

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2014  
4:30 P.M.

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in regular session on April 14, 2014. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and asked Bonnie Richardson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Williams asked Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer to take roll call. The following were present:

Councilor Miller  
Councilor Morales

Councilor Perry  
Councilor Hood

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

Also present:

H. John Underwood, City Attorney  
Christopher Rupp, Police Chief  
Mary Castaneda, Finance Director  
Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director  
Janis Rowe, Associate Director/HMAW

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Williams stated next item on the agenda was Approval of Agenda.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Williams stated next item on the agenda was Approval of the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion for Approval of the Consent Agenda.

Councilor Morales moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Miller.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 24, 2014

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2014

Councilor Morales moved to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2014 and Minutes of Special Joint Meeting of March 28, 2014. Seconded by Councilor Miller.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

Councilor Morales moved to approve Accounts Payables. Seconded by Councilor Miller.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Williams said there was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Mayor’s Comments.

Mayor Williams said if you haven’t been to the museum they have a new exhibit that is beyond the traditional exhibit. It’s amazing the talent people have in quilting. If you have the opportunity citizens of Ruidoso Downs can get in for a dollar. It is really nice to have something like that in our City to show off. It’s here through September. I want to mention three employees that were participating on Saturday’s cleanup. They went way out of their way to help. Those are our Parks employees and that is Ronnie Randolph, Lawrence Gonzales, and Frankie Gonzales. Instead of just going around picking up bags and pick up a few heavy items and putting them in the truck and then waiting for more. They were on the streets and they went into some areas that if you ever saw “Amityville Horror” that’s probably what you would have seen. They did an extraordinary job and I would like to thank the Director for allowing them to be part of the cleanup and to the employees I want to say thank you very much.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Councilor’s Comments.

Councilor Miller said I did thank them over and over because I could not believe how much they did that day. They even texted me pictures of places they had found. We had a pretty

good turn-out for our little town. We had forty one people and we had over a hundred bags. I'd like to thank every volunteer that came out.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Resolution No. 2014-07 Hardship Funds – New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Cleatus Richards, Public Works Director said this resolution will allow us to file with the State for participation in the hardship sales. The minimal grant is up to \$25,000 to purchase surplus equipment in the way of trucks or vehicles for the Public Works Department. Several years ago we were approved for these sales but after Wal-Mart came they considered us not a hardship community. I think since they took away the food tax we should requalify so we're going to give this another try.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-07 Hardship Funds – New Mexico Department of Transportation.

Councilor Hood moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-07 Hardship Funds – New Mexico Department of Transportation. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Unusable or Obsolete City Property.

Steve Dunigan, Planning & Zoning Director said I think every department of the City actually has equipment that wears out and becomes unusable or obsolete. They may not have a lot of value and you end up storing the items. We are in the process of rearranging our offices and I'm asking your permission to get rid of these items instead of storing them.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve Unusable or Obsolete City Property.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Unusable or Obsolete City Property. Seconded by Councilor Hood.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful Service Agreement/Service Schedule for Youth Employment.

Councilor Miller said this is a Service Agreement with our Youth Employment with our grant money for Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful. Since we are with the City and they take care of our money we have to have these Service Agreements approved. We give Youth Groups \$200 to help us. Not one event. They have to sign up for two events. Each one of these Service Agreements has to be approved by Council before we can pay them.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful Service Agreement/Service Schedule for Youth Employment.

Councilor Hood moved to approve Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful Service Agreement/Service Schedule for Youth Employment. Seconded by Councilor Morales.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Request to change HMAW Hours to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Requesting to close Gift shop at 4:30 p.m.

Janis Rowe, Associate Director HMAW said under Mr. Pawley's museum plan it was suggested to change the hours of operation from 9 am to 5 pm and I am here before Council to formally make this request along with asking for permission to close the Gift Shop at 4:30 p.m. The reason for this is that it takes about twenty to twenty five minutes to close down the shop and cash register and get things ready for the next day.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Request to change HMAW Hours to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Requesting to close Gift Shop at 4:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Hood.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Approval for a Cinco de Mayo celebration – May 4, 2014.

Janis Rowe, Associate Director HMAW said we are all trying to think of ways to evolve the Spanish influence and let them know that we are now offering not only English translations on our labels or artifacts but we also have them translated into Spanish. I asked Dr. Orosco what she was going to recommend for people to see and she said how about if we do a Cinco de Mayo on the floor. We might have a mariachi band and some dancers, food, and a small presentation on the history of Cinco de Mayo. I wanted to say a free admission and she was the one that said no. She said a dollar a head would be a fair value.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Approval for a Cinco de Mayo celebration – May 4, 2014.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Approval for a Cinco de Mayo celebration – May 4, 2014. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Approval of Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Approval of Increasing Adult Admission to \$7.00.

Janis Rowe, Associate Director HMAW said we haven't changed the admission for adult's to the museum since way back when we had a similar exhibit. At that time we raised the admission by \$2 then back to \$6 and then \$5. This will be for adult's. The \$7 is not unreasonable for admissions in the area and is a way to raise revenues. Seniors and military will remain at \$5. I've also included with my report the projected increases.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve the Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Increasing Adult Admission to \$7.00.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Increasing Adult Admission to \$7.00. Seconded by Councilor Morales.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

The item for Discussion and Possible Action – Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Invoice for February 2014 was a Consent Agenda item.

Councilor Morales moved to approve Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating Invoice for February 2014. Seconded by Councilor Miller.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Hood, Aye. Motion carried.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

**(Items are for discussion only – no action will be taken)**

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Updated Financial Status Report – Hubbard Museum of the American West and Lincoln County Transit.

Mary Castaneda, Finance Director said the cash balance at the end of March for the museum was \$51,970.47. The revenues for this month are \$14,081.67. The transit was \$28,859.95 and their revenues were \$1,138.00. That included the \$28,000.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Certificate of Destruction – Marked Paper Ballots March 4, 2014 Municipal Elections Pursuant to 3-8-62 of the Election Handbook of the State of New Mexico 2013 Edition (Information Only).

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer said you will find in your Council book a Certificate of Destruction of the Marked Paper Ballots of the March 4, 2014 Municipal Elections Pursuant to 3-8-62 B of the Election Handbook of the State of New Mexico 2013 Edition.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Public Input.

Kathy Kolt said I just bought a house at the end of Spring Road. There is a piece of property behind me that has a refrigerator, tv, and a number of things so we offered to do that and take it out to the road and obviously nothing happened.

Councilor Miller asked if anyone called for that?

Kathy Kolt said we went to that Beautify Ruidoso Downs meeting and I got the impression there would be a truck.

Councilor Miller said not if we don't know where.

I'm not the only one. There are people that have brush.

Councilor Morales said they don't have a set schedule on picking up the brush so one day it will just be gone.

Councilor Miller said the stuff put on the side of the road we discussed that in the Beautification meeting and that's not the City really that's volunteer.

Mayor Williams said let's go ahead and stop right here. Just give us the information and we will do what we can for you.

Peggy Lu Jane said I would like to say that I was at that cleanup on Saturday and the organization and the way it was put together it was fun and unbelievable. Not only was it exciting but also useful for the community at large. Anyone that walked in they were made to feel welcome and even the children were made to feel important. I had a lot of fun and everyone I talked to was enjoying themselves and now I look forward to the next one. I would like to thank that Councilor for making it fun.

Mayor Williams said that Councilor was Judy Miller. It really makes a difference for the citizens that care about their community by doing what we did on Saturday but everything else they do to support us. That's why Ruidoso Downs is a great place to live.

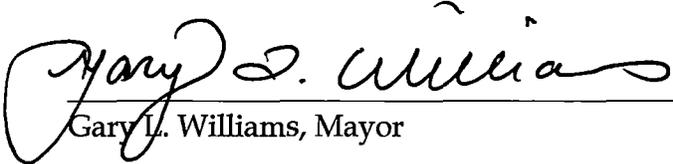
There was no other Public Input.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend to Mayor Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Morales moved to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Hood.



  
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Gary L. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer