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

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in regular session on October 27, 2014. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and asked Kenny Ellard 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 - absent

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

Also present:

Alexandra Bobbit, City Attorney
Christopher Rupp, Police Chief
Janis Rowe, Associate Director HMAW

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

Mayor Williams entertained a motion for Approval of Agenda with one change on Item C under New Business. It should be VSR instead of VRS.

Councilor Morales moved to approve the agenda with one change on Item C under New Business from VRS to VSR. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Morales, 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. He said that would be Item 6, 7, 8, and 9. Just a refresher that the Monthly Reports for the Police report and the Museum report are separate and not included. The approval of the Monthly Reports will be the Fire report, Animal Control, Public Works, Permit & Licensing and Code Enforcement.

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer said Animal Control would not be included.

Mayor Williams said that Animal Control is with the Police Department.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda except for the Police report and Museum report. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

Councilor Morales said I have one little correction on page 18 of the minutes. It's the fifth paragraph down. It says "Councilor Morales said to Janis Rowe, Associate Director HMAW that I feel you have a hard" and shouldn't you put **"time"** in there? It's a minor thing.

Mayor Williams said I have a motion and a second with the recommendation to add the language from Councilor Morales to the minutes.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2014
Councilor Miller moved to approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2014. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLES
Councilor Miller moved to approve Accounts Payables. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS
Councilor Miller moved to approve Monthly Reports. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS
Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Williams said I would like to make a mention of our annual public meetings calendar that we set out for everyone to see the meetings that we have established twice a month so it was November 10th and it was identified as Tuesday but November 10th is actually Monday. Tuesday is Veteran's Day. That was a misprint and we will make that correction that we will have our meeting on Monday, November 10th. I would like to also congratulate the Police Department for the $20,000 they received from the Hubbard Foundation. It is very much appreciated. You do hard work and obviously the Hubbard Foundation saw that. I know it's going to be beneficial for the City and your department. I would like to congratulate Janis Rowe at the moment. She has received $7,500 from the Hubbard Foundation and again that is for the City and the Museum.

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

Councilor Miller said I wasn't here for the Toss No Mas cleanup but I did hear that we had 25 volunteers come out and 52 bags of trash picked up and I know the Mayor did his part. That was one of the first times I missed but Ellen Bizzell did a great job. I want to thank everyone that volunteered.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Personnel Recommendation – Position Part-Time VSR Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Janis Rowe, Associate Director HMAW said as we did our interviews of our applicants we came to a decision that we recommend Elone Tipps. She is a resident of Ruidoso Downs and has displayed to us a very good amount of energy and eagerness to learn and work at the museum.

Mayor Williams asked Janis to explain the VSR position.

Janis Rowe, Associate Director HMAW said Visitor Service Representative mainly works at the security desk or the front desk. They do an enormous amount of jobs. They not only meet and greet the customers that come in through the door, they answer questions about exhibits. They also roam around when we have a large amount of people in the museum

and make sure the visitors are paying attention to the signs, do not climb on the wagons, do not touch this or that. They are kind of a police duty on the floor. In the absence during lunch hours she will be responsible for the Gift Shop and working the cash register and any other duties as assigned.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve – Personnel Recommendation – Position Part-Time VSR Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Councilor Miller moved to approve – Personnel Recommendation – Position Part-Time VSR Hubbard Museum of the American West. Seconded by Councilor Morales.

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

Mayor Williams asked Elone Tipps to come up and introduce herself.

Elone Tipps introduced herself and said I am a resident of Ruidoso Downs and love the museum and have a history in antiques. I appreciate this very much.

Councilor Morales asked Janis Rowe, Associate Director HMAW if you were ready for this week where you're going to start closing on Thursday and Friday?

Janis Rowe, Associate Director HMAW said yes we are. We have the schedules made up and it's so easy.

Mayor Williams thanked Council for being able to give those two days off and said Mr. Donaldson at the Hubbard Foundation was well pleased by that.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Remove Police Officer Charles Williams from Temporary to Full-Time Police Officer.

Chief Rupp said tonight I bring forward Officer Charles Williams and I ask to bring him from Temporary to Full-Time position. He's been doing an outstanding job since he's been with us. He's very reliable, gets along great with the staff.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to – Remove Police Officer Charles Williams from Temporary to Full-Time Police Officer.

Councilor Morales moved to approve – Remove Police Officer Charles Williams from Temporary to Full-Time Police Officer. Seconded by Council Perry.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer said I will give you the final figures for September 2014. Lincoln County Transit beginning cash balance was $6,241.42. Revenues were $13,111.96. Expenditures were $6,581.33 with and ending cash balance of $12,772.05. The Hubbard Museum of the American West beginning cash balance was $52,120.66 with revenues of $17,462.44. Expenditures of $26,280.18. Ending cash balance of $43,302.92. For October the tentative figures for Lincoln County Transit with a beginning cash balance of $12,702.05 and revenues of $872.00 with expenses of $4,123.37 and ending cash balance of $9,520.68. The Hubbard Museum of the American West with a beginning cash balance of $43,302.92 with revenues of $7,672.47 which are revenues from the Gift Shop. Expenses of $20, 195.77 leaving an ending cash balance of $30,779.62 and this is through October 21, 2014.

PUBLIC INPUT

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

Mayor Williams said I want to make a couple of points here. Obviously Public Input is your name and you have freedom to direct all comments to the chair. There will be no references to specific departments or individual employees. If there are any comments concerning them refer to them as "the City." I want to make some clarification in that to some finger-pointing directed at employees for reasons that are disturbing and I want to make sure our employees are not the people that you point fingers at. It's the City Council and the Mayor's Office. From this point on there will only be comments made and refer to them as the City as a whole. We are a whole. I want to make that clarification so we don't have this issue again.

Wayne Williams said you had a couple of your City employees doing some cleanup work on North Lane right behind my house and I wanted to express my gratitude. They did a really bang up job. I would give you their names but I just had a brain freeze. That's all but I just wanted to know is Tommy okay?

Mayor Williams said that's unknown.

Wayne Williams asked if it was bad news or good news?

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer said we haven't had any news.

Mayor Williams said we appreciate that Mr. Williams and as you know all of our employees work hard out there in all departments and represent our City well.

Wayne Williams said they went above and beyond.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Councilor Morales moved to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

Gary L. Williams, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer