

**City of Tucumcari**  
**City Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2014**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were, Ruth Ann Litchfield, Robert Lumpkin, Amy Gutierrez, John Mihm, and Dora Salinas-McTigue.

City Staff members present were; Doug Powers, City Manager; Charlie Sandoval, Asst. City Manager; Angelica Gray, City Clerk; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Vicki Strand, Community Development Director; Scot Jaynes, Dispatch Supervisor; and Jason Braziel, Chief of Police.

Pastor Rick Haymaker led the invocation and Chief Jason Braziel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consideration of Changes for Deletions to the Agenda**

Mr. Powers stated he has been asked to begin the meeting until a new mayor is appointed.

Mr. Powers asked to move 9A Organization of Commission to follow this item.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to approve the agenda as amended and Ms. Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Mihm	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**New Business (9A) Organization of Commission**

Commissioner Salinas-McTigue made the motion to appoint Commissioner Lumpkin as City Mayor and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion.

Litchfield	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Powers then turned the seat over to Mayor Lumpkin.

Mayor Lumpkin opened up the nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. He stated that how this could work is when a commissioner makes a nomination they do not have to second. At which time a motion is made to close nominations and vote on the people who are nominated or if it is only one person, then the commission can close the nominations and vote them in by acclamation.

Commissioner Mihm nominated Commissioner Litchfield as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Lumpkin then asked for any other nominations. With no other nominations, Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to close nominations.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to close the nomination and Commissioner Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Mayor Lumpkin then stated that a motion and second has been

made to close nomination and elect Commissioner Litchfield by acclamation, as the City Mayor Pro Tem, being she is the only one nominated. Roll Call:

Gutierrez	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### **Items from Commissioners**

Commissioner Mihm thanked the City of Tucumcari for giving him this opportunity. He was anxious to get into this position. He has a lot of drive and he is hoping to move the City forward and move into the future with positive growth and outlook.

Commissioner Litchfield also thanked the City of Tucumcari. She is looking forward to serving. She is also looking forward to working with the other Commissioners. She thinks it will be a good commission.

Commissioner Salinas-McTigue stated she is excited. We have new ideas and from what she was hearing in our work session, this will be a great year and she is very happy. She welcomed Ms. Gutierrez, Ms. Litchfield, and Mr. Mihm.

Commissioner Gutierrez thanked the community for having the opportunity to serve them. In addition, she believes the commission has great potential to do great things for our community.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked everyone for their support. He will do his best to represent Tucumcari and the commission. He also stated case the police department put their efforts together to get a coat drive for students. He thanked the police department for their efforts. These organizations are what make our community great.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Salinas-McTigue made the motion to approve the February 27, 2014 commission meeting minutes as written and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Mihm	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### **Ordinances & Resolutions**

**Resolution 2014-09 – Resolution to Participate in the municipal Arterial Program –** Ms. Strand stated this is a resolution to participate in the MAP programs. She stated it will be for resurfacing from Whitmore Ave to US 54.

Mr. Powers stated the majority of this project is in the design phase. This project is ready to go once we get the funding.

Mayor Lumpkin stated the amount of the money is unknown until the City applies for the grant.

Commissioner Litchfield made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-09 and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Mihm	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**City Manager’s Report**

Mr. Powers stated that this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. we had the reception for Mayor Curnutt and our new commissioners. He thanked all the staff who stepped up for getting the plaque and the refreshments. Mr. Powers stated the turnout was overwhelming. It is very positive for the City that we have a group to come together. He hopes it is an indication of things to come.

In addition, he stated there was wind damage at the cemetery however the adjuster was in yesterday and hopefully we can begin work on it.

We also started the process to repair the convention center roof. We are still working on the fire department roof.

He stated that 5 ½ mile transmission line from Municipal Park is a \$2 million project. We have been working hard on this and the plans and specs have been admitted to the New Mexico Finance Authority and approved by the environmental department. We should be closing on this soon. He stated these lines are from the late 1930’s. He thinks it is a great project for the City.

He also stated we have received another draft from our personnel attorney. He will be making copies for the commissioners next week.

Mayor Lumpkin complimented Mr. Powers on the work the City is doing. The \$2.2 million was quite an effort. He also stated we received \$50,000 for a new study of Ute Lake Reservoir along with \$300,000 for a trash compactor and will be a great addition to our City.

