

**CITY OF RUIDOSO DOWNS  
GOVERNING BODY, REGULAR MEETING  
123 DOWNS DRIVE  
RUIDOSO DOWNS, NEW MEXICO 88346  
November 14, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Ruidoso Downs met in a regular session on Monday, November 14, 2022. Mayor Holman called the regular meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and asked Councilor Lundquist 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

Selena Chavez, Assistant City Clerk

John Underwood, City Attorney

Joe Commander, Police Chief

Robert Knight, Deputy Police Chief

Nicholas Malone, Police Officer

Joey Jarvis, Public Works Director

Andrea Herrera, Planning & Zoning Director

**Guests Present: 2**

**Guest Speakers Present:**

Crystal Roller, Director of Operations

Greentree Solid Waste Authority

Ray Dean, Chairman of Greentree Solid  
Waste Authority Committee

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Holman stated next item on the agenda was the Approval of the Agenda with the removal of item D. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Personnel Recommendation to hire Francisco Sandoval for the Position of Maintenance Tech I for the Public Works Department.

**Motion: Moved by** Councilor Miller to approve the Agenda as presented; **Seconded by** Councilor Lundquist

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Aye= 4).

**Aye:** Councilor Miller, Councilor Walker, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**A. \*APPROVAL OF GOVERNING BODY MINUTES**

\*October 24, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes



**Motion: Moved by** Councilor Walker to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; **Seconded** by Councilor Miller

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Aye= 4).

**Aye:** Councilor Miller, Councilor Walker, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

No public input.

**COUNCILORS COMMENTS**

No councilor's comments.

**MAYORS COMMENTS**

No mayor's comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**A.** Ordinance 2022-08, an Ordinance Amending Title V: Public Works; Chapter 52. Sanitation; Garbage and Refuse; Appendix A: Schedule of Collection Fees of the City of Ruidoso Downs Code of Ordinances and opened to the Public at 2:06 p.m.

There being none, Mayor Holman closed the Public Hearing to the Public at 2:06 p.m.

Mayor Holman opened the Public Hearing to the Council at 2:06 p.m.

City Attorney stated a couple of amendments are needed based on conversations with Crystal and Mary. The CPI of two percent per year should be omitted because that was voted on by the GSWA board.

Councilor Lacewell asked if the Ordinance stated they can drop off their green garbage at the roll off then will the city be charged, and if the administrative fee goes to the city?

Crystal Roller, Director of Operations GSWA stated yes and the \$0.30 is to pick up the green brush.

Councilor Miller asked if that is included in the monthly fee from GSWA.

Crystal Roller, Director of Operations GSWA stated yes, the \$0.30 is included.

City Attorney stated the administrative fee is charged to the citizens.



The City Clerk stated yes, it's \$3.00 for every customer and it's one-third of the total cost of the Billing Service.

City Attorney stated what we are charged from Greentree is passed to the citizens. The \$0.35 that was charged to Greentree is passed to the consumer. The cost increases were not incurred over the course of time and are now going to be administered all at once. This Ordinance is to collectively assume the costs to keep the Agreement that we have with GSWA. We have not updated that agreement in a long time and this is to update it.

Councilor Walker stated it's a necessary raise and there has not been a raise since 1991.

There being no further discussion Mayor Holman closed the Public Hearing to the Councilors at 2:23 p.m. and entertained a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-08 with the amendment to omit the CPI.

**Motion: Moved** by Councilor Walker to approve Ordinance 2022-08 with amendments;  
**Seconded** by Councilor Lundquist.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Aye= 4).

**Aye:** Councilor Miller, Councilor Walker, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A.** Discussion and Possible Action on the Greentree Solid Waste Authority Service Issues presented by Ray Dean.

City Attorney stated due to the item already being discussed through Ordinance 2022-08 and the agreement with Greentree Solid Waste Authority on Roll-Off Services this item will be taken off the agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Agreement Between the City of Ruidoso Downs and Greentree Solid Waste Authority on Roll-Off Services.

City Attorney stated on the agreement itself there is the word "yard waste." Yard waste is the branches of trees that are picked up by the grappler truck. We don't want to tell the citizens that they can drop it off at GSWA. We would have the citizens sign and take a document for approved yard waste which would be old furniture. If we give our citizens the form to take to Greentree then the city will pay for it, but if they do not get the slip then the citizen will pay for it.

The City Clerk stated the slip would be administered at City Hall by the Utility Clerk.



