

Minutes

Town of Ronda Board Meeting

November 9th, 2021 6:00pm

The Ronda Town Board met on Tuesday, November 9th at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Rheajeane Bengé, Commissioner Kevin Reece, Commissioner Helen Porter, Commissioner Kay Luffman, Commissioner JoAnn Royal, Commissioner Sandra Simmons

Mayor Bengé called the meeting to order. Local Veterans led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Kevin Reece gave the Invocation.

Agenda: Commissioner Porter made the motion to approve the agenda. All said aye in a 5-0 vote.

Minutes: Mayor Bengé asked for a motion to approve the September 14th and October 12th Minutes. Commissioner JoAnn Royal made the motion. There was no discussion. All said aye in a 5-0 vote.

Expenditures: Mayor Bengé asked for any discussion. There was none.

Open Forum: At this time and before any member of the audience spoke, Mayor Bengé read from a handout given to the board and the audience which discussed the importance of the United States Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members of the audience spoke in support of keeping the Ten Commandments as part of the Historic Display inside the Ronda Town Hall:

1. Mr. Andrew Wood, Ms. Jacqueline Johnson, Ms. Ginger Franklin, Mr. Manuel Wood, Rev. Ronnie McMillian, Mr. Benjamin Romans, Mr. Wayne Russell, Mr. Stoney Greene, Mr. Chris Nelson, Mr. Matthew Foster, Dr. Alexander Snyder, Rev. Jamie Cockman, Mr. Keith Brown, Mr. Vernon Tilley

Action Items:

1. **Historical Display Resolution:** Commissioner Reece made a motion to keep the Ten Commandments as part of the Historical Display inside the Ronda Town Hall. Commissioner Simmons stated her only issue was the board knew nothing about the Historical Display until after it was already up. She discussed the importance of protocols and guidelines elected officials must follow. Mayor Bengé asked for those in favor of keeping the Historical Display. All said aye in a 5-0 vote. Let the record show the ayes have it.
2. **Rescind Vote to Close Northside Park:** Commissioner Kay Luffman made the motion to rescind the board's decision to close Northside Park via locked gate. All said aye in a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Bengé asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55PM. Commissioner Royal motioned, all agreed by standing.

Tracy Romans, Town Clerk