

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015
4:30 P.M.

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in regular session on October 13, 2015. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and asked Dale Graham 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 Ritter

Carol Virden informed Mayor Williams there was a quorum.

Also present:

Alexandra Bobbit, City Attorney
Mary Castaneda, Finance Director
Christopher Rupp, Police Chief
Dale Graham, Interim Public Works Director

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.

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

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2015.

Councilor Morales moved to approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 28, 2015. Seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

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

Roll call votes: Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Ritter, Aye; Councilor Miller, 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 the sewer project in Agua Fria Phase I is signed off so anyone that would like to hook up feel free to do so. If you have questions about it please contact City Hall or Dale Graham the Public Works Director. I would also like to thank Keep Ruidoso Downs Beautiful that conducted two events this weekend. One was very emotional and was a community event. I'd like to thank the members that attended. The water project for Agua Fria Phase I will begin soon. Hopefully it will begin within two weeks on Spring Street and it will go up Griffith, Parkway, and Escalante.

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

Councilor Miller said we had a dedication of two purple locust trees on Saturday for our past chairman Ellen "Buzz" Bizzell-Blaney and also one of our Public Works people who was employed for quite a long time and that is Benny Sanchez. A lot of their family attended and the trees are going to be really beautiful at the entrance sign. At the same time we had the Farmer's Market going on and the Toss No Mas cleanup and also three people for the Tailgate Flea Market. There were thirty-five people that signed up for the cleanup and we really want to thank the volunteers.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was - Discussion and Possible Action - Resolution No. 2015-18 A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs

Authorizing Execution of a Grant agreement with the State of New Mexico Environment Department and Designating Signatories Thereto and Further Authorizing Them to Sign and Request Reimbursements and Act as Point of contact on all Matters Related to the Grant Agreement SAP 15-0519.

Dale Graham said we are here tonight for Resolution No. 2015-18 and we were awarded \$100,000 last year for the planning of Capital Outlay project and planning for the Agua Fria Sewer Project Phase II and that's what the money is going to be used for.

Mayor Williams asked Dale to explain what we have in funding for Phase II.

Dale said along with that is the agreement where we were awarded \$1,067,256 for the Agua Fria sewer in the Colonias.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve - Resolution No. 2015-18 A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs Authorizing Execution of a Grant agreement with the State of New Mexico Environment Department and Designating Signatories Thereto and Further Authorizing Them to Sign and Request Reimbursements and Act as Point of contact on all Matters Related to the Grant Agreement SAP 15-0519.

Councilor Ritter moved to approve - Resolution No. 2015-18 A Resolution of the Governing Body of the City of Ruidoso Downs Authorizing Execution of a Grant agreement with the State of New Mexico Environment Department and Designating Signatories Thereto and Further Authorizing Them to Sign and Request Reimbursements and Act as Point of contact on all Matters Related to the Grant Agreement SAP 15-0519. Seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was - Discussion and Possible Action - Colonias Infrastructure CIF 3358 Verification of 10% Match Requirement of \$118,584.

Dale Graham said Mary made a printout of this to show that we have our match of the \$1,067,256 has been met of \$118,584 and we have to show that we have that as part of our submission of Readiness to Proceed with our project.

Mary Castaneda said I have presented you with these pages. The first page you see is the Colonias grant showing the cash match of \$118,584 and right below that it shows the transfer coming from the Sewer Department and that is shown on the third page and it shows the transfer going out from the Sewer Fund and going into the Colonias. On the second page is the first bond payment that will be due June 2016 and this will come before Council on the last Council meeting of this month for my first quarter budget adjustments and will go to the DFA for quarterly reports.

Carol Virden said this matter, and if you will recall on the September 28th meeting, where the Council approved the verification during the final budget I believe it was, for the Water Trust Board. I think at that time, and it may have been July because I said I would bring it back to Council on August 10th, and I failed to do that and it was an oversight. One of the requirements for the submission of the Readiness to Proceed was to have the Council approve the verification that we do have the \$118,584 in place in order for the Colonias Infrastructure as well as the Water Trust Board when we do the closeout that they be placed in the minutes. Because the Colonias wasn't in the minutes for the second meeting in August I thought it would be best to do kind of a cleanup in case they do have a question. If they really do read the Readiness to Proceed and they say they don't see the Colonias I can say yes we have it and did it in October. I'm just covering all bases there but it does need an approval and that you do know that the 10% is in the budget for 2015-2016.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve - Colonias Infrastructure CIF 3358 Verification of 10% Match Requirement of \$118,584.