**Bids and Contracts**

**Request and Approval of the E-911 Grant Amendment** – Scot Jaynes stated this will increase the funding for the City. This is a fund which is administered by the DFA, Local Government Division Special Programs. This grant money is used to pay expenses associated with operating 911 dispatch center on our behalf. Every month they pay the phone circuits, they pay maintenance on the equipment. This grant is 100% funded.

Commissioner Salinas-McTigue made the motion to approve the E-911 Grant Amendment and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded this motion. Roll Call:

Litchfield	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Old Business**

Mayor Lumpkin acknowledged the minutes from the planning commission minutes dated July 23, 2013; cemetery board minutes dated February 19, 2014; and acknowledged the Tucumcari Senior Citizens Advisory Board Minutes dated March 4, 2014.

**New Business (9B)**

**Request from KTNM/KQAY to be allowed to Broadcast the Commission Meetings on the Radio** – Russell Braziel with KTNM stated they would like to be a part of the community and because there are several citizens who do not have transportation to get to the commission meetings, they would like to provide a live broadcast to those citizens. He stated that at the same time it would not interfere with City business.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve KTNM/KQAY to broadcast the commission meeting and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Commissioner Salinas-McTigue asked about broadcasting the public comments made at the meeting. She understands that KTNM wants to leave public comments out. She asked if the commission should table this until they give some more information as to how they intend to address the public comments section of the meeting. Mr. Braziel stated regarding public comments, until the commission decides on what they want to do, the only thing the radio station wants to broadcast is the city commission business and the public comment portion will not be broadcasted. If the commission acts on what they discussed at the work session and have some sort of control, then we can readdress it then.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue stated that after the commission implements what was discussed at the work session, then it could change and then the public comments would be broadcasted.

Mayor Lumpkin stated there is a motion and a second and it has been discussed. He asked for Roll Call.

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

**Items from Citizens**

**Patsy Gresham** –She stated that Mesalands Community College will begin their annual iron pour.

In addition, she stated that on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. a group of 25 Museum patrons from the Historical Museum in Santa Fe and they are coming to Tucumcari and we have arranged a dinner for them. They are coming to see a demonstration from Jim Keith and this will be followed by the group visiting Bell Ranch on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

She also stated that May 2<sup>nd</sup> we have up to 25 Model T Club car owners coming through Tucumcari for three days.

**Raymond Mondragon** – He stated on behalf of the Eastern Plains Council of Governments he congratulated Mayor Lumpkin to his appointment and congratulated the new commissioners. He also thanked Commissioner Salinas-McTigue as she serves on the executive board of directors for EPCOG. We are looking forward to working with the commission. He also enjoys working with Mr. Powers.

**Ricky Haymaker** – He thanked the Tucumcari Police Department for watching over the art district and the Odeon Theatre.

He informed the commission that over 12 pastors have been meeting in Tucumcari. He stated they have a deal with Odeon Theatre they have agreed to accept vouchers for the movie "Son of God", which is showing this week. If anybody knows anyone who would like to watch this movie, he will give a free pass voucher.

**Items from Commissioners**

Commissioner Gutierrez thanked Ms. Gray for the help and for the resources in performing their duties. She also stated she will not be present at the next commission meeting due to a prior commitment with her family.

Commissioner Salinas-McTigue congratulated all the commissioners along with our new Mayor.

Commissioner Mihm congratulated Mayor Lumpkin on his appointment and he is excited to serve with all the commission. He thinks we have a positive and fresh start.

Commissioner Litchfield she too is excited to be here. It feels great to have the positive outlook. She thanked everyone for the advice she has received.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that during the work session, the commission discussed the request from Farmer's Market to move to the railroad depot. Right now we are just discussing it. They also discussed a policy for public comments and also changing the definition of the Ute Lake Water gross receipts tax temporarily to raise money for Sands Dorsey. It would not raise the tax in any way. It would be a temporary change.

He appreciates everyone's trust and stated he will do the best he can.

**Executive Session**

Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to convene in Executive Session pursuant to threatened or pending litigations in which the public body is or may become a participant, §10-15-1(H)(7), NMSA 1978.

Commissioner Litchfield made the motion to Convene in Executive Session and Commissioner Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Gutierrez	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time noted was 6:39 p.m.

Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to reconvene in regular session after Executive Session, noting that nothing was discussed other than threatened or pending litigations in which the public body is or may become a participant.

Commissioner Litchfield made the motion to reconvene into regular session and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time noted was 7:09 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Salinas-McTigue made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Mihm	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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Robert Lumpkin, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk