

**CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
GOVERNING BODY, REGULAR MEETING
123 DOWNS DRIVE, RUIDOSO DOWNS, NEW MEXICO 88346
DECEMBER 11, 2023**

The City of Ruidoso Downs Council met in a regular session on Monday, December 11, 2023. Mayor Holman called the regular meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked Councilor Miller to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Municipal Employees Present:

John Underwood, City Attorney
Alejandra L. Giron, City Clerk/Treasurer
Joe Commander, Police Chief
Robert Knight, Deputy Police Chief
Mary Castaneda, Finance Director
Jennet Recendez, Planning Services Director
Blythe Gilmore, Court Administrator
Maria Gutierrez, Assistant Court Clerk

Guests Present: 11

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilor Lacewell moved to postpone items A & E of the agenda to the next council meeting. Councilor Miller seconded and upon a roll call vote of the following, the motion failed. Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lacewell. Nay: Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Walker, Mayor Holman.

Councilor Lacewell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Miller seconded and upon a roll call vote of all voting "aye" the motion passed.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. *Notification of Late Audit for Fiscal Year 2023
- B. *APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BODY MINUTES
*November 27, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
- C. *APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS



- *Public Works November Report
- *Police Department November Report
- *Planning and Zoning November Report

D. *COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Lodger's Tax Committee November Report
- *Greentree Solid Waste Authority Committee November Report

Councilor Lundquist moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Councilor Walker seconded and upon a roll call vote of all voting “aye” the motion passed.

PUBLIC INPUT

Bonnie Richardson made comments.

COUNCILORS COMMENTS

Councilor Lacewell made comments.

Councilor Miller made comments.

MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Holman made comments.

The Planning Services Director presented on the operations of the Planning & Zoning Department for the month of November.

The Deputy Police Chief presented on the operations of the Police Department for the month of November.

The Public Works Director presented on the operations of the Public Works Department for the month of November.

The Court Administrator presented on the operations of the Municipal Court for the month of November.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible Action on approval of Personnel Recommendation to hire Heath Keck for the Fire Chief of the Fire Department.

Mayor Holman presented and requested approval to hire Heath Keck for the Fire Chief for the Fire Department.



Councilor Walker moved to approve the hire of Heath Keck for the Fire Chief. Councilor Lundquist seconded and upon a roll call vote of the following, the motion passed. Aye: Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Walker, Mayor Holman. Nay: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lacewell.

B. Discussion and Possible Action on approval of Personnel Recommendation to hire Sharon Herrera for the Utility Clerk/Administrative Assistant for the Finance Department.

The Finance Director presented and requested approval to hire Sharon Herrera for the Utility Clerk/Administrative Assistant for the Finance Department.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the hire of Sharon Herrera for the Utility Clerk/Administrative Assistant. Councilor Lundquist seconded and upon a roll call vote of all voting “aye” the motion passed.

C. Discussion and Possible Action on approval of Personnel Recommendation to hire Maria Gonzales for the Administrative Assistant for the Public Works Department.

The Public Works Director presented and requested approval to hire Maria Gonzales for the Administrative Assistant for the Public Works Department.

Councilor Walker moved to approve the hire of Maria Gonzales for the Administrative Assistant. Councilor Lundquist seconded and upon a roll call vote of all voting “aye” the motion passed.

D. Discussion and Possible Action on Adoption of Resolution 2023-27, a Resolution approving the Holiday Schedule for Calendar Year 2024.

Mayor Holman presented and requested approval to adopt Resolution 2023-27.

Councilor Walker moved to adopt Resolution 2023-27. Councilor Lundquist seconded and upon a roll call vote of the following, the motion passed. Aye: Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Walker, Councilor Miller. Nay: Councilor Lacewell.

E. Discussion and Possible Action on Adoption of Resolution 2023-28, a Resolution Establishing the City of Ruidoso Downs Governing Body Meetings, Committee, and Board Meetings and Public Notice Requirements.

Mayor Holman presented and requested approval to adopt Resolution 2023-28.



Councilor Lacewell moved to postpone Resolution 2023-28 to the next year. Councilor Miller seconded and upon a roll call vote of the following, the motion failed. Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lacewell. Nay: Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Walker, Mayor Holman.

Councilor Walker moved to adopt Resolution 2023-28 with the amendment to include Zoom be available for the citizens to attend the meetings virtually. Councilor Lundquist seconded and upon a roll call vote of the following, the motion passed. Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Walker. Nay: Councilor Lacewell.


ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Holman adjourned the regular meeting at 3:17 p.m.

MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED ON:


Passed and Approved on this 25th day of March 2024.

APPROVED:



Dean Holman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alejandra L. Giron, MMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