Councilor Miller moved to approve - Colonias Infrastructure CIF 3358 Verification of 10% Match Requirement of \$118,584. Seconded by Councilor Morales.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was - Discussion and Possible Action - Acceptance of Agua Fria Estates Wastewater Collection System Phase I - Project Closeout.

Dale Graham said this is the last finality on the Phase I Sewer Project in Agua Fria. This will allow final payment. The total amount of the contract for Phase I of the sewer project with gross receipts tax was \$709,470.93.

Mayor Williams said the project was extended further than originally anticipated and planned for that included more areas and that included Acequia.

Dale said that dollar amount was no engineering. It's all construction costs.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve - Acceptance of Agua Fria Estates Wastewater Collection System Phase I - Project Closeout.

Councilor Morales moved to approve - Acceptance of Agua Fria Estates Wastewater Collection System Phase I - Project Closeout. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Surplus of Unused City Vehicles and Equipment – Via Auction by GovDeals as listed.

Bonnie Ambrose, Public Works Department said I have two items to sell. I have a large stock pile of scrap metal that has accumulated over a couple of years now. Right now metal is about \$80 a ton. Unfortunately we are not able to measure exactly how much we have in that pile but we can make our best guess and let the bidding begin. We also have a large bridge. It's the old Parker Bridge. We've had a couple of people interested in it.

Mayor Williams said I'd like to thank Bonnie for multi-tasking today and today is her first day as Transit Manager.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve – Surplus of Unused City Vehicles and Equipment – Via Auction by GovDeals as listed.

Councilor Ritter moved to approve – Surplus of Unused City Vehicles and Equipment – Via Auction by GovDeals as listed. Seconded by Councilor Morales.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee – Amending Bylaws.

Councilor Miller said we had bylaws before but I don't believe we ever actually voted on them. We went through them again and at the last meeting voted on them. There are only a couple of changes. Those were in Article III that the chairperson shall be elected from within the committee and then there is Item D under the Governance. We've had a lot of members missing and sometime for months so we decided to put this in that "any member shall be automatically terminated and that member shall absent himself or herself for more than two consecutive regular meetings of his or her committee without having notified the chairman in advance with the reason for their absence." We decided to put this in because we come down here a lot and can't have a meeting because we have no quorum and then that puts us behind on everything. Bylaws are important for any committee. We do have some good people but sometimes work prevents them from coming or they forget.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve – Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee – Amending Bylaws.

Councilor Morales moved to approve – Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Ruidoso Downs Beautification Committee – Amending Bylaws. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

Roll call votes: Councilor Miller, Aye; Councilor Morales, Aye; Councilor Perry, Aye; Councilor Ritter, 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 Reports - Hubbard Museum of the American West and Lincoln County Transit.

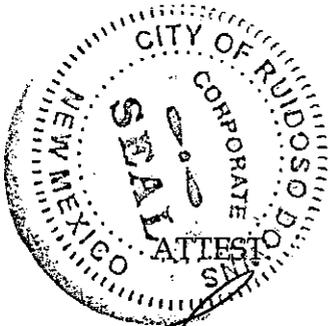
Mary Castaneda, Finance Director said the museum had a beginning cash balance of \$12,394.07. The first quarter payment from the Hubbard Foundation of \$25,000. Revenues of \$7,654.40. Expenditures of \$25,105.23 leaving a tentative ending cash balance of \$19,943.24. Transit had a beginning cash balance of \$26,081.10. Revenues of \$1,382.40. Expenditures of \$8,704.84 leaving them an ending tentative cash balance of \$18,758.66.

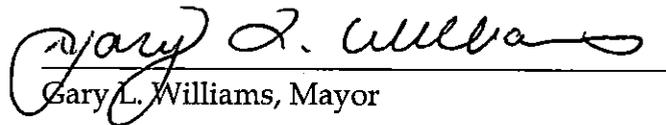
PUBLIC INPUT

There was no Public Input.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend to Councilor Morales moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Miller. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.





Gary L. Williams, Mayor



Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer