

**City of Tucumcari
City Commission Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2015**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were: John Mihm, Robert Lumpkin, Amy Gutierrez, and Rick Haymaker. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield was absent.

City Staff members present were: Jared Langenegger, City Manager; Doug Powers, Assistant City Manager; Shane Warner, Fire Chief; Pete Rivera, Asst. Chief of Police; Jimmy Sewell, Airport Supervisor; and Angelica Gray, City Clerk.

Invocation presented by Pastor Amy Pospichal with First Presbyterian Church and Mayor Lumpkin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Changes for Deletions to the Agenda

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the agenda and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Mihm	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Mihm welcomed everyone to the commission meeting.

Commissioner Gutierrez also welcomed everyone. She also thanked the following businesses for donating to the legislative gift bags, Box Insurance, Del's Restaurant, KTNM/KQAY, Mesalands Community College, Tucumcari Mountain Cheese Factory, Rte. 66 Museum, Watson's Barbeque, Chamber of Commerce, Greater Tucumcari EDC, Kodiak Produce, Quay County Sun, SPC Office Supplies, Tucumcari Ranch Supply, Clovis Media, Jim Keith, Mainstreet and Roadrunner Lodge. She also thanked Kathy McClelland, Carol Keith, Toni & Rick Haymaker, Russell Braziel, Ruth Ann Litchfield, Gail Houser, Gail Sanders for attending the Governor's prayer breakfast in Santa Fe. She stated that although Patsy Gresham was unable to attend she did work very hard to put the bags together.

Commissioner Haymaker welcomed everyone and thanked Pastor Pospichal for her invocation.

Mayor Lumpkin also welcomed everyone. He invited everyone to the 17th Annual Mesalands Community College iron pour. He stated open ceremony is March 13th.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Langenegger stated that in regards to the work session notes, paragraph 6, it should read "conference of mayors" versus conference and mayors. In addition, in the same paragraph it should read "but if they do not respond" versus request.

In addition, Mr. Langenegger stated in paragraph 9 it should read “it was a tax” versus felt attacked. Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to approve the February 12, 2015, commission work session notes as amended and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Langenegger stated that in regards to the commission meeting minutes, it should state that he appeared by skype.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to approve the February 12, 2015, commission meeting minutes as amended and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Haymaker	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

City Manager’s Report

Mr. Langenegger stated we’ve had a key vacancy within the City, our HR director has moved on to better things. This position is currently open with a deadline of March 6th. In addition, there is currently three positions available with the police department.

He stated that Michael Ray will start as our new code enforcement officer on March 3rd. He stated it has been difficult finding qualified applicants. In order to alleviate that, we are advertising with New Mexico Municipal League. In addition, we are hosting a career fair. We are working with the County, Mesalands Community College and Presbyterian Hospital. We will offer the Fair to Logan, the County, Xcel, and various other employers.

He stated we have a tourism work group we are trying to get started. We are having a meeting on March 9th. If you are interested in attending, please call him.

The compensation plan is being finalized right now. He will present the proposal at the next meeting of March 12th.

He and Commissioner Gutierrez attended the Municipal Day in Santa Fe. They met with several representatives. They had a meeting with Director of Game and Fish and discussed Tucumcari Lake.

He stated next week he will be attending the Leadership Training in Santa Fe. This is also the week he has his open house, which he will have to reschedule for the week after.

He thanked Altrusa for the cleanup project.

He stated we have a meeting on March 10th with Housing staff and USDA staff from Los Lunas. They will teach us how to assist our local residence on how to apply for home repair loans and grants.

He has another meeting on March 3rd with Forsgren regarding Sands Dorsey. He hopes to have something to be submitted to NMED for their approval.

He read a letter he received from Jim Johnson regarding the City water crew, where he thanked Michael Martinez, Mark Sisneros, Gary Don Cooper, Roberto Gallegos, Jonathan Blea, John Brown, and Celso Martinez for their hard work.

Bids and Contracts

Requesting Approval of Contract between City of Tucumcari and Souder, Miller & Associates to update existing plans for the City Landfill- Mr. Langenegger stated that with the solid waste permit we have to have plans to meet the requirements. This contract is for professional services to draft and submit the plans to the Environment Department. He stated we've had issues with another engineering firm who protested. We checked with General Services Department and the city attorney and we have been informed that we are doing things correctly.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to approve the contract with Souder, Miller & Associates to update existing plans for the City Landfill and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Requesting Approval of Professional Services Agreement for legal representation to indigent Defendants City of Tucumcari and Attorney, Roger Bargas – Ms. Gray presented this item to the commission. She stated the scope of service for this agreement will be for Mr. Bargas to act as the attorney providing legal representation to indigent defendants appearing before Municipal Court. She stated she received three quotes from three attorneys and Mr. Bargas provided the City with the lowest quote of a flat fee of \$350.00. In the event the matter is appealed to District Court, his fee will be an additional fee of \$350.00.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the agreement between the City and Roger Bargas and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Mihm	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Haymaker
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Old Business

Acknowledgment of January 7, 2015, Senior Center Advisory Board Minutes- Mayor Lumpkin acknowledged the Tucumcari Senior Center Advisory Board Minutes from January 7, 2015.

New Business

Requesting Approval of One New Planning & Zoning Commission Member (John Dugger) – Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the commission. He stated we had a member resign and therefore had a vacancy. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended Mr. Dugger. He stated his experience will be helpful.

Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to approve John Dugger as the new Planning & Zoning commission member and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Mihm	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Discussion of Airport Advisory Board – Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the commission. He stated in reading through the code he found the City has an ordinance for an airport advisory board. He stated the board acts in an advisory capacity and advises the commission to ensure efficient operation of the airport. He stated the board members must reside within 3 miles of the city limits.

He stated prior to his employment with the City, he had several people discuss with him on how the airport is an underutilized facility. He stated the staff does a great job maintaining it. The people who approached him mentioned we could use the facility more to increase economic development and tourism within the community.

He asked the commission for permission to advertise for an airport board and fill the advisory board. He stated this matter will be placed on the next agenda to request for approval.

Mayor Lumpkin stated the airport has potential.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Gutierrez thanked everyone for coming this evening. She also invited everyone to support St. Vincent de Paul in their fundraiser at Hammond Hall. They will be making smothered burritos. In addition, she invited everyone to attend the polar plunge for American Legion on March 16th.

Commissioner Haymaker thanked everyone for coming. He stated that tonight Pastor Pospichal prayed for equality and with Ms. Gray presenting the indigent services, the prayer was answered tonight. In addition, he asked if the employees at the Airport are aware of the advisory board. Mr. Langenegger stated he will need to discuss this with the employees. Mr. Langenegger added the board will be an advisory board to assist the Airport.

Commissioner Mihm thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Lumpkin stated he had a few items he would've liked to have aired. He will announce them at the next meeting of March 12th. He also wanted to discuss the picture of what Sands Dorsey is torn down. He stated the picture was submitted before the second fire and it was an idea and not a suggestion. He stated we have discussed a park with the historical arches and masonry work in the construction of the park.

Executive Session

Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to convene into executive session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act §10-15-1(H)(2), Limited Personnel Matters regarding Fire/EMS Department. Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to go into executive session and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Commission went into executive session at 6:35 p.m.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to reconvene into regular session noting that nothing else was discussed other than limited personnel matters regarding the Fire/EMS Department and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Haymaker	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Commission reconvened from executive session into regular session at 6:46 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Haymaker	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Robert C. Lumpkin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk