

**CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS
GOVERNING BODY REGULAR MINUTES
MONDAY, August 22, 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, August 22, 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 Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell

Present via Phone: Councilor Miller

Municipal Employees Present:

Alejandra L. Giron, City Clerk/Treasurer

John Underwood, City Attorney

Carroll Scott, Police Chief

Robert Knight, Deputy Police Chief

Mary Castaneda, Finance Director

Joey Jarvis, Public Works Director

Andrea Herrera, Planning & Zoning Director

Bruce Baker, Assistant Fire Chief

Guests Present: 8

Municipal Employees Present by Zoom:

Selena Chavez, Assistant City Clerk

Guest Speakers Present:

Crystal Sifuentes, Ruidoso Downs

Racetrack & Casino

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Approval of Consent Agenda. Councilor Lundquist moved to approve the 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.

Brian Roberts made comments.

Pam Williams made comments.

Wayne Williams made comments.

COUNCILORS COMMENTS

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

Councilor Lacewell stated she agreed that the area Brian Roberts referred to the corner of La Canada and La Capilla needs to have maintenance on that area. On Parker Road there was a really bad blockage and by the time she investigated who was responsible to clean it up, Public Works already had it taken care of.

Councilor Lundquist stated she appreciated all the work that Public Works does.

MAYORS COMMENTS

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

Fire

Bruce stated they had 8 business license fire inspections, 1 fire from a Greentree Solid Waste garbage roll-off, 42 medical calls, 17 helicopters, and so it's been a busy month for the response side.

Councilor Lundquist asked why we have so many helicopter rides, and if it's because the hospital can't take care of them?

Bruce responded they airlift the patients out to a hospital with a higher level of care, depending on the patient's need.

Police

Chief stated the PD had 80 citations, 20 warnings, and 17 arrests for July. With the All-American Futurity coming up and they have everything in place and are ready for a successful and safe event. Officer Conway has accepted a position with the Sheriff's Office and the Sheriff is interested to also purchase the K9 officer. He is retiring and has been in law enforcement for over 22 years, has been at the City for the past 6 years, and has been Chief for 3 of those. He is happy with the department that we have and the people we have.

Councilor Lundquist thanked Chief for his service and he will be greatly missed.



Councilor Miller thanked Chief Scott for all he does for the City and all the help they gave the Sherriff's office during the highspeed car chase recently.

Public Works

Joey stated for July began work on paving Short Drive, Downs Drive, and Harris Drive, and has applied for CDBG funding. Maintenance checked and had to troubleshoot sewer lift station, Mechanic shop repaired Fire, PD, Park, Streets, Water vehicles, and bobcat. He helped remove trees around the river and completed 14 work orders. The Parks dept. mowed grass pretty much 24/7. Wastewater/Water department they maintenance manhole at the racetrack, vectored out East Circle lift station twice a day, and they had 45 work orders. Our total monthly production is 8.8 million gallons, we sold 6,870,180.00 gallons and it left us with 22% percentage lost and is about the least amount of gallons lost. It is at 164 gallons a minute and when he started in 2009 it was over 400 gallons a minute.

Councilor Lundquist asked why is our bills going up.

Joey responded that the rates of the materials needed to give the service have also gone up. They have to cover the cost of material. We haven't made much money this year and we are aiming to at least break even and if they remembered from last budget, it was in the red.

Councilor Lundquist asked if we are making a profit.

Joey responded no, but we are trying to break even and make a little for capital.

Councilor Miller thanked Joey for everything he does and we need our water.

Planning & Zoning

Andreas stated that the Boys Scouts ceremony that it was nice. She reported that there were no new animal licenses, we are up to one more building permit and our valuation is \$444,829.30 which is a difference of the valuation. The property values are tracked. They have had 1 new mobile home placement on Parnell, and a second case was postponed in September. They are also working on a possible food sales ordinance and door to door sales.

Councilor Lundquist asked about the water rights for the Cannabis permits and are they buying the water from the City.

Andrea stated that there is only one that has been approved and they go through the Public Works department. They will be using a drip system which is more efficient.

Councilor Lundquist asked Joey if we have qualifications for that.



Joey responded that they do and that they have been going case by case because he does not want them to take up too much of the City's water supply.

Councilor Walker asked how close are they of getting GIS & Flood plain certified.

Andrea stated that Juaquina is already GIS certified and she goes back for testing in November for the Flood Plain certification.

Mayor Holman stated that Shane has been doing a good job with his participation in the Wastewater Treatment Plant JUB meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on the Greentree Solid Waste Authority Service Issues presented by Ray Dean.

John stated at the last meeting it was agreed that both parties would compile a list they would present to one another regarding the things each party was having issues with but due to the low staff at the City last week he did not get a thorough list for the City. He has spoken to Ray Dean about the matter and they decided to have a meeting to exchange the lists and go from there.

Councilor Miller moved to postpone the Greentree Solid Waste Authority Service Issues presented by Ray Dean to September 12th meeting. Councilor Walker seconded and motion carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of the Special Dispenser Permit Application for the Cowboy Festival on September 30 through October 2, 2022.

Crystal stated the Special Dispensers Permit is for the alcohol being served in their tent with concerts going on all day and all night for the Cowboy Festival.

Councilor Lundquist moved to approve the Special Dispenser Permit Application for the Cowboy Festival on September 30 through October 2, 2022. Councilor Lacewell seconded and motion carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker.

B. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Acceptance of the Capital Outlay 22-G2888 Grant for a New City Hall in the amount of \$500,000.00.



Joey stated this is a capital appropriation it is set up for a new City Hall. This money is going to be on the design of that.

Councilor Lacewell stated it seems like \$500,000.00 won't go far.

Joey stated it's not a lot but it will take care of the design.

Councilor Lundquist moved to approve the Acceptance of the Capital Outlay 22-G2888 Grant for a New City Hall in the amount of \$500,000.00. Councilor Lacewell 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 Acceptance of the Capital Outlay 22-G2889 Grant for the Hubbard Museum of the American West in the amount of \$275,000.00.

Joey stated this is capital appropriations for the Museum and we've done over \$300,000.00 into the Museum and we will be using this money to hopefully get the Museum open as soon as we can.

Councilor Walker asked if we have done a feasibility study to see what the cost is to run the building.

Joey stated that he is not sure. We're going to just have to talk with Mary in trying to figure out how we can do it.

Councilor Lacewell stated thank you and John for getting this money and thanked them for their efforts toward the Museum.

Councilor Miller thanked John and Joey for getting the money for the Museum and that she was happy to hear of this news.

Mayor Holman thanked Joey very much also.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Acceptance of the Capital Outlay 22-G2889 Grant for the Hubbard Museum of the American West in the amount of \$275,000.00. Councilor Lacewell seconded and motion carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker.



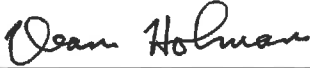
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Governing Body, Mayor Holman adjourned the regular meeting at 2:51 p.m.

MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED ON:

Passed and Approved on this 12th day of September 2022.

APPROVED:



Dean Holman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alejandra L. Giron, MMC
City Clerk/Treasurer

