

**CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
GOVERNING BODY REGULAR MINUTES
MONDAY, January 24, 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 regular session on Monday, January 24, 2022. Mayor Holman called the regular meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked Councilor Lacewell to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilor Walker, Councilor Miller, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Lundquist

Municipal Employees Present:

Alejandra L. Giron, City Clerk/Treasurer
John Underwood, City Attorney
Joe Jarvis, Public Works Director
Carroll Scott, Police Chief
Andrea Herrera, P & Z Director

Guests Present: 5

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Approval of Agenda. Councilor Miller moved to approve Agenda. Councilor Lundquist seconded and motion 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 Approval of Consent Agenda. Councilor Lundquist moved to approve Agenda. Councilor Lacewell seconded and motion 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. No Public Input.

COUNCILORS COMMENTS

Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Councilors Comments. No Councilors Comments.



MAYORS COMMENTS

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

Mayor Holman stated that a meeting at with the surrounding entities involved with the Arena was very productive and has ensured the support Ruidoso Downs has with this potential project.

Councilor Walker stated to Mayor Holman and Councilors the cooperation amongst the entities will result in more efficient outcomes and the Arena has the potential to benefit all Lincoln County and he encourages the Public to give their input regarding the Arena to understand how this will benefit them.

Councilor Lacewell asked Mayor Holman if all has steps towards achieving the Arena have been thus far met.

Mayor Holman stated to Councilor Lacewell all has been well with the process so far.

Councilor Miller stated to Mayor Holman that she agreed to keep the Public informed and to know that the Arena will be separate from the Racetrack.

Municipal Court

No update.

Police Department

Chief Scott briefed Mayor Holman and Councilors that there is only one vacancy on his staff, he read off the 2021 stats in comparison to 2020 being low and stated the stats for the Animal Control Officers who have increased in comparison to 2020 also.

Councilor Walker asked Chief Scott if the increase in drug busts is due to the purchase of the K9 officer that has recently joined the force?

Chief Scott stated to Councilor Walker that it is partly and the K9 officer and his partner is very proactive. He stated the K9 officer has been requested all over the County.

Councilor Lundquist asked Chief Scott if the arrests are residents or if they are from out of town?

Chief Scott stated to Councilor Lundquist that it is a mixture of both.

Councilor Miller stated to Chief Scott that she had noticed that our officers have assisted the Village more.



John stated to Mayor Holman and Councilors that on behalf of Honorable Judge Plant that the increases in the arrests has impacted the City's safety and has felt the officers have been the most proactive during the ten years he has been with the City.

Chief Scott stated to Mayor Holman and Councilors that he has been working with the Courts to implement a software of Tracks to help with the citation writing down to a minimum and more efficient for the officer's time and safety.

Finance Department

No update.

Public Works

Joe briefed Mayor Holman and Councilors and stated in December he was short staffed, Riverside waterline and Spring Tank project is still ongoing and having issues with the boring but hope to complete soon, East Distribution is still ongoing, and half of the pipe is in and is doing well, and the decorating for Christmas was done. He stated that he has been applying for four grants and kept up with maintenance. He stated they had to replace the pump on Denton Well, the Parks Dept. is trying to keep everything clean with the increase in vandalism. He explained that the Police Department is helping them try to catch the violators and are looking into some cameras for the All-American Park building and are continuing to work on the retaining wall.

Planning & Zoning Department

Andrea briefed Mayor Holman and Councilors on the operations of the Department and stated they are working on the Ordinance for Cannabis and Short-term Rentals, keeping up with the Business Licenses and all of their inspections, they are maintaining their retention for all the P&Z's files, Juaquina Montes has been awarded \$2,010.00 by the state to register for the GIS certification, she stated she has enrolled in training for the Flood Plain certification, has continued to keep up with the illegal building, processing Dog licenses, and have been working with the PW for the Phosphorus inspections.

Councilor Lundquist asked Andrea if the dog licenses could be charged every five years versus annually.

Chief Scott explained to Councilor Lundquist that the reason they are issued annually is to have residents keep up with their animals' vaccinations.

Andrea stated to Councilor Lundquist that the licenses go up to every three years to renew.

Councilor Miller stated to Andrea that there used to be a day for residents to get their animals vaccinated and get their tags in the same day and it did not happen this year it was at Dr. Franklin's Veterinary Clinic but was not advertised but hopes to have it this year.



Chief Scott stated to Councilor Miller that he hopes to continue to have it this Spring.

Councilor Walker stated to Mayor Holman and Councilors that this is another example of the Department's working cohesively and that he appreciated Ally and Andrea working together to bring the Department up.

John stated to Mayor Holman and Councilors that both Ally and Andrea have been working hard on the Ordinances and cleaning up that Department and from a legal standpoint has helped.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Amendments to the City of Ruidoso Downs Pandemic Operational Plan.

Mayor Holman stated to Councilors that these updates are to coincide with the recent circumstances, and it has been brought up by Joe that we have been violating our own policies and these amendments will aid that.

Councilor Walker moved to approve the Amendments to the City of Ruidoso Downs Pandemic Operational Plan. Councilor Miller seconded and motion carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker.

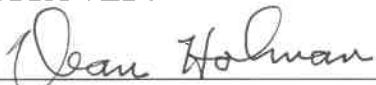
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Holman adjourned the regular meeting at 2:17 p.m.

MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED ON:


Passed and Approved on this 14th day of February 2022.

APPROVED:



Dean Holman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alejandra L. Giron, CMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

