

**CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS  
GOVERNING BODY REGULAR MINUTES  
MONDAY, September 26, 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, September 26, 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 Miller

**Present by Phone:** Councilor Lacewell

**Municipal Employees Present:**

Alejandra L. Giron, City Clerk/Treasurer

John Underwood, City Attorney

Joey Jarvis, Public Works Director

Andrea Herrera, Planning & Zoning Director

Officer Ward

**Guests Present: 2**

**Guest Speakers Present:**

Crystal Sifuentes, Lodger's Tax Chairperson

Annette Rankin, owner of Y'all's Steakhouse

**Municipal Employees Present by Zoom:**

Selena Chavez, Assistant City Clerk

**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. \*APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BODY MINUTES

\*September 12, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes

B. \*APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLES

\*Paid Invoice Report for August 19, 2022 - September 19, 2022

C. \*APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

\*Public Works Report

\*Municipal Court Report

\*Police Department Report

\*Planning & Zoning Department-GIS Report



D. \*COMMITTEE REPORTS

- \*Lodger's Tax Committee Report
- \*Greentree Solid Waste Authority Committee Report
- \*Waste Water Treatment Plant JUB Committee Report
- \*Consolidated Dispatch Joint Board October Report

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. No Public Input.

**COUNCILORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Councilors Comments.  
Councilor Lacewell asked if we could get the weed infestation under control.

Councilor Miller stated the black-needed little weed has been here for years but the foxtail weed is what she is more worried about. It will affect your animals and is dangerous.

Councilor Lacewell asked what the Code Enforcement is for the weeds.

Councilor Miller stated she believes it's eight inches. They only funded the transit for \$8,000.00 and so the transit will come to Ruidoso Downs three times a day.

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

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

**Planning & Zoning**

Andrea stated the building permits were the same, they had 2 cases for the month of August. One for a manufacturing business for Cannabis and was approved. The other case was postponed and they helped out at the front desk here and there.

**Public Works**

Joey stated for August they spent a lot of time cleaning gravel off of Hwy 70., they did more work on Harris Lane and have reconstructed that road five times. Maintenance dept. completed 10 work orders, Garage dept. last month had a bunch of vehicles ready for govdeals.com and completed 6 work orders, mowed, Street dept. worked on Harris Lane and Short Dr., they bladed Sierra Lane and cut weeds in preparation for the Labor Day, Water/Wastewater dept. completed 32 work orders, and they had a lift station that was down for a month but they did find a vendor who helped them rebuild them and they had a CPR class also.



## Police

Officer Ward stated they had 27 total arrests and 157 citations issued for the month of August.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

A. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Approval of Beer and Wine Liquor License with the Premises Consumption Only to be used at the Business Known as Y'all's Steakhouse, located at 26135 U.S. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346.

Annette stated she owns two locations of the Y'all's steakhouse and its all-premium steaks.

Councilor Lundquist asked if the liquor license comes with it?

Annette responded no, it doesn't.

John clarified the state of New Mexico's beer & wine license is non-transferable. Ms. Rankin has applied for a beer & wine license to only serve beer and wine on the premises. Every year they will have to reapply with the state of New Mexico and pay a fee for a license to the city annually for the pleasure of serving liquor licenses within the city limits.

Mayor Holman opened the Public Hearing to the Public at 2:29 p.m. There being no public input, Mayor Holman closed the Public Hearing at 2:30 p.m. and open it up for Councilor's comments.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Beer and Wine Liquor License with on the Premises Consumption Only to be used at the Business Known as Y'all's Steakhouse, located at 26135 U.S. Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346. Councilor Lundquist seconded and the motion was 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 the Greentree Solid Waste Authority Service Issues presented by Ray Dean.

John stated that they had a meeting with Ray Dean this past week and discussed many issues. Mary Castaneda is going to have a meeting with Crystal.

Councilor Walker stated that they have a lot of meetings and so now both sides are aware of what's going on.

Councilor Walker moved to postpone this item to the October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Council 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. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of increase on Special Funding Requests from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally.

Crystal stated she is the chairman of the Lodgers Tax Committee and the Motorcycle Rally is expecting a lot more people.

Councilor Lacewell stated that she thought that they already said that they were going to get 1,000.00 at that time and it was final.

Councilor Miller stated the lodgers' tax is for advertising and she agrees they should get the \$5,000.00

Councilor Lacewell asked if anyone has ever pulled the lodger's tax. She stated our town couldn't accommodate only 16,000 people so most of them are going to the Village to stay.

Councilor Walker stated that we need to focus on the event brings business to all of the businesses in town.

Councilor Miller moved to approve an Increase on Special Funding Requests from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for the Golden Aspen Motorcycle Rally. Councilor Lundquist seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Walker. Nay: Councilor Lacewell

B. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of an increase on Special Funding Requests from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for the All-American Cowboy Festival.

Crystal stated they are asking for the additional funds due to the Professional Bull Riding and they already have 2,000 tickets sold.

Councilor Lacewell stated they shouldn't be given the 5,000.00 due to the amount of income.

Crystal stated that the racetrack is the only venue to hold these events in the city. She has sat on the Lodger's Tax Committee for the last two years and the same events ask for the lodger's tax money every year.

Councilor Lundquist moved to approve an increase on Special Funding Requests from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00 for the All-American Cowboy Festival. Councilor Miller seconded and the motion



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

**A.** Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of an increase on Special Funding Requests from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00 for the Christmas Jubilee.

Crystal stated the ladies that presented didn't have the event in the past two years due to covid and gave an excellent report on their event and how many people they expect.

Councilor Lundquist stated that once again this event isn't in the Downs it's in the Village.

Councilor Walker stated it shouldn't be about which entity gets more money out of the event because we all benefit if the event takes place in the county, village, or in city.

Councilor Miller moved to approve an increase on Special Funding Requests from \$1,000.00 to \$2,500.00 for the Christmas Jubilee. Councilor Walker seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker. Nay: Councilor Lundquist

**B.** Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of New Mexico Statewide Pricing Agreement No. 00-00000-19-00079 with Alcohol Monitoring System for Ankle Monitoring.

John stated thank you to Mary Castaneda, Corrina Vinson, and Judge Plant for their efforts in trying to get the ankle monitoring system. The ankle monitoring gives them the opportunity to send people to the detention center instead they can monitor them so they can continue to go on with their schedules. It's something that would be very beneficial and they have been working very hard to get it.

Councilor Walker stated he has talked with other sheriffs and officers and doesn't think that it's a good way to have them monitored because people find a way to manipulate it. The monitors can't be seen in our terrain.

Councilor Lundquist stated that this world is getting away with more and they shouldn't break the law if they don't want to go to jail.

John stated they are dealing with people committing misdemeanors and not major criminal acts.

Councilor Miller moved to approve New Mexico Statewide Pricing Agreement No. 00-00000-19-00079 with Alcohol Monitoring System for Ankle Monitoring. Councilor Walker seconded



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

E. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Personnel Recommendation to Hire Eric Rubio for the Position of Maintenance Tech I for the Public Works Department.

Joey stated this guy has done a little bit of everything and with this hire, the Public Works Department will be fully staffed.

Councilor Lundquist moved to approve Personnel Recommendation to Hire Eric Rubio for the Position of Maintenance Tech I for the Public Works Department. Councilor Walker seconded and the motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote as follows: Aye: Councilor Miller, Councilor Lacewell, Councilor Walker. Abstain, Councilor Lundquist, because she sat in on the hiring committee and that is a day-to-day business.

F. Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was Discussion and Possible Action on Adoption of Resolution 2022-25, a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an NM CDBG Program Application to the Department of Finance and Administration/Local Government Division; and Authorizing the Mayor to act as the City of Ruidoso Downs Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all Matters Pertaining to the City of Ruidoso Downs' Participation in the CDBG.

Joey stated the CDBG has a little bit of extra money this year to apply for an asset management plan. We would like to see if we can get the \$50,000.00 with the \$25,000.00 match and we need this Resolution to apply.

Councilor Miller moved to approve the Adoption of Resolution 2022-25, a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an NM CDBG Program Application to the Department of Finance and Administration/Local Government Division, and Authorizing the Mayor to act as the City of Ruidoso Downs Chief Executive Officer and Authorized Representative in all Matters Pertaining to the City of Ruidoso Downs' Participation in the CDBG. Councilor Walker 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 3:24 p.m.

#### **MINUTES ARE DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED ON:**

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



**APPROVED:**

 *Dean Holman*

Dean Holman, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

*Alejandra L. Giron*  
Alejandra L. Giron, MMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

