

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 22, 2016  
4:30 P.M.

The Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in regular session on February 22, 2016. Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and asked Steve Dunigan 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, City Clerk/Treasurer informed Mayor Williams there was a quorum.

Also present:

H. John Underwood, City Attorney  
Mary Castaneda, Finance Director  
Dale Graham, Public Works Director  
Steve Dunigan, Planning & Zoning Director  
Dakota Crouch, HMAW Associate Director  
Chief Rupp, Police Chief  
Donna Miller, Personnel/Payroll  
Bonnie Ambrose, LCT Manager

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Mayor Williams asked Council to consider Item H be removed from the agenda with recommendation from staff for further review on the language on that ordinance and will be brought back. We would like to have it brought through P & Z for them to make changes and then bring it back to Council.

H. John Underwood, City Attorney said let's just postpone it for now.

Mayor Williams said so, without a specific date?

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer said postponement runs up to three months.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to postpone until the City Clerk can set up a Public Hearing and it goes through P & Z.

Councilor Ritter moved to approve the postponement of Item H and approve the rest of the agenda. Seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

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

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 08, 2016.

Councilor Morales moved to approve minutes of Regular Meeting of February 08, 2016. Seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was 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 this was a surprise and very welcome. We always have a tough time working with our legislatures up in Santa Fe. There is always a battle in trying to get funding from them. Through Representative Nora Espinosa, Representative Zack Cook, and Senator William Burt we were able to, from the Capital Outlay money, which we hope the Governor signs, get \$270,000.00 that will be utilized to repair/replace the roof on the museum. We wouldn’t have been able to do this on our own. Hopefully we’ll be able to replace the roof sometime in the fall. I encourage all citizens that a week from tomorrow is voting day. Get out and vote for the candidate of your choice. It’s very important for the City.

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

Councilor Miller said I like seeing all these people out here and thank you for coming.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Jim Miller – Discussion of Economic Development in Ruidoso Downs.

Dr. Jim Miller said a group of us have been working in the region since last spring with the USDA trying to develop a regional economic development strategy to turn around and transform our regional economy. Across New Mexico, New Mexico in general, rural New Mexico in particular in our region have been in an economic decline for several years if you look at indicators such as school and college enrollment. I just noticed in lower midtown on the drive down here that two more businesses are closed. We’ve been trying to figure out a strategy that would bring back those kinds of jobs or

develop new jobs that are the middle income kind of jobs. We put together a group of four entities trying to get a different look this time. One of the entities of the 501C3 Carrizozo Works, the second is the City of Ruidoso Downs, the third is the Village of Ruidoso, and the fourth is the Mescalero Tribe. That was the group that we put together for the strategy and the USDA approved our approach. It started on October 26<sup>th</sup> having a series of meetings out at Inn of the Mountain Gods. General public is welcome and those meetings are on the first Monday of each Monday. The next one is on March 7<sup>th</sup>. We've gotten to the point where we have several hundred participate from the four entities and Otero County and have generally agreed that the way to move forward in our region was through natural resources particularly through forest resources. A second one is tourism/recreation/cultural heritage. A third one is biomedical or medical services. A fourth one is communication technology. Why is this important to Ruidoso Downs? If you look at those four entities or the remainder of this county I believe there are two municipalities that have distinct advantages over the other. One is the town of Carrizozo. It sits on the Burlington Northern Railroad and two U.S. Highways. Today that's a big deal in economic development. In the City of Ruidoso Downs you sit on U.S. Highway 70. You have some other advantages also. Your tax rates are lower than your neighboring municipality. The dirt is cheaper here. You have lots of commercial property available. You have a move-in ready facility down here by Dale's Furniture. There's that u-shaped building with six or seven places and if John wanted to start a business they could move right in. There's and office and a kitchenette and a bay without building something. It's not an office type business but you may remember a few years ago in that facility we had a medical device company that started down there. She was making a patented device that had a good niche in the market. She stayed here about a year but instead of growing here and hiring more employees here she moved to Denver, Colorado. That's a good example of the kind of thinking we need to do in this region and do some things differently. The same tourism things we've relied on for decades are declining. We don't need another t-shirt shop in midtown Ruidoso. We need to think of some new things. I think Ruidoso Downs is unique in its position because of what I've mentioned. I have five suggestions for you. The first one is affordable and available housing and that is about the most important thing we've got to address. The tribe is going to have some problems and Carol will tell you that Carrizozo has some problems. I think for those of you who remember my former job one of the things that I was close to getting done was a housing project. The builder was a HUD builder. The money was a car dealer in Roswell. They were going to build two hundred units. They were going to be apartment style units. Why they came to me was they were interested in marketing to college students. We have no college housing in this town. In either community where you have so many property owners that are interested in overnight rentals where you can make \$1,100 to \$1,500 a night you're not going to rent to a college kid for \$500 or \$600 a month. If you talk to any business person it's a lack of business force. If we want to look like Durango where we can have a college and students who can work in retail, restaurants, or lodging then

