

CITY COMMISSION

CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO

MARCH 2, 2015

TIME & PLACE: The Mayor and City Commission of the City of Truth or Consequences in the county of Sierra, and State of New Mexico met in Regular Session in full conformity with the law and ordinances of said Commission in the Commission chambers of said City, March 2, 2015, with the meeting starting at 4:01 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Sandra Whitehead opened the meeting by welcomed everyone and thanked those in attendance, then she explaining we were scheduled for interviews, but at this time we will be postponing todays interviews, to the Meeting Tuesday, March the 10th, time to be determined. She explained that during our Regular Agenda, in this Special Meeting, under item F.1. we will be discussing the process that will take place during that interview process.

ROLL CALL: Upon calling the roll the following commissioner were reported present:

Hon. Sandra Whitehead, Mayor
Hon. Steve Green, Mayor Pro-Tem
Hon. Jeff Richter, Commissioner
Hon. Kathy Clark

Also Present:

Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Judy Harris, City Clerk
Mike Kertesz, Candidate Commission Position III
Russ Peterson, Candidate Commission Position III
Dean Tulk, Candidate Commission Positon III

There being a quorum present the Commission proceeded with business at hand.

Mayor Sandra Whitehead called for fifteen seconds of Silent Meditation.

Mayor Sandra Whitehead led the Pledge.

Mayor Sandra Whitehead called for approval of the Agenda.

“Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Green motioned to move item F.2. to F.1 on the Agenda

Seconded by Commissioner Kathy Clark.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

"Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Green noted that since Frances Luna has arrived, he we suggests we move new business number F.2. Discussion/Action Rodeo Arena use by Hot Springs High Rodeo Association.; and move number one down into the number two slot.

Seconded by Commissioner Kathy Clark.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Sandra Whitehead noted next on the Agenda was F.2. Discussion/Action: Rodeo Arena Use by the Hot Springs Rodeo Association, Mayor Whitehead called Frances Luna to approach.

Ms. Frances Luna approached and explained she had submitted a letter to the Commission requesting that the fee be waived for the use of the City arena in part or all, for the Hot Springs Rodeo Association, she stood for questions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Green noted this picks up something Commissioner Richter brought up, that we are losing these types of things. He noted he thought it was a good idea, it's not being used, and he thought the second paragraph in the letter noting that in asking for the fee to be waived, in part, if not completely. The Association is willing to do a cleanup day at the arena, including weeds, painting, etc., as in-kind payment for use of the facility. This is fair, righteous, and proper attitude to take when you're asking something of the City but willing to give back to the City. He asked Ms. Luna questions about Gymkhana and State Championships.

Ms. Frances Luna explained they have Gymkhana all over the State; and that last year 23 kids in our association part from Sierra County and the rest all travel from outside the county and they come here to participate in our youth rodeo, those kids range from the age of two to eighteen, and they come here no less than four times during the summer, up to six times. So we have the chance to boost the economy 6 different times during the summer, that's how many rodeos we have. Right now we have 45 participants signed up and half of those are from outside of Sierra County. We do a South west finals and Hot Springs Rodeo Association actually poised to be the host for that, and that would be up to five counties, 24 kids representing each of the five counties and that would be and one day youth rodeo. She noted she was proud to say that Hot Springs won two years out of the three that we've been doing that.

Commissioner Kathy Clark referenced charging for different venues, noting the Civic Center. She noted she and Ms. Luna had spoken of bringing people to town. She stated she thought it would be absolutely preposterous to charge for an event like this if you're going to put the effort and you're going to clean the area.

Commissioner Jeff Richter state that the arena needs a lot of work, you can use it and have a competition there right now the way it is. But it needs a lot of work. It needs two guys and a

welder a week, welding gates back up, and just doing the general maintenance as nothing has been done on it in a long time, it needs blasted and painted, the ground within the arena itself needs a lot of work too, that arena has been worked in a circle for so long it's kicked all the dirt to the outside and now we have a circle, then when it rains there's two big ole holes in that hole there's three or four inches of water, it doesn't drain. He suggests that before the season begins the City embark on an update project that's substantial and bring the rodeo arena up to par, and maybe somebody else will want to use it too. It's pretty run down right now.