Councilor Miller asked if the citizens are to be required to take their recent water bill.

Crystal Roller, Director of Operations GSWA stated yes, and they also check the citizen's id.

Councilor Lacewell asked if the citizens have old furniture and take it to GSWA then the City wouldn't be charged.

Crystal Roller, Director of Operations GSWA stated Greentree charged the City for the citizens with a bill to dump into the roll-off but now the City wants the citizens to get the slips from the City Hall and take them to Greentree. It is actually "household miscellaneous waste." The "yard waste" sounds like pine needles and branches.

City Attorney stated on the Agreement the word "yard waste" be omitted and add "household miscellaneous waste" and omit "yardage". On the document for the citizen to get approved, omit the word "yard" and add "approval of miscellaneous household waste".

**Motion: Moved by Councilor Walker to approve the Agreement with the amendments; Seconded by Councilor Lundquist.**

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Aye= 4).

**Aye:** Councilor Miller, Councilor Walker, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell.

**B. Discussion and Possible Action on Appointment of Brian Roberts to fill the Member Vacancy of the Planning and Zoning Committee, Pursuant to Chapter 155, §155.020, (B).**

No Discussion.

**Motion: Moved by Councilor Miller to approve the appointment of Brian Roberts as presented; Seconded by Councilor Walker.**

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Aye= 4).

**Aye:** Councilor Miller, Councilor Walker, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell.

**C. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Task Order 22-01 to Dennis Engineering for Engineering Services during Design and Construction of the East and West Circle Improvements.**

Public Works Director stated Task Order is for DEC to do the designing and construction. This will be paid out of cash match or from the grant.

**Motion: Moved by Councilor Lundquist to approve Task Order 22-01 as presented; Seconded by Councilor Miller.**



**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Aye= 4).

**Aye:** Councilor Miller, Councilor Walker, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell.

**E. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Personnel Recommendation to hire Nickolas Hanshaw as a Police Officer for the Police Department.**

Deputy Police Chief requested the hire of Nickolas Hanshaw who served as a policeman in Texas. Nickolas Hanshaw has passed a background check, presented well during the interview, has lots of training, and is an army veteran.

**Motion: Moved by Councilor Lundquist to approve the hire of Nickolas Hanshaw as presented; Seconded by Councilor Miller.**

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Aye= 4).

**Aye:** Councilor Miller, Councilor Walker, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell.

**F. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Personnel Recommendation to hire Calli Maldonado as a Community Service Officer for the Police Department.**

Deputy Police Chief requested the hire of Calli Maldonado who had a clean background check, her prior employers had nothing but good to say about her, and she had a very good interview.

**Motion: Moved by Councilor Miller to approve the hire of Calli Maldonado as presented; Seconded by Councilor Lundquist.**

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Aye= 4).

**Aye:** Councilor Miller, Councilor Walker, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell.

**G. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval to Increase the Police Department Budget with the funds Made from the Sale of the Police Canine in the amount of \$15,000.00.**

Deputy Police Chief requested the \$15,000.00 from the sale of the dog to turn the animal haulers back to people haulers, one of the vehicle's up-fits, and to replace the three faulty radars.

Councilor Lacewell asked where the original money to add a canine to the force come from.

Deputy Police Chief stated from the Police Department's last fiscal budget.

Councilor Lacewell stated this item be tabled until they can speak with Mary about it.



Councilor Walker stated some of the stuff the Police Dept. wants is in the budget and agreed this item be tabled.

Deputy Police Chief stated the radars are not in the budget. The outfitting of the dog hauler needs to be converted to a people hauler otherwise they will likely not be able to upfit it until they get more funds and will have to stay parked in the meantime.

Councilor Lundquist stated the money should be given to the Police Department.

Councilor Miller asked why can't the \$15,000.00 be added to the Police Department's budget.

Deputy Police Chief stated the \$15,000.00 has to go back into General Fund since there are two different budget cycles and had to make the request to get it added to their current budget.

Councilor Miller agreed the money should be given to the Police Department.

**Motion: Moved by Councilor Walker to Postpone the Increase in the Police Department Budget with the funds Made from the Sale of the Police Canine in the amount of \$15,000.00 to the November 28, 2022, Regular council meeting.; **Seconded by Councilor Lacewell.****

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Aye= 4).

**Aye:** Councilor Miller, Councilor Walker, Councilor Lundquist, Councilor Lacewell.


**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 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Dean Holman, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Alejandra L. Giron, MMC  
City Clerk/Treasurer

