judge Beverly Rankin and at night he said he was working with the Teen Drug Court right now. Every kid will be checked in and logged in a computer. At anytime they can print a list. Any volunteer or staff member will have a background check done on them and any parent that wants to enter will be escorted and someone will be with them the entire time.

Councilor Olivo asked if volunteers will be qualified for CPR?

Tim Coughlin said he has become a CPR instructor so all of the staff will be trained on CPR and trained on the Gatekeeper program for suicide prevention.

Councilor Holman said they were thankful for him being here to explain everything. He asked if this would include all youth of Lincoln County?

Tim Coughlin said yes but they weren't expecting too many from Capitan or Hondo. They are looking at possibly in a period of three years moving a satellite location to Hondo and Capitan.

Councilor Holman said he was asking for a contribution of \$15,000 and were they approaching other entities?

Tim Coughlin said yes and they are waiting to get on the agenda for the Village of Ruidoso. He said they had to first go to the Finance Committee and they have been there once and will need to go back one more time before getting on the council agenda. He said they talked to the County Commission in May but that was unsuccessful and was before they decided to become the Boys and Girls Club so they will go back to them again.

Councilor Holman said because it is for all of Lincoln County he thought the County Commission would be first since they represent the whole county. He asked if they were doing this by percentages?

Tim Coughlin said they were not doing it on a percentage basis. He said he was originally told they were doing it on school district population. There was about a 46% population in Ruidoso and about 46% from Ruidoso Downs. He said he asked the assistant superintendent Patty White who provided him with the student's district codes and where they reside. With that he found that about 50% population comes from Ruidoso and about 25% from Ruidoso Downs. The remainder came from Mescalero, Alto, and the other outlying areas.

Councilor Holman asked if this would only go through the 5th grade?

Tim Coughlin said no that was the "Little Rascals" program. He said they would take in ages 5 to 18.

Mayor Armstrong said to Tim that when they first talked they discussed the charter and how important it was for them to get that.

Tim Coughlin said there are two requirements for a Boys and Girls Club to obtain a charter. One is that they have their first years operating expenses either pledged or in the bank before they can even apply for that charter. Two is having 100 members. When they get their charter they will be able to go to Microsoft and get any software made by Microsoft for free. He said he anticipates within a week or so being able to apply for that charter.

Mayor Armstrong asked what the ratio was between supervisor and kids?

Tim Coughlin said there was no set number they need to be at but their goal was 1 to 25. Initially with 100 members they are looking at 4 paid positions. He said were not having any trouble with volunteers coming in that want to teach things to the kids. The tutors coming in from ENMU were mainly education and physical education majors and would be getting credit for their time.

H. John Underwood, City Attorney said they have a policy of the anti-donation clause. He asked if they were a 501 C 3 now or plan to be a non-profit organization?

Tim Coughlin said the Community Youth Center Warehouse, Inc. is a 501 C 3 under the IRS. He said they are maintaining that same corporation and will be doing business as the Boys and Girls Club. They did check with the Boys and Girls Club to see if that was an issue and they said no.

H. John Underwood, City Attorney asked if he knew if the other clubs such as Roswell or Carlsbad were receiving funds from those municipalities?

Tim Coughlin said they were receiving funding in one way or another.

H. John Underwood, City Attorney asked if he would be able to provide a list of other Boys and Girls Clubs that were receiving funding from other municipalities?

Tim Coughlin said he could.

Mayor Armstrong said they would see what they could do.

Mayor Armstrong stated next item on the agenda was - Consider Approving Special Dispenser Permit - Organized Against Trafficking Humans (OATH) Fundraiser February 14, 2012 - Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Jim Kofakis, Museum Director said he would like to introduce Dr. Janet Arrowsmith to give a brief overview.

Dr. Janet Arrowsmith said New Mexico OATH is a 501 C 3 as of 2009. Their mission is to educate New Mexican's about human trafficking. She said it does occur in Lincoln County and Deming is on the major transport sites for children being trafficked from Central and South America to market on the East and West Coast. She said they work with the Attorney General's office, the FBI in Las Cruces and Roswell, and are associated with the New Mexico Rescue & Restore Coalition. This Valentine's Day Dance is going to be called the "Blue Heartbeat Ball." The Blue Heartbeat is a U.N. initiative to prevent children from being exploited sexually worldwide. She said they work with the Polaris Project that is an international group. Human trafficking can be adults or children, it can be people who are here illegally in the country, it can be your daughters or sons. She said 70% of the kids on the streets in this country end up being sexually exploited and put into the sex trade. She said they would have the Graham Brothers Band and a silent auction and just want to let people know who they are and what they do. The racetrack has offered to do the cash bar.

Mayor Armstrong entertained a motion to approve Special Dispenser Permit - Organized Against Trafficking Humans (OATH) Fundraiser February 14, 2012 - Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Councilor Hood moved to approve Special Dispenser Permit - Organized Against Trafficking Humans (OATH) Fundraiser February 14, 2012 - Hubbard Museum of the American West. Seconded by Councilor Olivo.

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 Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Invoice for October and November 2011.

Terri Mosley, Finance Director said they received two months of billing together and that was because they have a new employee. She said they met together and both of these seem to be correct.

Mayor Armstrong said that too much billing was not our fault, is that correct?

Terri Mosley, Finance Director said no.

Mayor Armstrong entertained a motion to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Invoice for October and November 2011.

Councilor Hood moved to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Invoice for October and November 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 Precinct Board Members-2012 Regular Municipal Election.

Mayor Armstrong entertained a motion to approve Precinct Board Members-2012 Regular Municipal Election.

Councilor Williams moved to approve Precinct Board Members-2012 Regular Municipal Election. Seconded by Councilor Hood.

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

OTHER BUSINESS (items are for discussion only-no action will be taken)
Mayor Armstrong stated next item on the agenda was Other Business.

There was no Other Business.

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.

Jay McKittrick said he was here to show his support for the Boys and Girls Club. He said if they only knew how many people and how much energy has already been given and how many have volunteered their time, and the organizations that have supported them with their own money. He said he hoped they would find it within their budget to come up with some funds for this. He said he thought it would lower crime and drugs and improve the overall youth in the community. He has personally shown his support with his time and his money and sat in on board meetings. The meetings were run professionally and he was impressed with the quality of people that are on that board.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Councilor Williams moved to adjourn at 6:16 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Hood.

All were in favor and motion passed.



Tom E. Armstrong
Tom E. Armstrong, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carol Virden

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer