

RESOLUTION NO. 2023

WHEREAS, the Roswell City Council has been apprised of the potential implications of the State v. Lewis, et al (Nos. 20294 & 22600, Consolidated, Rio Hondo Section, Mescalero Section) lawsuit currently pending wherein the Mescalero Apache Tribe seeks adjudication of certain water rights for the tribe's use; and

WHEREAS, the Roswell City Council realizes the tremendous adverse effect that the aforesaid suit could have on the City of Roswell, the County of Chaves and other governmental entities in the Pecos Valley; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Roswell, New Mexico, realizes the potential adverse impact the aforementioned suit could have on other governmental entities in the State of New Mexico and other southwestern states; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Roswell, New Mexico, wishes to go on record expressing its sentiments, and the sentiments of the populace of Roswell, New Mexico, concerning the implications of the aforementioned suit.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Roswell, New Mexico, resolves as follows:


1. It is the sense of the City Council of Roswell, New Mexico, that as a result of the potential implications of the aforementioned lawsuit that the City should exercise all efforts reasonably available to it to defend said suit in the interest of its citizens.
2. The City of Roswell, New Mexico, should use all means available to it, including contacts with its legislators, to inhibit any attempt by the Mescalero Apache Tribe to damage the interests of it and its citizens.
3. The City of Roswell, New Mexico, goes on record as deploring any laws that would enable the Mescalero Apache Tribe to utilize its position as a Federal Reservation or Entity to damage those who have, in good faith, and for many years utilized water rights allegedly inferior to those of the Mescalero Apache Tribe.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 13th day of January, 1987.

CITY SEAL


WM. F. BRAINERD, Mayor

ATTEST:


E. S. Zendel, City Clerk