Commissioner Kathy Clark asked about the Sheriff's Posse and their arena.

Ms. Frances Luna explained the Sheriff's Posse has their own arena and they are unable to maintain their own arena, that's why the our Association Board decided to make the move to the City arena, the Edwards who have been the President and Secretary have taken off one day of work historically for the last three years, with their equipment to work on it, and they haven't been able to do that right now. As to conditions, Peter and Ed came and met with her and the spoke of the issues. She explained they don't need the riding shoots, the rough stock shoots, we only need the heading and heeling boxes and the striping shoot at the opposite end, and they were already going to take care of that. She explained she had concerns of the floor in the crow's nest; Peter was going to work on that for safety reasons. Yes, there are some issues, the reason she asked for this to be on the agenda is because the first one is this Saturday. We have six weeks between the first one and the second one to address some of the issues. She noted it was already better than the Sheriff's Posse Arena.

Ed Ragsdale stated last week we had the FAA held horse judging, sheep judging, cattle judging at the arena, we had just purchased a brand new disk and he disked the arena three different times, and went over it with an arena rake, and re-raked it; he got a blade to work; so they are going in there to drag the dirt away from the edges that it's piled up on the outside, we reworked the sprinkler system it in. The hose mentioned we spoke about, we hauled in dirt and filled them in, we still have an indentation there, it's just gonna take time. He explained he was the only one in Parks with the experience to do this stuff, it would take time, specifically mentioning he worked six hour days, three days a week. He explained that as for the roping shoots, the staging shoot and striping shoots, they are over 10 years old. He stated the roping shoot was completely rotted out at the bottom; it needs to be replaced before it tears up an animal's legs. He noted going on line and researching and found the roping shoot was about \$1,800; and noted that Parks did not have enough for the purchase in their budget. The staging shoot runs about \$1,000 the Stripping shoot runs about \$800 to \$900, so you are looking at somewhere about \$3,500 to \$4,000 to replace the items, which not only the Gymkhana can use, anyone can use it. As for the roping shoots, as you said, they need a lot of work. Mr. Williams explained he return alley way to run them back, all those are good shape, we're going to need to fix one of the gates. He mentioned several events that would be able to use the arena. Mr. Ragsdale spoke of the amount of money the horses used for barrels and such. Mayor Pro-Tem

Steve Green asked about the PA system. Mr. Williams answered that the PA was working and ready and he noted he would be checking the lights.

Ms. Frances Luna spoke again, noting entry fees and such, mentioning awards participants receive.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Green asked Mr. Ragsdale about used equipment.

Mr. Ragsdale explained that wasn't a good idea, as they get rid of them because of the condition.

"Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Green moved for use of the Punk Greer Rodeo Arena, by the Hot Springs Rodeo Association, where the fees will be waived and they will work with the City in cleaning up, if they would like to make a donation, that I would request that money go to a special line item in our budget, for those funds to be used for the equipment we spoke of today."

Seconded by Commissioner Kathy Clark.

A Complete Copy attached hereto and made part hereof.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Mayor Sandra Whitehead noted next on the Agenda was discussion/action; but as you all are aware we did postpone the interviews, and now we'd like to discuss how we are do handle the process which we will use. She turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Green, to start the discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Green, he noted that unfortunately time ran out for us to come up with a process; and with all fairness to the applicants, and I feel we owed it to the applicants to do the best job we could to have the best we could do. He noted number one was how much time we are going to allow for each interview; number two: how many questions will be asked of each interviewee and the same question will be asked to each candidate. How many questions does each Commissioner want asked, and we could give them to the city clerk. We work it on a scoring basis; you would have your list of three with five being the highest score, one obviously being the lowest.

The Commission discussed different ideas and methods.

"Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Green moved to authorize Staff to contact legal regarding the procedure."

Seconded by Commissioner Kathy Clark.

Motion Carried Unanimously.


ADJOURNMENT: With no further to come before the Commission, Mayor Sandra Whitehead called for a motion to adjourn.

“Mayor Pro-Tem Steve Green moved to adjourn.”

Seconded by Commissioner Kathy Clark.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

CERTIFICATION: Passed and Approved this 24 ay of March 20156, on a motion made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Green


Sandra Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy M. Harris, City Clerk