

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SPECIAL MEETING OF
APRIL 4, 2012
3:30 P.M.

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in special session on April 4, 2012. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked Pappy Bell to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following were present:

Councilor Holman	Councilor Perry
Councilor Miller	Councilor Hood

City Clerk, Carol Virden informed Mayor Williams there was a quorum.

Also present:

H. John Underwood, City Attorney
Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer

APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK/TREASURER

Mayor Williams stated, "That the next item on the agenda is appointment of city clerk/treasurer and would like to present the name of Bertha Randolph to be considered as an appointee from the Mayor's office to the city clerk's position and treasurer."

Mayor Williams asked, "Do any of the members of the Council have anything to say at this time?"

Mayor Williams stated, "That before we continue and I apologize for that, I do make the appointment, with the appointment of City Clerk Bertha Randolph to begin the 30th of April of 2012. Again, I leave it open to the council for discussion or any input you might have. Councilors, thank you, again the appointment of City Clerk/Treasurer Bertha Randolph to commence 30 April 2012. Anyway, I present the council for a motion and second on this appointment."

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve the appointee. Councilor Hood "I make a motion we approve." Councilor Holman said, "Mayor, I will second that."

Mayor Williams said, "I appreciate the second. It is open for discussion if you feel like you want to bring something to the council."

Councilor Perry asked, "I would like to know the reasoning for this, myself, we already have a city clerk and treasurer that is well respected and well known throughout the state."

Mayor Williams said, "I appreciate that, at the legal organization meeting the Mayor is said to have appointed the police chief at that time, the city clerk was not reappointed. What I bring before you today is the appointment of the City Clerk Bertha Randolph as the city clerk/treasurer for the City of Ruidoso Downs. "

Councilor Miller said, "I would like to make a statement. We have a clerk in Ruidoso Downs that keeps us well advised on everything, with 32 years experience. I don't think that kind of experience can ever be replaced."

Mayor Williams said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I appreciate your opinions, again, the appointment process has been initiated and I am asking for your support to move forward with the recommendation from the Mayor's office of this appointee, Bertha Randolph to serve as city clerk/treasurer for the City of Ruidoso Downs. What is and what has is no longer is a viable argument; we have gone past that point, we now need to move forward. And I would appreciate council support on this recommendation from the Mayor's office. Anymore comments?"

Councilor Hood said, " Now, Mayor, I would just like to say if that is what you want, I think we need to move as a council to support you."

Mayor Williams said, "I appreciate all comments by council members. Carol, roll call votes please."

Roll Call Votes: Councilor Holman, Nay; Councilor Hood, Aye; Councilor Miller, Nay; Councilor Perry, Nay. Motion failed.

Mayor Williams said, "You realize council that we will bring another name to you for appointment. It will not be the present city clerk. So we will be playing this in the next meetings or so, we are going to be in limbo and I don't appreciate your non-support, an embarrassment to the community and if this is the way you want to work it that's the way it is. Okay I appreciate your support and I appreciate in the future that you would look more positive on this than you are today. Mr. Underwood."

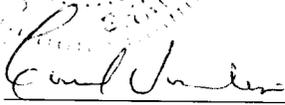
John Underwood said, " Mr. Mayor, I would like to advise the council and they have been advised at the last meeting by Mr. Cook in my absence, the state statute provides that whoever is the current appointee remains actively in that position until a new name is given and approved by the council."

Mayor Williams said, "Thank you, Mr. Underwood. And I thank you ladies and gentlemen for giving me your time."

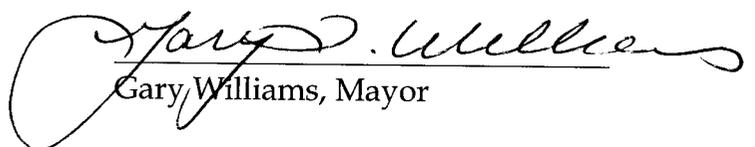
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.





Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer



Gary Williams, Mayor