

**CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS  
GOVERNING BODY REGULAR MINUTES  
MONDAY, March 28, 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, March 28, 2022. Mayor Holman called the regular meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked Councilor Walker to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Councilor Walker, Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist

**Present by Phone:** Councilor Lacewell

**Municipal Employees Present:**

Alejandra L. Giron, City Clerk/Treasurer

John Underwood, City Attorney

Carroll Scott, Police Chief

Robert Knight, Deputy Chief

Bruce Baker, Assistant Fire Chief

Joey Jarvis, Public Works Director

Andrea Herrera, Planning & Zoning Director

Corrina Vinson, Court Administrator

**Guests Present: 6**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Approval of Agenda with the Removal of Item A under New Business. Councilor Walker moved to approve Agenda with the Removal of Item A under New Business; Councilor Miller 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 Consent Agenda. Councilor Walker 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.

Councilor Walker thanked Joey and all who helped putting up the retaining wall and for all their hard work.

Councilor Miller stated that the Beautification Committee is encouraging volunteers for the community garden.

### **MAYORS COMMENTS**

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

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Mayor Holman stated the Municipal Courts will be presenting the monthly report.

Corrina asked if any of the Councilors had questions for her.

Councilor Walker asked if the Courts are handling more cases than they used to have.

Corrina stated they are a little bit slower in the last few months. The Police Dept has lost a few officers and has made things slower.

Councilor Walker stated that after viewing the Courts Reports it looks like the cases have been cut down by half.

Corrina stated that last year in January it was busy and this year was a lot slower, but hopefully it will pick up when we get new officers. She stated in February the Court handled 61 Citations, 57 from the Police Dept., 1 from Planning & Zoning and 3 from Animal Control.

Councilor Walker stated that in January there were less warrants than in February and asked why is that for the increase.

Corrina stated that there were more warrants in February because more people paid them in February. She stated that they have been working through open bench warrants and so some of the fines that they collected were old. She stated that the Citations come in from the Police Dept. so if they are not writing as many the Courts will be slower. She stated that not all of the officers are using the new citation track system.

Councilor Miller asked Corrina to make the reports on the Agenda Packet larger to view.



Corrina stated she can try to.

Mayor Holman stated the next presenter is the Public Works Dept.

Joey stated the Projects for the Riverside Water line Tank is 95% complete, the East Distribution project is about 75% complete, in February there was lots of snow and ice removal so they changed the policy to mirror Ruidoso's to be closer, they applied for DOT grants to rebuild and for paving of Park Lane and Harris Lane, and a Colonia grant for a new water line and repave of East and West Circle. He stated for the Departments the Street Maintenance had 7 work orders and filled pot holes and plowed the streets, the Garage is always bus and completed 6 work orders, the Parks helped with the retaining wall, the Streets also assisted with the retaining wall, assisted with the oil spill, the Water and Wastewater Department had 42 work orders and 19 new locates. He stated the Parks dept. only has 1 employee as it is hard to find volunteers for the Beautification clean ups and we will need them if we want to continue to apply for funding the grants require a community match except from Councilor Lundquist and Councilor Miller.

#### Audio Difficulty

Andrea stated that the Planning & Zoning Dept. that aside from their daily operations they have been researching (Audio difficulty) Ordinances and property issues, with the snow in February there hasn't been many building permits, they've had 3 mobile home placements, she has been continuing to pursue the Flood Plain certification pre-requisites, Juaquina has started her certification for the GIS and has been updating the 911 for NM, and keeping the Facebook page up to date.

Mayor Holman stated that the Fire Department was next on the monthly presentations.

Bruce stated that in February he has was helping Planning and Zoning with the Fire Inspections and the most common finding was that the fire extinguishers had not been inspected annually like they were supposed to, and catching up on the paperwork side the ladies at City Hall have been really helpful in helping him get situated with everything, we currently have 10 volunteers on the patrol as of right now and having trouble trying to recruit new volunteers. He stated he is looking for new ways to get volunteers in our community. He stated in February there were 44 calls, 21 were medical calls, 10 were aircraft standby and those numbers are about the same of last year.

Councilor Lundquist asked how do the volunteers get their training.

Bruce stated they have trainings twice a month and the volunteers are also able to sign up for free classes through the state puts on and there are plenty of opportunities for them to go out on top of what is offered at the station.



Councilor Walker thanked Bruce for doing a good job with the business licenses.

Councilor Miller asked if you have to be certified to do the fire inspections?

Bruce stated that he is certified and does have his fire inspector certification and is continuing to obtain the certifications.

Mayor Holman stated the Police Department is next for the presentations.

Chief Scott stated for the month of February we had 338 calls for service, we had 23 arrests for the month and so our officers are being proactive, and the fleet is down two positions.

Councilor Walker asked that compared to last year it looks like we're down.

Chief Scott that he has not seen last year's numbers but that they are what they are and usually when the numbers drop then that means things are happening when the numbers are high it usually means there is a lot more work to be done and 23 arrests in a 28-day month is not bad for a fleet of our size.

Mayor Holman stated the Department is doing a good job.

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**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was the Public Hearing for ORDINANCE 2022-05, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING AND OTHER REGULATIONS FOR CANNABIS; INCLUDING CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS, CANNABIS BUSINESS, PRODUCTION OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTIONS AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCE TITLE XV: LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 155: ZONING, TO ADD CANNABIS RELATED DEFINITIONS TO SECTION 155.006 AND TO AMEND DISTRICT REGULATIONS SECTIONS 155.045 AND SECTION 155.049 THROUGH 155.053 and opened the Public Hearing at 2:39 p.m.

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Andrea stated that the changes are to the zoning section and we updated the definitions and all the different things that can be done and has to get approval from Council for the Conditional use.

Ally stated the Notice of Intent was posted in the Ruidoso newspaper for the Notice of Intent for Ordinance 2022-05, the Ordinance is available upon request, and the Ordinance is also available on the city website.



Councilor Walker stated the city website is user friendly and is easy to navigate and full of information, and if you have a question about the city website you can always call City Hall to get help and they will assist you and talk you through it and anything else you need.

Audio difficulty

Bonnie Richardson approached Mayor Holman and Councilors if it is already decided where Cannabis can be grown.

Andrea (Audio Difficulty) P1, P2, Agricultural, and Industrial.

Mayor Holman stated there being no further discussion he closed the Public Hearing at 2:46 p.m.

Councilor Lundquist moved to approve ORDINANCE 2022-05, AN ORDINANCE ENACTING COMPREHENSIVE ZONING AND OTHER REGULATIONS FOR CANNABIS; INCLUDING CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS, CANNABIS BUSINESS, PRODUCTION OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTIONS AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCE TITLE XV: LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 155: ZONING, TO ADD CANNABIS RELATED DEFINITIONS TO SECTION 155.006 AND TO AMEND DISTRICT REGULATIONS SECTIONS 155.045 AND SECTION 155.049 THROUGH 155.053.

Councilor Walker seconded and motion carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Proposal with BIXBY ELECTRIC Traffic Signal Pole Replacement at HWY 70 and Downs Drive, in the amount of \$93,794.01 Exclusive NMGRT.

Joey stated that after meeting with NMDOT last week, unfortunately where the area sits they will not allow an improvement so if Council wants the light back up then they will have to approve the appraisal to get the same light that was there before.

Audio Difficulty

Joey stated that after spending an hour after the meeting with them that consistency and they will fine us everywhere. What they look at is not the car count on the highway it's the car count coming out of Downs Road and it is mainly the City Hall traffic who choose not to stop at the light. That is what hurts us. He did say he was going to do some counts.

Audio Difficulty



Councilor Walker stated that in the meeting they said we can't just do that and it is up to the state to put a light up and the light was given to us by Governor Richardson and we could put what was up before but we can't add anything to it. He still thinks that a light needs to be up.

Councilor Miller stated that its important to put the light back up for the children and in the mornings to have something to warn people to slow down because we don't want anyone to get hurt.

#### Audio Difficulty

Councilor Walker stated that the state said of having a sign on each side (Audio difficulty).

Joey stated this bid is now invalid as it is past the deadline but he has called a couple of places and left messages to get back to him. He asked if this item could be approved with being perceived to get anyone to do this job. He stated we would have to go through the state wide price agreement as this job was needed to be done back in October.

Councilor Miller moved to Approval of the proposal for the traffic signal pole replacement at highway 70 and Downs Drive in the amount of \$93,794.01 excluded NMGRT plus an allowance of 10% additional to allow for cost increase. Councilor Walker seconded and motion carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker. Nay: Councilor Lundquist.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**B.** Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel Recommendation to Hire Vaneza Meinjueiro for the Position of Certified Police Officer for the Police Department.

Chief Scott presented the potential candidate as the best candidate to fill that position as she is already certified and recommended that the City hire her.

Councilor Lundquist moved to approve the Personnel Recommendation to Hire Vaneza Meinjueiro for the Position of Certified Police Officer for the Police Department. Councilor Walker seconded and motion 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 Personnel Recommendation to Hire Alex Trejo for the Position of Certified Police Officer for the Police Department.



Chief Scott presented the potential candidate as the best candidate to fill that position as he is already certified and recommended that the City hire him.

Councilor Lundquist moved to approve the Personnel Recommendation to Hire Alex Trejo for the Position of Certified Police Officer for the Police Department. Councilor Lacewell seconded and motion carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker.

**D.** Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion on Village of Ruidoso Resolution 2022-XX Recommending the current members of the Ruidoso Consolidated Dispatch Board Amend the Consolidated Dispatch Agreements to include a County-wide consolidation of the Dispatch Centers to serve and represent all emergency services and direct Ruidoso staff to locate the Department of Public Safety Building within the East Wing of the Horton Complex.

John suggested that Council approve a Resolution appointing himself and one Councilor to be the representatives of the City for the Ruidoso Consolidated Dispatch Board.

**E.** Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on the Request for permission to control burn the hillside at Riverside Park and Service Lane.

Joey informed Mayor Holman and Councilors about the reasoning for the control burn of the hillside at Riverside Park and Service Lane and recommended they approve it.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Request for permission to control burn the hillside at Riverside Park and Service Lane. Councilor Lundquist 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 3:45 p.m.

**MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED ON:**

Passed and Approved on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

**APPROVED:**

Dean Holman



Dean Holman, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Alejandra L. Giron, CMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

