

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Gallup City Council, City of Gallup, New Mexico, held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 110 West Aztec, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jackie McKinney.

Upon roll call, the following were present:

Mayor: Jackie McKinney

Councilors: Mike Enfield
Cecil Garcia
Allan Landavazo
E. Bryan Wall

Also present: Dan Dible, City Manager
R. David Pederson, City Attorney

Mayor McKinney said a Commendation and a Certificate of Retirement was prepared for Kee Yazzie, Jr. honoring him for 25 years of service as a Vehicle Service Center Mechanic. Mr. Yazzie was not present to receive his award.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors were the Minutes of the Work Session and Regular Session of July 26, 2011. Councilor Wall recommended the inclusion of the following amendment to the Minutes of the Regular Session of July 26, 2011: Councilor Wall said the draft Limited Temporary Licensing Agreement was provided to the Mayor Pro Tem and Councilors a few minutes prior to the current meeting and has not had the opportunity to review the proposed agreement nor were they able to consult with other individuals regarding the matter. He said it will require time to research the material and does not want to act in haste by voting on an agreement that was handed to the members of the Council minutes before the meeting started. The members of the Council should have sound judgment and have the best interest of the City and its citizens, event holders, and potential new event holders in this matter. The agreement would provide a lease to the Church Rock Chapter House for 16 acres of land at Red Rock Park for one dollar per year with the option to renew the agreement for four years.

Councilor Wall made the motion to approve the aforementioned Minutes with his proposed amendment to the Minutes of the Regular Session of July 26, 2011. Seconded by Councilor Garcia. Roll call: Councilors Wall, Garcia, Landavazo, and Enfield all voted aye. Mayor McKinney abstained since he was not present at the Work Session and Regular Session of July 26, 2011. Motion carried.

Presented to the Mayor and Councilors was the following Discussion/Action Topic:

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1. Request for the Closure of Coal Avenue for the Wild West Day Activities to be Held Saturday, September 10, 2011 – Bill Lee, Executive Director, Gallup McKinley County Chamber of Commerce and Ben Welch, Executive Director, Recreation Division

Mr. Lee said in cooperation with the New Mexico Tourism Department, Gallup has been selected as one of ten cities in the state to participate in the “Catch the Kid Contest” on Saturday, September 10, 2011. As part of the festivities, the event will consist of an Arts Crawl and a staged theatrical shootout and gun fight on Coal Avenue between Second and Third Streets from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The event will also include the reading of cowboy poetry at the Library, building the world’s largest Navajo taco, family trail rides on the high desert trail system, the showing of Billy the Kid movies at El Morro Theater, and hosting a Billy the Kid guitar gunslinger jam contest at the Court House Square. Mr. Lee also provided an overview of the statewide “Catch the Kid Contest.”

Mr. Welch said the City is excited in working with the New Mexico Tourism Department as the community has worked together in showcasing Gallup. The showing of Billy the Kid movies at El Morro Theater will be at no charge to the public.

Councilor Enfield made the motion to approve the request to close Coal Avenue for the Wild West Day activities. Seconded by Councilor Wall. Roll call: Councilors Enfield, Wall, Landavazo, Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.

Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

Jay Dee Pfannenstiel said there were four letters from State Senator George Munoz concerning State funds, in the total amount of \$172,500, that were appropriated for the City’s Senior Centers. Mr. Pfannenstiel said he has not been able to receive responses to his inquires on the matter. Mr. Welch said the funds that were appropriated by the State were clawed back during the State’s budget shortfall months ago. Mr. Welch also said the new and previous capital outlay requests for the Senior Centers will be submitted during the Special Legislative Session in September 2011 and during the Regular Legislative Session in January 2012. Mayor McKinney said Mr. Pfannenstiel may verify the claw back of the appropriated funds with the State.

Comments by Mayor and City Councilors

Councilor Landavazo reiterated his comments from the last Regular Meeting by encouraging citizens to invest in their community by purchasing goods in Gallup instead of traveling to other cities to do so. He also encouraged citizens to support the 90th Annual Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial taking place this week.

Councilor Garcia asked if the City gives \$1 million to the operator of the Wastewater

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Treatment Plant. The Mayor and Councilors said the City contracts with a private company for the operation of the plant. Councilor Garcia said the odor that emanates from the plant is very bad and needs to be addressed by the contractor. Councilor Wall recommended inviting Severn Trent Environmental Services (STES), the contractor operating the Wastewater Treatment Plant, to address the Mayor and Councilors regarding the matter. Mr. Allgood said he will invite STES to a future Council Meeting to provide a briefing on the matter. Mr. Allgood also said he has not received any recent complaints concerning the odor as it was his understanding that the odors from the plant have been significantly reduced.

Mayor McKinney thanked Councilor Landavazo for his work as Mayor Pro Tem during the Mayor's absence. He also encouraged citizens to support the Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial this week. He commended City staff for their work with the Community Cleanup Program and thanked the citizens of Gallup for doing their share. Councilor Wall asked about the next cleanup day. Mr. Dible said the next cleanup day will be on August 20, 2011, which will focus on Area 4 - Southeast portion of town. Mr. Allgood said Area 4 consists of all areas east of Second Street to Verdi Drive, south of Highway 66 to Philipina Avenue and Country Club Drive.

Comments by City Manager

Mr. Dible presented copies of a spreadsheet containing the Fiscal Year 2012 Gross Receipts Tax Monthly Estimator which is used to project gross receipts tax revenues (a copy of said spreadsheet is attached hereto and made a part of these official Minutes). The spreadsheet contains historical data which is used to calculate the average monthly Gross Receipts Tax (GRT), percentage of the annual total each month for the seven year period, monthly projections that need to be collected to meet the annual GRT budget based on normal trends, and the projected annual deficit or surplus based on actual monthly GRT received. The projections should not be considered reliable until there is at least three to four months of actual GRT returns are known. The GRT Monthly Estimator is the best measure of the local economy as the information will be continually updated and e-mailed to the Mayor and Councilors for their review.

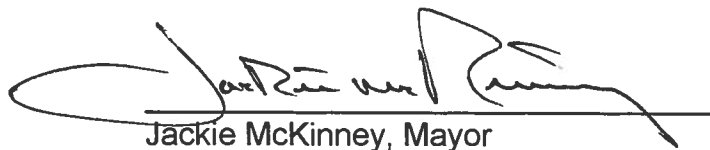
Mr. Dible also presented copies of a spreadsheet with the General Fund Self Support Percentages and Subsidy Levels for the Golf Course, Aquatic Center, El Morro Theater, Red Rock Park, Fitness Center, and Harold Runnels Pool (a copy of said spreadsheet is attached hereto and made a part of these official Minutes). The spreadsheet will reveal the historical trends of self-support and the dollar amounts required from the general fund to cover the shortfall for each facility.

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There being no further business, Councilor Enfield made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Landavazo. Roll call: Councilors Enfield, Landavazo, Wall, Garcia and Mayor McKinney all voted aye.



Jackie McKinney, Mayor

ATTEST:



Alfred Abeita, City Clerk

Approved 8/23/2011

GENERAL FUND SELF SUPPORT (%) & SUBSIDY LEVELS (\$)

	FY 2011	FY 2010	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006	FY 2005	FY 2004	FY 2003	FY 2002	FY 2001	FY 2000
Golf Course	18.10%	20.01%	25.74%	23.98%	24.22%	31.06%	31.68%	34.96%	29.94%	25.15%	29.88%	36.75%
Golf Course	\$747,202	\$713,822	\$721,570	\$640,154	\$543,182	\$411,744	\$368,337	\$368,224	\$477,429	\$702,872	\$483,831	\$413,674
Aquatic Center	15.25%	16.25%	15.13%	17.63%	30.95%							
Aquatic Center	\$398,215	\$430,313	\$420,502	\$379,369	\$184,319							
El Morro	28.13%	22.64%	22.53%	9.13%	17.44%	19.58%	35.51%					
El Morro	\$87,863	\$89,181	\$83,722	\$110,165	\$107,267	\$71,206	\$62,173					
Red Rock Park	15.01%	18.33%	22.11%	24.43%	11.84%	3.11%	8.99%	30.25%				
Red Rock Park	\$595,235	\$441,898	\$396,810	\$333,637	\$271,190	\$364,155	\$443,791	\$602,633				
Fitness Center	76.23%	91.33%	91.95%	62.34%	83.22%	44.52%	85.62%	61.43%	78.38%	32.29%	0.00%	\$0
Fitness Center	\$57,880	\$20,982	\$19,048	\$89,455	\$37,519	\$173,612	\$4,300	\$24,750	\$77,736	\$38,243	\$147,553	\$0
H R Pool	15.97%	22.30%	22.58%	4.14%	19.19%	27.35%	9.59%	27.86%				
H R Pool	\$236,614	\$206,978	\$239,910	\$746,668	\$329,115	\$266,020	\$764,265	\$266,777				
Total	\$2,123,008	\$1,903,174	\$1,881,562	\$2,299,448	\$1,472,592	\$1,286,737	\$1,642,865	\$1,262,384	\$555,165	\$741,115	\$631,384	\$413,674

LODGERS TAX ALSO INVOLVED

For example, in FY 2010 the Fitness Center was 91.33% self supporting and it cost the General Fund \$20,982 to cover the shortfall.

