

City council closes rodeo project for 2018

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The Gallup City Council closed the Best of the Best Timed Event Rodeo project for 2018 at the regular meeting on Sept. 11.

The 2018 Best of the Best Rodeo was held June 27-30 at Red Rock Park and offered seven timed events for the country's top junior and senior high school rodeo athletes.

Patty Holland, chief financial officer for the City of Gallup, spoke about how the turnout at the event saw a 30 percent increase from the previous year, which shows that the rodeo is growing and becoming successful.

The revenue received from the Best of the Best event is \$327,766.17, while the expenses tallied to \$268,166.87 for a gain of \$59,599.30.

Holland said the rodeo account is currently over budget in both revenue and expenditures. A budget adjustment of \$24,295 in revenues and \$57,168 in expenditures would be required to close the project so they can move onto planning next year's event.

District 2 councilor Allan Landavazo took a moment during the meeting to congratulate Holland and the rest of the event team on a job well done.

"It is becoming the premiere youth rodeo in the country," Landavazo said. "It's exciting that Gallup is recognized in that circle."

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Mayor Jackie McKinney seconded the praise given to the event team, citing how the event went from taking an annual loss to now making magazine covers and bringing support to local businesses.

“It’s a great group of people,” he said of the event organizers. “[The event] is going to max out the facility [it’s held in]. In the next few years, it’s going to happen.”

The item was approved with a 5-0-0 vote.