we have to have housing for them. The deal that was going to happen here, and they chose the Downs because the dirt was cheaper, was they were going to guarantee the college a third of the units and then the college was going to be responsible for keeping them full. Well, people retired and time changed and that never happened. It's a good example of the type of things we have to work on fairly quickly on housing. USDA has had a number people at these meetings. Several of them are housing specialists. The USDA is one of the entities that has the money. Region VI Housing Authority in Roswell, HUD, USDA, New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority, there are all these people in the housing business. We just haven't seen them in Lincoln County since Carrizozo in the late 80's and Capitan in the late 80's building housing units that for people working in our enterprises like law enforcement officers, firefighters, teachers for them that can afford to live in those kind of places. I think you're uniquely positioned because low taxes and cheaper dirt. A second suggestion, and it appears all over New Mexico, particularly rural New Mexico, that if you don't have high-speed broadband and the best internet service then people aren't interested in locating their business here. The Village of Ruidoso has been at a point where their franchise agreements are getting ready to expire. I presume you have franchise agreements here. If they are the old style agreement those were many year agreements because that's how you did business in those days. The telecom companies where ten or fifteen year agreements. Today if you have a three year agreement that's probably a long one. Technology is changing so quickly. I would encourage you to look at your telecom agreement and shorten the agreement and increase the expectations because the highest speeds of our internet service in our county are in Carrizozo, Corona and the ranches outside of Corona. I know that some of your businesses have migrated over to Mescalero Telecom because their speeds are a lot better than Windstream or TDS. We're talking with the college right now about training installers for fiber optics because Windstream said in the paper that they now have a high speed backbone from Carlsbad into here and from Socorro to here but it goes down the street and if you are off the street you can't get it into your building especially if you don't have your building wired for it. The training for local people can be a good job. Suggestion number three is I'm pleased to hear you got the \$275,000 for the museum because part of what we haven't done across the county is that every year we go to the legislature to ask for money. We've got to be applying for Colonias money and CDBG every year because the lack of capital has not enabled us to keep up with the infrastructure. As a municipality I hope you ask every year to keep things up to date. If I'm looking to relocate a business here and I see crummy stuff I'm going somewhere else. I've said to Ruidoso also that you need to have a link to economic development. Number five is that I've been working on energy in this county for quite a few years. The Mayor and I have talked a couple of times to get a third party to build a solar site at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to sell electricity to the plant. It's something a private business can do now and that's the business model. They can sell it to you 35% lower than what Otero can. Otero knows that and they would be the backup for that. Now is the time to do

that. The State of Texas is now expanding rapidly natural gas fueling stations for semi-trucks, light pickups, and medium trucks like garbage trucks. Natural gas is now so cheap. I talked to Zia a little bit about Ruidoso Downs and the highway being a good location. Long-term that gives you an advantage. Related to that is the electric car refueling station. PNM has worked with the City of Santa Fe and I think one other municipality. That would be another one and they would have to refuel every two hundred miles. So, those are samples of ideas we need to start thinking about in order to revitalize the economy. We could use your presence on March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 12:00 at the Convention Center.

Councilor Morales said Councilor Miller and I went to the first one. The atmosphere and how everyone was feeding off of each other it was one of the best economic development forums I've ever been to. It was energetic and was very beneficial.

Councilor Miller said it was great and I will attend.

Mayor Williams said I want to thank Dr. Miller for working behind the scenes for citizens and jobs for this area.

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was - Discussion and Possible Action - Agenda Briefing Memorandum Proposal - City Hall Roof - Roof Care - CES Contract #2012-0001B 914-267 RC-Option #2.

Dale Graham, Public Works Director said we have a proposal from Roof Care and they have a statewide price agreement through CES on the roof at City Hall. We have the capital outlay money and all we need to do is to have you decide which option. They have given us two options of the underlayment that they will put under the new roof. Hopefully we won't be putting a new roof on for over the next thirty or forty years. We think we should use Option #2 and then we can get this off to Santa Fe.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve - Agenda Briefing Memorandum Proposal - City Hall Roof - Roof Care - CES Contract #2012-0001B 914-267 RC-Option #2.

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Councilor Morales said you say we have capital outlay money for this?

Dale said yes.

Councilor Ritter moved to approve - Agenda Briefing Memorandum Proposal - City Hall Roof - Roof Care - CES Contract #2012-0001B 914-267 RC-Option #2. Seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Revision of City of Ruidoso Downs Personnel Policy Manual – Rule 1215 and Rule 1216.

Donna Miller, Personnel/Payroll said on Rule 1215 there is a maximum balance that can be carried and I think the way to handle it is at the end of the year cut it off and they can only carry over their maximum balance. I'm suggesting in October I send a memo to the people that have a maximum balance so they can use their annual leave before the end of the year. On Rule 1216 there is nothing that says anything about the maximum balance but it does say when the employee leaves the City they can be paid for all of this. I'm asking that there be a limit.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve – Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Revision of City of Ruidoso Downs Personnel Policy Manual – Rule 1215 and Rule 1216.

Councilor Miller moved to approve – Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Revision of City of Ruidoso Downs Personnel Policy Manual – Rule 1215 and Rule 1216. Seconded by Councilor Morales.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Personnel Recommendation – Position – Communication/Detention Officer – Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

Chief Rupp said tonight I bring forth the name of Charli Massey for the position of Communication/Detention Officer. We did a full interview and she is the best candidate for the position.

Councilor Miller said is that not our dog catcher?

Chief Rupp said that's his daughter.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve – Personnel Recommendation – Position – Communication/Detention Officer – Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

Councilor Morales moved to approve – Personnel Recommendation – Position – Communication/Detention Officer – Ruidoso Downs Police Department. Seconded by Councilor Ritter.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – personnel Recommendation – Position – Certified Police Officer – Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

Chief Rupp said tonight I bring forth the name of Robert Brown for the position of Certified Police Officer. He is currently a Certified Police Officer in the State of New Mexico. He is currently employed in Alamogordo.

Councilor Perry said this is to fill a vacant position isn't it?

Chief Rupp said yes.

Councilor Morales asked how many police officers do we have and will this bring us to full staff?

Chief Rupp said with this hiring it should bring us up to eight including myself and up to full staff.

Councilor Miller asked if he will move up here?

Chief Rupp said he is talking about moving up here and looking at some places.

Councilor Miller said I would like for our police officers to be in our community and I've stated that before. I know you're hiring a lot of them out of Alamogordo. I like their cars parked in our town and our community whether it's Ruidoso, Alto, or wherever.

Councilor Ritter said I think that goes to what we were talking about affordable housing.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve – Personnel Recommendation – Position – Certified Police Officer – Ruidoso Downs Police Department.

Councilor Perry moved to approve – Personnel Recommendation – Position – Certified Police officer – Ruidoso Downs Police Department – Robert Brown. Seconded by Councilor Ritter.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Personnel Recommendation – Promote Dakota Crouch to the Position of Museum Director – HMAW.

Mayor Williams said I bring this forth to the Council because of the fact that the position of Director of the Museum has a status and when the Associate Director at this time Dakota Crouch goes out to meet and greet people of other institutions or other funding opportunities it give him a little bit of stature and ability to relate to them. It's more of a position of authority of the department. He has shown his staff over the last few months a moving forth where this museum is becoming known throughout the state. When you're a member of the Smithsonian that's important. Being a Director is not an award but a recognition. He will have to step up to the next level.

Dakota said I appreciate the opportunity that I've been given to serve the City of Ruidoso Downs. I appreciate your trust in me to spearhead the museum as I have given an outline recently of new plans in cooperation with the Governing Body and City administration to try to get the museum over the hump and very recognized as a museum of western heritage.

Councilor Ritter said Dakota has done a good job.

Mayor Williams said there will be no salary or benefit increase, just the position change.

Councilor Miller said I enjoy listening to Dakota and working with him.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve – Personnel Recommendation – Promote Dakota Crouch to the Position of Museum Director – HMAW.

Councilor Miller moved to approve - Personnel Recommendation – Promote Dakota Crouch to the Position of Museum Director – HMAW. Seconded by Councilor Morales.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Dolly Folmer – Request Use of All American Park – All American Festival

- May 28, 29, & 30, 2016
- June 10, 11, & 12, 2016
- July 2, 3, & 4, 2016
- Aug. 19, 20, & 21, 2016
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Ken Berry said I work with Mrs. Folmer. Just some history we are a successful event that was run out of Ruidoso to protect the interests of midtown. Even if it wasn't obvious it was apparent. After about seven years of creating a successful event, at Schoolhouse Park, three days before a scheduled event that had been approved ongoing for approximately seven years, three days before the event we were presented with a denial of our permit by the Ruidoso Police Department. We scrambled and ended up having it at Wingfield Park. We did manage to have two All American Festivals here at All American Park. Thankfully everyone made it so easy for us to pick up and move over here. I'm here today for a type of partnership if you will. We want to move our event to Ruidoso Downs permanently. We have dates and it's basically three days of the weekend of each month of the summer which is May, June, July, August, and September. Most of the dates coincide with big races at the race track. We're trying to take advantage of large numbers of people being in town and the visibility of Highway 70. Our event grew at Wingfield Park and then complaints started coming publicly from midtown merchants and shortly after we were denied our permit. What they did by cutting us out was cut out all the other ones because they couldn't cut us out with the reasoning they gave us. There used to be one at Two Rivers Park and they've been shut down as well for the reason we were shut down. They couldn't let that festival continue after they shut us down. Here we are today looking for a partnership. We would like the first right of decisions for specific dates. I do have them right here and I'm sorry I don't have copies to go around but I'll read them to you. That is May 25-29, June 11 & 12, July 2, 3, & 4, August 19 & 20, September 3, 4, & 5. Last year we were able to bring a dance company up from El Paso and it was a beautiful spectacle. We're working on the arrangement of food vendors and craft vendors to put together a floorplan at All American Park. We were promised last year that we could move this and we could move that. I'm hoping for a partnership to grow an event that would make the City attractive.

H. John Underwood, City Attorney said what we may want to do is draw some guidelines. You understand that there are other uses of the park that will be simultaneous. I had some other dates written on here that you didn't. I had May 30, June 10, August 21. I think what you're telling me know is these dates are updated.

Ken said as of right now May 30 is tentative. The other dates are firm. We're familiar with when the vendors want to come and therefore the shorter days.

H. John Underwood, City Attorney said what I'm recommending to Council, if we're able to keep you all here, which will be a benefit for the economy and the aura of Ruidoso Downs, I'd like to draw up some sort of agreement. I think you understand that all of your vendors have to have gross receipts taxes so that Ruidoso Downs gets a portion of that. Then there would be a cleanup policy of the area after you leave and a cleanup deposit.

Ken said we've always had those types of agreements with the Village of Ruidoso. As the years went on there were more and more hoops to jump through. It has been pleasant working with you and the guys on the street. Dolly Folmer is here as a matter of fact.

H. John Underwood, City Attorney asked Dolly if she wanted him to communicate with her directly?

Dolly said yes.

H. John Underwood, City Attorney asked her to meet with him after the meeting.

Ken said we will begin our advertising again because people think it just dropped away. We have always attracted a lot of vendors and buyers and people from out of town so we will be advertising and along with that we will be requesting Lodgers' Tax funds.

Councilor Miller said our Farmers Market are local people and they like that shaded area by the trees and it worked very well last year.

Dolly said we liked it.

Ken said we benefited from anything that was going on there. I even came upon a group of young boys that were skateboarding the day we were setting up and I asked them to please come back during the event and skateboard. It would be a free show. We want community participation. It there is a baseball game going on the better for us. It's just more to do in one area and that's what we're trying to do.

Councilor Miller said just to let your vendors know that the area is set aside for the Farmers Market.

Ken said we want the view and pull everything as close to Highway 70 as possible.

Councilor Ritter said I think everyone is positive about what is happening and it was good last year and it will be good this year. How do we make the motion is my question because legal needs to work out the agreement. I don't know how to move forward from here.

H. John Underwood, City Attorney said I think you should just say to direct legal to move forward with the All American Festival agreement to allow the use of All American Park during the dates given and a cooperation with a cleanup policy and then bring it back either the first of second Council meeting in March.

Councilor Ritter asked if we need to deviate on the dates because they slightly changed and what are the setup dates?

Ken said the setup dates are going to be the day before the events. We had a certain time to setup built in with Ruidoso and I don't think that was an issue with Ruidoso Downs unless there was another event.

Dolly said I think John has the correct dates and you don't. The dates John has on there are the correct dates.

H. John Underwood, City Attorney said let's use the dates on the original proposal.

Dolly said those are the dates we want.

Ken said take down will be the evening of the last day.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve – Dolly Folmer – Request Use of All American Park – All American Festival

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Councilor Ritter moved to – enter into an agreement with All American Festival for the dates stated in the agenda and bring this back to Council the first meeting of March. Seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Advertising Contract – Art Loop Guide.

Dakota Crouch, Museum Director said I'm recommending approval for a contract that has been reviewed by legal. The contract total is \$240 and is within our advertising budget. This is for an ad that will be specifically for an exhibit that will be opening at the end of April and it's tapestries and quilts that are modern/contemporary.

Councilor Ritter asked how many other advertisers are going to be in the guide?

Dakota said the ad we are looking to purchase is spot 29 and its dimensions are 2.028 inches by 3.778 inches. I don't know the number of advertisers.

Councilor Miller moved to approve – Advertising Contract – Art Loop Guide.  
Seconded by Councilor Morales.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Advertising Contract – Guest Life New Mexico.

Dakota said this again is a recommendation to approve an advertising contract and is within the advertising budget. The total would be \$1,258 and that's for a quarter page ad. This magazine has a distribution of 80,000 across New Mexico.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve – Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Advertising Contract – Guest Life New Mexico.

Councilor Morales moved to approve – Agenda Briefing Memorandum – Advertising Contract – Guest Life New Mexico. Seconded by Councilor Ritter.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Resolution No. 2016-03 A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the 2016-2017 New Mexico Department of Transportation Municipal Arterial Program Funds for Street and drainage Improvements within Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

Dale Graham, Public Works Director said I am asking for approval of Resolution No. 2016-03 with the New Mexico Department of Transportation Municipal Arterial Program for a map agreement. Currently we have a map agreement with them to do Griffith Drive. By our next application we are going to try to do a portion of Parkway, a portion of La Canada Street, and all of Acequia which we have totally torn up with the water and sewer project. This will complete a loop which ties into Highway 70 and I think they will agree because it ties into Highway 70. I don't know the dollar amount yet because the engineers are still working on that and the application is due next Tuesday so we will be working on that.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve - Resolution No. 2016-03 A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the 2016-2017 New Mexico Department of Transportation Municipal Arterial Program Funds for Street and drainage Improvements within Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico.

Councilor Perry moved to approve - Resolution No. 2016-03 A Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of an Application for the 2016-2017 New Mexico Department of Transportation Municipal Arterial Program Funds for Street and drainage Improvements within Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico. Seconded by Councilor Miller.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was - Discussion and Possible Action - Provide Lodgers' Tax Promotional Tax Funds - Advertising of Ruidoso Downs Beautification Event in the amount of \$650.00.

Councilor Miller said what's happened this year is we only got half the amount of our grant that was requested from New Mexico Clean & Beautiful. A lot of the stuff you see around here has been done by the Beautification Committee. Trees, flowers, plants. We have a great committee and good events. What we're talking about is our events. We have the Open House at the museum, an Easter Egg Hunt, several cleanups, plus recycling events too. Since we only got half of the funding from the state we are in need of advertising money.

Mayor Williams said I want to commend Councilor Miller for her leadership of this committee and what has been accomplished. You can see across the street and behind it and the heritage sign. The events are important and especially with the kids involvement. She is working with the Director over here of the museum and the Cope Center that is also tied with the Smithsonian.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve – Provide Lodgers’ Tax Promotional Tax Funds – Advertising of Ruidoso Downs Beautification Events in the amount of \$650.00.

Councilor Morales moved to approve – Provide Lodgers’ Tax Promotional Tax Funds – Advertising of Ruidoso Downs Beautification Events in the amount of \$650.00. Seconded by Councilor Ritter.

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

Mayor Williams stated the next item on the agenda was – Discussion and Possible Action – HMAW Advisory Board Recommends to Move HMAW Advisory Board Monthly Meetings to Quarterly Meetings.

Dakota said this idea was brought forth during the January meeting by board member Robert Donaldson. The idea was that perhaps it might be more productive to meet on a quarterly basis. Sometimes it takes a little time to get things in motion. This morning at our Advisory Board meeting it was discussed and the general consensus was that it would be more productive.

Councilor Ritter asked how many people are on the Advisory Board?

Dakota said currently there is myself, Ms. Castaneda, Ms. Virden, Mr. Donaldson, and legal.

Councilor Miller asked if these meetings are advertised?

Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer said the Hubbard Museum of the American West Advisory Board was created two years ago with the consensus to get people involved especially with finance and the city clerk to get the agenda. The agenda is posted and is posted on the website. One of the original members was a representative of the community and could be arts or something related to the museum. We have not been able to fill that vacancy. The meetings are just meetings and there is nothing to advise on. Mr. Donaldson didn’t believe we had to go through the process of making an agenda and making motions. But, the resolution that the Governing Body approves for the meeting dates for the next year states that all special committees’ agendas will be posted. Any committee or special committee is open to the public unless it is a closed session.

H. John Underwood, City Attorney said it would be greatly appreciated for Council or the public to suggest a name to be on that committee and we really encourage the Council and the public to attend those meetings in order to give us some input.

Dakota said I really want to use the Advisory Board as I am going into a plan for the future and want the input.

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to approve – HMAW Advisory Board Monthly Meetings to Quarterly Meetings.

Councilor Miller moved to approve – HMAW Advisory Board Monthly Meetings to Quarterly Meetings.

Councilor Morales asked when that would be? Would it be April 1<sup>st</sup>?

Mayor Williams asked if we need to update that resolution?

Carol said I will revise that and bring it at the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and the fourth Monday will stay as is of every quarter.

Seconded by Councilor Perry.

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

Mary Castaneda, Finance Director said Lincoln County Transit had a beginning cash balance of \$6,254.76. Revenues of \$1,874.00. Expenditures of \$16,874.87 giving them a tentative ending cash balance of a negative \$8,746.11. Since our last report I wanted to inform you that the reimbursements for November and December were received on February 8<sup>th</sup>. November was \$8,094.86 and December was \$7,447.86. We're following up with the Village on where their \$28,000 is. The museum had a beginning cash balance of \$7,288.55. Revenues of \$3,828.59. Lodgers' Tax transfers of \$9166.00. Expenditures of \$34,551.56 leaving them in the red a tentative cash balance of \$14,268.42. We did receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter reimbursement from the Hubbard Museum of the American West Foundation in the amount of \$25,000 and it was received on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The figures I gave you are for January.

PUBLIC INPUT

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

There was no Public Input.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to attend to Councilor Morales moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Miller. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



  
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Gary E. Williams, Mayor

  
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Carol Virden, City Clerk/Treasurer