

**City of Tucumcari
City Commission Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2014**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were, Ernest Dominguez, Jr., Robert Lumpkin, Amiel Curnutt, and Dora Salinas-McTigue.

City Staff members present were: Charlie Sandoval, Asst. City Manager; Angelica Gray, City Clerk; Jessica Dennis Dysart, Financial Director; and Jason Braziel, Police Chief.

Russell Braziel led the invocation and City Manager, Charlie Sandoval led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Changes for Deletions to the Agenda

Ms. Gray stated that 7 A needs to be moved to appear after 4C in the event the commissioners choose to call for a special election, this item it needs to take place prior to approval of Resolutions.

She also stated 5 C is not needed as a resolution rather she needs the commission to approve the election board.

Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to approve the agenda as amended and Ms. Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Dominguez	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Mr. Lumpkin stated we had a tragedy in our town. However, from his passing, Mesalnads Community College has established a scholarship fund in Joe Cooper's name. Mr. Cooper was a great supporter of the dinosaur museum long with Mesalands Community College. Mr. Lumpkin thanked the College for creating a scholarship in his name.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that the Odeon Theater. The theater has new digital technology and 3D capability. He thanked Christy Dominguez and Robert Lopez for their hard work.

He stated Chamber of Commerce emailed him a link of New Mexico True which is has the song "Feels Like Home" with different areas featured in New Mexico and features Olana Romero representing Tucumcari.

Commissioners Salinas-McTigue, Dominquez and Mayor Curnutt all welcomed everyone tonight and thanked everyone for coming out.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to approve the minutes for January 9, 2014 Commission Work Session and Ms. Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Dominguez	Lumpkin	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to approve the January 9, 2014 Commission Meeting Minutes and Ms. Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Dominguez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to approve the January 17, 2014, Special Commission Meeting minutes and Mr. Dominguez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Dominguez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2014-01 – Open Meetings Act – Ms. Gray stated that this is an annual Resolution.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-01 and Mr. Dominguez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Dominguez	Lumpkin	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution 2014-02 – Budget Adjustment Resolution (BAR)- Mr. Dysart stated this BAR is a quarterly activity. Most of the BAR’s is moved within the departments. He stated that the summary showed \$615,000 that was made up of \$400,000 contingency. We also had a fire engine that between those two items it created a deficit. In this BAR we are reducing the deficit by \$136,000 with primarily eliminating the fire engine truck and the offset wit the landfill which brings us to a \$490,000 deficit.

Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-02 and Ms. Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Dominguez	Lumpkin	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

New Business (7A)

Decision on whether to appoint or call for a special election regarding District 2 – Mr. Lumpkin stated the commission had a long discussion at the special work session. The appointment in District 3 was made because the commission and the citizens for District 3 thought it was what was the right thing to do.

He stated that there was a petition of 31 signatures asking for a special election in District 2. The district itself has approximately 600 registered voters. He and other commissioners have

received phone calls from citizens in District 2 who stated that 50 percent want the election and 50 percent want an appointment but they all wanted it to be over with as soon as possible.

Mr. Lumpkin stated it took 88 days to make the last appointment because we respectfully took our time because of the circumstances.

He stated the commission could have this taken care of within 2 weeks.

The election was going to cost approximately \$4,000. At the end of whether we appoint or call for a special election, District 2 will have a good representative.

The deadline for submitting the letter and declaration of candidate would be February 6, 2014. On February 13, 2014 the interviews will take place with the candidates and February 27, 2014 would be the final appointment.

Mr. Lumpkin moved that they follow this deadline for an appointment and Mr. Dominguez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Dominguez	Lumpkin	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Ordinances or Resolutions

Item C – Ms. Gray stated that by law she believes she is required to have 3 precinct workers and due to the election in all Districts, she has appointed 7 workers.

She proposed the following:

Districts One, Two, Three, Four and Five – Convention Center

James Kleinsasser, Presiding Judge
Doris King, Judge/Clerk/Translator
Angelina Dominguez, Judge/Clerk/Translator
Mary A. Rivera, Judge/Clerk/Translator
Christine A. Otero, Judge/Clerk/Translator
Sylvia A. Wampler, Judge/Clerk/Translator
Nancy Kay David, Judge/Clerk

Absentee – Tucumcari City Hall Chambers

Gloria Donovan, Presiding Judge
Duane Moore, Election Judge/Clerk
Rachel Jackson, Election Judge/Clerk

ALTERNATE

Irma Zacharias
Margaret Garcia
Ann Balch

Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to approve the precinct board proposed by Ms. Gray and Mr. Dominguez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Dominguez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution 2014-04 – Special Election Resolution for District 2 - Mayor Curnutt stated this item is moot at this time due to the majority of the commission voting for an appointment in District 2.

Resolution 2014-05 – Accept Participation in 2013/2014 Coop Project – Mr. Lopez stated in order to finalize the 2013/2014 application the NMDOT needs a resolution that reflects the actual cost of the project.

Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-05 and Ms. Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Dominguez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

City Manager’s Report

Mr. Sandoval stated work is being done at the North side Park as well as the lights on Center Street and Main Street on 3rd Street. At the Veteran’s Park the lights for the flag poles have been repaired.

City employees, Steel and Xcel are working on the lights on west Route 66 Blvd. which include 4 poles, lighting fixtures and wires. On completion the west ends should be lit up to the golf course turnoff.

New Mexico Department of Transportation has a contractor in town to repair three bridges. The City has allowed the contractors to park their equipment on our west well field. The contractors have a 80 day contract and because these bridges are within the City limits, we will be receiving the gross receipts tax from this contract.

City crew and Sensus representative have been installing equipment and an antenna for the new automated meter reading system.

Facilities maintenance and park department employees have been working at the museum, which include painting, repair and touch ups to improve the display rooms.

The contractor at the Cemetery has taken down 33 elm trees. They have pruned 4 others to continue their growth. Next week there will be 40 other trees that will be removed.

Mr. Sandoval stated that per Alex at the landfill, they have received 735 tons of trash from December 17, 2013 to present.

Second Quarterly Report

The financial position with the adjustment is \$491,000 deficit. The actual \$291,000 deficit is due to payment of the Daubs addition which is \$500,000; other than that we are in a \$200,000 surplus.

New Business (Item 9C)

Appointment of Community Development Advisory Board Member – Ms. Evans stated this appointment is for Jean O’Dean. She asked the commission for their careful consideration for this appointment.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue made the motion to appoint Jean O’Dean to the Community Development board and Mr. Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Dominguez	Lumpkin	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Appointment for Community Development and Planning and Zoning Advisory Board – Ms. Evans asked for Marty Garcia’s appointment to the Community Development and Planning and Zoning Advisory Board.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue made the motion to appoint Mary Garcia to the community development and planning and zoning advisory board and Mr. Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Dominguez	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Requesting Approval for the 2014 Employee Calendar – Mercedes Rudisill requested approval of the 2014 Employee Calendar.

Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to approve the 2014 Employee Calendar and Mr. Dominguez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Dominguez	Lumpkin	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Citizens

Gary Montano – He echoed Mr. Lumpkin’s remarks regarding the Odean Theater. He also stated he also remembers going to Sands Dorsey for ice cream after the movies.

He apologized for his appearance however he had a rough afternoon. He stated that 80 percent of the people who have called him have requested an election.

He commented that in an article in the Quay County Sun Ms. Litchfield stated the commission is not working together. It is possible we may have up to 5 new commissioners but definitely a new mayor. He asked for the City to give him an update on where they are at on Sands Dorsey.

It is evident that the candidates agree on the forwardness of the city commission to work on bringing new jobs and to get along for the betterment of Tucumcari.

Jean O’Dean – She thanked the commission for the appointment of the community development advisory board.

Items from Commissioners

Mr. Dominguez thanked everyone for coming together. He also thanked Gary Montano for keeping the commissioners on their toes.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that regarding Sands Dorsey we are working on getting grants for an emergency type building.

Mayor Curnutt thanked everyone for coming. He stated the Veteran’s Park fence has been repainted.

Adjournment

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

Curnutt	Dominguez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Amiel Curnutt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk