

**CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
GOVERNING BODY REGULAR MINUTES
MONDAY, October 11, 2022 - 2:00 PM
THE HUBBARD ROOM
123 DOWNS DRIVE
RUIDOSO DOWNS, NEW MEXICO 88346**

The City Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in a regular session on Monday, October 11, 2022. Mayor Holman called the regular meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked Councilor Lundquist to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Walker, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Miller

Present by Phone: Councilor Lacewell

Municipal Employees Present:

Alejandra L. Giron, City Clerk/Treasurer

John Underwood, City Attorney

Mary Castaneda, Finance Director

Joey Jarvis, Public Works Director

Robert Knight, Deputy Chief

Guest Speakers Present:

Leo Lovett, Regional Vice President

Guests Present: 7

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Approval of the Agenda. Councilor Lundquist moved to approve Agenda. Councilor Miller seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

(All matters listed under Item 5 will be enacted by one motion.)

A. *Agreement between Air Methods Contract and the City of Ruidoso Downs for use of Landing Zones.

B. *APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BODY MINUTES

*September 26, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes



Councilor Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Walker seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker.

PUBLIC INPUT

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

Pam Williams made comments.

Bonnie Richardson made comments.

COUNCILORS COMMENTS

Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was the Councilors Comments.

Councilor Miller stated the following: was part of the clean-up; the clean-up all together had 17 signatures; gave out bags and t-shirts to 17 people; got a lot of support from the racetrack; two youth groups were absent; residents missed out on a lot; Tim Keithley brought 20 give certificates; every one that showed up got one; it was successful; need to communicate better; thanked everybody that participated and helped.

Councilor Lacewell stated the following: likes the idea of a newsletter even if it is just posted on Facebook; it was a rainy day for the clean-up; several people took bags; agrees with Judy it was a successful event but need to do more to advertise what we are doing; likes the newsletter idea would have to talk to Mary about what that would cost for budget next year.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Mayor's Comments.

Mayor Holman stated the following: thanked the racetrack; has respect for the village and Mayor; welcomed visitors to the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action on the Greentree Solid Waste Authority Service Issues presented by Ray Dean.

John stated that he has been communicating with Ray and Ally and they scheduled a meeting and asked that this item be postponed to the next meeting.

Councilor Walker moved to postpone the Greentree Solid Waste Authority Service Issues presented by Ray Dean to the October 24th meeting. Councilor Lundquist seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker



NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action on Appointment and Approval of Joe Commander as Police Chief and Administration of Oath of Office.

Mayor Holman recommended appointing Joe Commander as the New Police Chief.

Councilor Lundquist moved to Appointment and Approval of Joe Commander as Police Chief and Administration of Oath of Office. Councilor Miller seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker.

Ally administered the Oath of Office to Joe Commander, the new Police Chief.

B. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel Recommendation to Hire Blythe Gilmore for the Position of Billing Clerk/Receptionist for the Finance Department.

Mary recommended the hire of Blythe Gilmore for the Position of Billing Clerk/Receptionist for the Finance Department.

Councilor Walker moved to approve Personnel Recommendation to Hire Blythe Gilmore for the Position of Billing Clerk/Receptionist for the Finance Department. Councilor Lundquist seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker.

C. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of the Financial Banking Services Proposal between the City of Ruidoso Downs and Pioneer Bank.

Mary stated the following: currently using PNC Banking; BBVA merged with PNC; before the merge occurred, we had excellent customer service; once the merge occurred no response; the main concern is budget; service fees started in March. Made calls and we had two proposals from PNC and Pioneer Bank; PNC there will be fees associated and those fees associated with those services and those fees will fluctuate. Pioneer Bank offered us services and interest-bearing accounts.

Leo Lovett stated the following: what we propose is to be able to take what you currently have; use the same interest from the Federal home loan Bank; will do the 35% of the one-month secure connect rate; we want to give back to the community so why not pay you interest. In the second paragraph of the first page, no monthly fee is not guaranteed. As things fluctuate, we might have to raise that paid balance up to keep you from having fees.



Councilor Miller moved to approve the Approval of Financial Banking Services Proposal between the City of Ruidoso Downs and Pioneer Bank. Councilor Lundquist seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker.

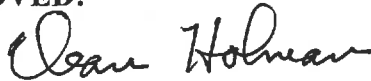
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Holman adjourned the regular meeting at 2:33 p.m.

MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED ON:

Passed and Approved on this 24th day of October 2022.

APPROVED:



Dean Holman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alejandra L. Giron, MMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

