

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 27, 2014  
4:30 P.M.

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in regular session on May 27, 2014. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and asked Peggy Lu Jane 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 (via teleconference)

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

Also present:

Alexandra Bobbit, City Attorney  
Christopher Rupp, Police Chief  
Mary Castaneda, Finance Director  
Kenny Ellard, Fire Department

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Williams stated the 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 Morales.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 12, 2014

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BUDGET WORK SESSION MEETING OF MAY 14, 2014

Councilor Morales moved to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2014 and Minutes of Budget Work Session Meeting of May 14, 2014. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

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 Perry.

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

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Councilor Morales moved to approve Monthly Reports. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Morales moved to approve Committee Reports. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

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 what we want to do is present a Certificate to you, Charles Massey, for the Employee of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter for 2014 from the Council and the Governing Body for the great work that you are doing. We passed it last meeting but you weren't here.

Charles Massey, ACO said I want you to know that I really appreciate this and I love this place and really enjoy coming to work. Thank you for your confidence in me.

There was a round of applause.

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

There were no Councilor’s Comments.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was discussion and Possible Action – Approval of City of Ruidoso Downs Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Mary Castaneda, Finance Director said staff requests the approval of the Preliminary Budget that was reviewed on May 14, 2014 in the Budget Workshop and I have made no changes.

Councilor Morales said you are going to be driving this up to Santa Fe? When are you going to do that?

Mary Castaneda, Finance Director said yes on Friday.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve city of Ruidoso Downs Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Councilor Morales moved to approve City of Ruidoso Downs Preliminary Budget for Fiscal year 2014-2015. 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 – Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Blanca – Use of All American Park – Summer Food Service Program May 27, 2014 through August 13, 2014.

Jacqueline Pride said I am the Operations Manager at the Boys and Girls Club. We are requesting to use All American Park. We used it last year and it’s a really good site. I got seven calls today to make sure we are serving there. Last year alone we served 14,000 meals.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Blanca – Use of All American Park – Summer Food Service Program May 27, 2014 through August 13, 2014.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Boys & Girls Club of Sierra Blanca – Use of All American Park – Summer Food Service Program May 27, 2014 through August 13, 2014. 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 – Service Agreement between Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee and Kevin Flusche – Boy Scout Troop #59 - \$200.00 – Cleanup In and Around Wal-Mart areas on US Hwy 70 – May 31, 2014.

Councilor Miller said this is a Service Agreement for our youth with New Mexico Clean & Beautiful grant funds. This is one of many groups that we have used to help beautify Ruidoso Downs. They will do a cleanup around the Wal-Mart area and Highway 70 and have also agreed to help us at one more event.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve Agenda Briefing – Service Agreement between Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee and Kevin Flusche – Boy Scout Troop #59 - \$200.00 – Cleanup In and Around Wal-Mart areas on US Hwy 70 – May 31, 2014.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Agenda Briefing – Service Agreement between Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee and Kevin Flusche – Boy Scout Troop #59 - \$200.00 – Cleanup In and Around Wal-Mart areas on US Hwy 70 – May 31, 2014. 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 – Service Agreement between Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee and Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca - \$200.00 – Cleanup In and Around the Region IX School area – June 20, 2014.

Councilor Miller said they also agreed to help us with another one of our events. This is where the Boys and Girls Club is. We are a community and I'm sure this is okay with everybody.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve Agenda Briefing – Service Agreement between Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee and Boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca - \$200.00 – Cleanup In and Around the Region IX School area – June 20, 2014.

Councilor Miller moved to approve Agenda Briefing – Service Agreement between Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee and boys and Girls Club of Sierra Blanca - \$200.00 –

Cleanup In and Around the Region IX School area – June 20, 2014. 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 Resolution No. 2014-08 Fire Restrictions Level II.

Kenny Ellard, Fire Department said it's that time of year again that we look at fire restrictions which is no outdoor smoking, no charcoal grills, gas grills are still okay. We have hit our east ERC's of right around 95 to 96%. It is on the level where we need to be on Level II Fire Restrictions.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve Resolution No. 2014-08 Fire Restrictions Level II.

Councilor Morales moved to approve Resolution No. 2014-08 Fire Restrictions Level II. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

Mayor Williams asked Kenny to state what those restrictions will be.

Kenny Ellard, Fire Department said no smoking outside, no charcoal briquettes burning for grilling, no fireworks.

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 Use of All American Park - Farmer's Market – Saturdays 7:00 a.m. to Noon – Mid-June through end of September 2014.

Beth Miller said we're really excited about this because many of us when we go to other towns and have the opportunity you can go to Farmer's Markets where there are fresh vegetables and fruits. This would be getting our place where local people can purchase vegetables and fruits. We have vendors from the valley that could bring in their surplus. Just yesterday in Wal-Mart the lady in the garden department said she was excited because she had so much surplus that she was canning and now I'll have somewhere to sell my tomatoes and squash. I am also on the Economic Development Board and one of the things we talked about is how to attract businesses. This is a very small step and in many ways it is a seed. We were discussing where to put the vendors in the park and it would be good to have some shade for them and the buyers. We talked about too how the Farmer's Market would draw attention to our area and it would bring visitors and people from town and the county who might not know until they come here.

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer said we had our Staff Meeting this afternoon and the discussion was that all of your vendors would have to file a hold harmless agreement saying that the City of Ruidoso Downs would not be liable for whatever incident might happen out there. So, we will get one of those and if you will stop in to get that done prior to your Farmer's Market getting started filed and in this office it would be greatly appreciated. Each vendor will need to sign one of those forms.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve the use of All American Park – Farmer's Market – Saturdays 7:00 a.m. to Noon – Mid-June through end of September 2014.

Councilor Miller moved to approve use of All American Park – Farmer's Market – Saturday's 7:00 a.m. to Noon – Mid-June through end of September 2014. Seconded by Councilor Hood.

Councilor Morales said we would want to include provided they sign a hold harmless form.

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 Lincoln County Transit had a beginning cash balance as of April 30<sup>th</sup> of \$31,071.06. As of May 20<sup>th</sup> they had \$6 in revenues, expenditures of \$3,687.73 which leaves them at \$27,983.33 for a cash balance.

Mary Castaneda, Finance Director said the museum had a beginning cash balance as of April 30<sup>th</sup> of \$33,497.17. We had revenues of \$56,866.44. Out of that \$50,000 was from the Hubbard Museum of the American West Foundation. We had expenditures of \$16,125.76 which leaves the ending cash balance at \$74,237.85.

#### PUBLIC INPUT

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

Wayne Williams asked if she said \$6 in income?

Carol Virden, City Clerk Treasurer said she meant to say \$600.00.

**There was no other Public Input.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend to Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.



*Gary L. Williams*  
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Gary L. Williams, Mayor

*Carol Virden*  
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Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer