

City of Tucumcari
City Commission Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2016

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday March 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were: John Mihm, Ruth Ann Litchfield Robert Lumpkin, Amy Gutierrez and Ralph Moya.

City Staff members present were: Jared Langenegger, City Manager; Doug Powers, Assistant City Manager; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Jason Braziel, Chief of Police; Mark Martinez, Project Director; April Ulibarri, Administrative Assistant/ Project Manager; Vicki Strand, Community Development Director; and Angelica Gray, City Clerk.

Invocation presented by Tammy Mardis, Pastor of the Father's Forge Church and Mayor Lumpkin lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that he'd like to make a change to the agenda; Senator Pat Woods is visiting and would like to give a Legislative report and asked that the item be moved to the front of the agenda that way if Senator Woods needs to attend to other business he can. Moving item 11 G to the beginning.

Legislative Update form Senator Woods

Senator Pat Woods stated that he would like to give a summary of what happened in the Legislator. The 2016 session is a thirty day session and during that time we consider six hundred thirty bills, forty-six joint resolutions and two hundred fifty other resolutions. In the end, one hundred one bills were passed. He stated one of the main things they were proud of was they passed a driver's license law that dealt with federal Real ID Act of 2005 and we also passed a Public Projects Funding Package with several public safety measures. The major goal of every Legislative Session to approve a budget but it's especially true in even number years because the Constitution limits the matters that may be considered to the budget and revenue measures and what the governor submits for consideration. This year's budget process was especially difficult because one month before the session state economists estimated that we had \$230 million of additional state revenue compared to our current year. The estimate dropped to \$30 million early in the session and by the time we adjourned it was at negative \$95 million. Declining natural gas and oil prices is what caused that and that in turn means fewer jobs and less customer spending in New Mexico's oil patch, which already combined with a high unemployment rate has lead to less revenues from gross receipts tax. In the end they approved a budget for \$2.6 billion dollars and that is what we were spending about eight years ago in the financial year of 2009. We did manage to balance the budget despite some negative revenue estimated by sweeping funds from other state accounts, giving the Governor authority to trim spending if necessary. His hopes and prayers are they don't have to go back for a special session; some are predicting as early as June or July and some say we'll make it until January. For infrastructure and public works projects the Legislator approved more than \$300 million worth of public work projects. These incentives are paid by proceeds of bond sales to improve public buildings, roads, parks, drinking water, wastewater system and other public projects. They approved nearly \$123 million worth of project funding from the proceeds of sales of severance pack bonds, this legislations including funding for projects in every county in the state. That is the place that many people talked about the Christmas tree bill, that I exactly what that is, that's money that each

legislator can direct to projects in their district that they feel are important. As you noted, making much news lately the Governor vetoed much of that bill, when reading through the bills she vetoed you might agree that she should have vetoed a few of them. There is much talk about having a funding formula to determine how that money is spent; he personally is very opposed to that. He believes the local legislator should listen to County government and City government to determine where those projects are that need to be funded. The legislator also approved more than \$185 million that will be subject for approval by voters in November, which is the GO bonds many times you will see libraries and colleges that use those funds.

When talking about the driver's license issue the debate in New Mexico is whether undocumented immigrants living in New Mexico should be allowed to get a driver's license. That was a practice in New Mexico starting in 2003, two years before Congress had approved the Real ID ACT of 2005. In the end we reached a compromise that will allow citizens and others who are in the country legally who are entitled under federal law to get a Real ID compliant driver's license to get one of the new licenses if they choose to do so, while still allowing undocumented immigrants and others who do not want a Real ID license to get a driver's authorization card. Driver's authorization cards will not be used to get into government facilities or board airplanes. This means New Mexico can use their current driver license to board planes until October 1, 2020. After the Real ID driver's license passports or other federally accepted identification documents will be required. States will start issuing the Real ID drivers license and drivers authorization cards later this year, starting in six months but there is no need to get a real ID drivers license until your current license expires, or unless your current license expires after October 1, 2020. Then everyone may want to do that so they are able to travel by airplane or to enter federal facilities.

They passed some laws that have to do with criminal laws, a number of criminal law matters were considered, one will be a constitutional amendment that has to do with bonding people out of jail. This will be subject to voter approval in November and it will allow judges to deny bail to defendants who are determined by the judge to be particularly dangerous. Currently almost every defendant is entitled to bail which has resulted in some defendants committing crimes while out on bail. The proposed Constitutional amendment will also allow defendants who are not dangerous and not a flight risk but cannot afford to post bail to be freed from jail while waiting for trial. It is estimated that local government spends close to \$19 million a year keeping jail defendants that prove to be no danger of flight risk but simply cannot afford bail.

There was a measure to significantly increase the prison sentence for people who possess, distribute and manufacture child pornography. The basic sentence at this point in time is eighteen months and will increase to ten years at the most. There were several set public safety measures that were approved this session. One allows the victim of rape to seek orders of protection against their attackers for life. Another requires the state courts to submit information to federal governments on New Mexicans who are ineligible to purchase arms and ammunition; this has to do with people who are declared mentally disabled a court order has to be achieved. Another allows judges to take into account criminal records of persons when they are juveniles when setting bails or release conditions and also creating an alert to ask the public to look for people with disabilities who are in danger much like an Amber alert.

In public health we will make it easier for family members and others to require people to take mental health drugs. We will also allow public health and safety officials to come to our state more easily to respond to disasters by easing lasting provisions for New Mexico and allowing them to pay

taxes earned in New Mexico and their home states. A big thing that happened was to protect out of state health care providers who treat New Mexicans in another state from being sued in New Mexico. This measure was designed to ensure that New Mexicans, especially those who live among our state borders can find doctors in other states who are willing to treat them. We also want to make an overdose medication widely available to the public, the overdose antidote can save lives but quickly reversing the affects of a heroin overdose.

In economic development the legislature took steps to support New Mexico's medicine industries by making it more difficult for people to file lawsuits against farming and ranching operations. Also, they expanded the eligibility to businesses that qualify for local economic development grants. We will also allow New Mexico ski areas to sell alcohol to attempt to attract more events to those locations. We will be cutting unemployment insurance rates for some businesses and capping the annual increases to those rates. We approved a geothermal research resource development act to regulate the development of geothermal resources with an eye to supporting the industrial. New Mexico is nearly made up of entirely of volcanic action. There is a lot of hot rock under the ground and putting water and bringing back steam is a great resource that New Mexico can profit from. One of the high profile issues is we are going to improve the way lobbyists report campaign contributions and other expenses in an effort to make that information more accurate in accessibility to the public. Also to allow and regulate services for the ride sharing companies like Uber and Lift. We passed a bill and it was signed into law to allow seventeen year olds to vote in a primary election if they will turn eighteen by Election Day of the same year.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked Senator Woods for his legislative report and stated he hopes it informs the listening public better about what went on in Santa Fe and also thanked Senator Woods for his service and thanked him for coming.

Commissioner Moya stated one of the really good things about this legislature is the fact that medication for clients who are SMI, or severe mentally ill. He stated he has worked in the field for forty years and the biggest thing is we could not at any time force patients to take medication and when a person becomes imbalanced they cannot make that decision. He stated he thinks it is one of the best laws and the State of New Mexico was long over do; he knows this is something that the community will benefit from and it will help as far as families and incarcerations. He thanked the legislation for helping because they were totally helpless. He asked Senator Woods if the antidote he mentioned would be available through the police force. Senator Woods stated he believed it would be readily available to law enforcement and families.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield thanked Senator Woods for all his hard work.

Commissioner Moya commented to be prepared for capital outlay next year and stated there are a lot of projects to work on and it's a quick way to get support for projects that the community has. Senator Woods commented if we can use some of that as matching money it works very well. Senator Woods stated that he wanted to warn the Commission that they need to keep that money spent; anything that is stockpiled may get sucked back pretty fast. Commissioner Mihm stated that money is tight and when they do capital outlay he hopes their ducks are in a row and have projects going.

Mr. Langenegger thanked Senator Woods for all his assistance over the last few years with capital outlay. This year we are receiving \$180,000 for replacement of water and sewer lines on Second

Street, last year we received \$175,000 for a trash truck we are issuing that purchase order and are in the process of purchasing it now. The year before we received \$300,000 for a compactor for our landfill and he knows Senator Woods has been supportive of Tucumcari and wants to thank him for his support and helping with the projects and without that help we wouldn't be able to get these things done. Senator Woods commented that in Albuquerque, Tucumcari is looked upon as a small place but from here it is a big place and he feels that Tucumcari deserves its share.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that before going on to the next item on the agenda he wanted to welcome the new Commissioner for District One, Ralph Moya. He thanked Commissioner Moya for stepping up and offering to help.

Organizational Meeting

Mayor Lumpkin stated that after every election the commission has the opportunity to reorganize the Commission pertaining to the tasks that the commissioners take on with being a liaison for all the different committees the commission works with. He suggested that all the commissioners' look at the positions but he doesn't expect the commissioners to make up their minds immediately and we should have some time to look this over and see what committees they would like to be liaisons for and what committees they would like to work with. He asked the commission if it would be alright to postpone this until the next meeting in order to give them time to look at it. Ms. Gray stated that they could hold off on appointing the liaisons.

Mr. Langenegger stated when looking through this he noticed that there was a change for EPCOG that was not reflected. The representatives for EPCOG right now would be Mayor Lumpkin as the representative and himself as the alternate. Under the Tucumcari Quay County Regional Water Authority Mayor Lumpkin is the representative and he is also. He stated that he just wanted to clarify this. Mayor Lumpkin stated that the Commission had some time to look at this and if a meeting does come up before we've decided on that we will get that covered.

Appointment of Mayor- Commissioner Mihm stated he would like to make a nomination for Mayor and stated it would be a change but he thinks she has earned it and the nomination was for Ruth Ann Litchfield.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to nominate Ruth Ann Litchfield for Mayor and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded it. Roll call:

Moya	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem- Commissioner Moya made the motion to nominate Robert Lumpkin as Mayor Pro Tem and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll call:

Litchfield	Moya	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin congratulated Mayor Litchfield.

Mayor Litchfield stated she appreciates the commission's confidence.

Appointment of Liaisons to Advisory Board- The commission agreed to table this item until the next meeting.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 1133, Second Reading, Ordinance Repealing Ordinance 1124 in its entirety and replacing with Ordinance 1133 regarding Chapter 7.04 Nuisance in General; 7.06, Outdoor Automotive Storage; 7.08, Dangerous Building; and adding Chapter 7.10 Vacant Buildings of the Tukumcari Municipal Code- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated this is an amendment to the Nuisance ordinance that was passed back in August. In August the Commission decided that there needed to be a stricter nuisance ordinance to address some of the nuisance properties around the City. There were issues with weeds and abandoned and dangerous buildings. The ordinance at that time, had a few loopholes where people could come in and get a letter and weren't really being held accountable for the properties, so we amended the ordinance and as we were implementing those amendments we found that there were a few things that didn't work quite as well as we wanted. Initially if someone violated the nuisance ordinance they would be issued a citation, however; with nuisance ordinances, code enforcement officers go out to properties and they send letters so it's not feasible to send a citation to a property. Instead we file a criminal complaint against the property owner, which summons them to court and then they go through the process. We also adjusted the definition of a vacant building. In the previous ordinance the definition of a vacant building basically said if there was no business operating or a residence there it was a vacant building. We had issues with people who had their own private offices, hobby shops where they would work on vehicles and things like that, they weren't a business or a residence but they were occupied continually, well maintained and kept up and we didn't feel those should fall under the vacant building ordinance. In order to address that, we changed the vacant building definition to "a vacant building is defined as a residential or commercial building which is lacking habitual presence of natural persons who have a legal right to be on the premises and at which all lawful business operations or residential occupancy has ceased and at which all utility services have been discontinued or inactive. It has the requirement of having utilities in order for it to be a vacant building, if someone has utilities there and utilizing it and has active utilities then it's not a vacant building. Another thing that was added in that definition was buildings that were on the state historic register on the national historic register would be excluded from this ordinance; those buildings have different requirements. They're registered with the state or national register and they have stricter requirements for rehabilitating those or changing those buildings so we have given those a bit more leeway. We also added a section, if someone has a vacant building and it doesn't meet all the standards of a vacant building we give them an opportunity to present a plan to the City outlining their timetable for the corrections that they will do to bring their property up to standard and if they provide that to the City in writing then we have the option to conditionally approve the vacant building license so we can work with people to bring their buildings up to standard and not just deny the license right away. One of the more contested issues with the first ordinance was the fees. Initially there was an escalating fee for the vacant building license it started at a \$50 application fee and then a \$300 registration fee, that fee went up every year starting at \$300 increasing to \$500 and then \$1,000. We have changed that to a \$50 application fee and a \$50 license fee and every renewal is \$50.

Commissioner Moya stated that the ordinance includes a residence or commercial building and the City is having a hard time as it is and we have over one hundred commercial buildings that are

empty. Mr. Langenegger stated that he didn't have an exact number on buildings but with the initial assessment we started with the commercial zoned properties and started with the high traffic areas which are the Boulevard, First Street and Main Street. After going through that initial list we came up with about one hundred buildings. Out of those one hundred buildings a good portion of those may have utilities and may not fall into this right now and that was with the initial definition of a vacant building. Right now we are going through that list to further refine it and adjust it. Commissioner Moya asked about the residences and stated that we have more empty houses than anything else. Mr. Langenegger stated the ordinance as written right now applies to only commercial or industrial zoned properties it doesn't apply to residentially zoned properties. If there is a residence within a commercial zone then it would apply to that building but not to vacant residences in residentially zoned areas. Commissioner Moya stated that right now it says vacant buildings are defined as a residence or commercial building. Mr. Langenegger stated that was correct but 7.010 "Intent" letter D states that the provisions of this section shall apply to all property within the City of Tucumcari which follows within the zoning qualification of C1, C2, I1, I2 and the Route 66 overlays zone, so if there is a residential building within one of those zones then yes it applies to it but residential buildings within residential zones does not apply it only applies to commercial and industrial and the Route 66 zone. Commissioner Moya asked where the City was with the Princess Theater following under this category. Mr. Langenegger stated that they were working with the Main Street organization to get their architect to do an evaluation of the building. We have received several quotes for the roof of the building; if we put the roof on the building and secure the outside it will meet most of the ordinance. Commissioner Moya stated they wouldn't have to turn on utilities, Mr. Langenegger stated you don't have to have utilities to be a vacant building all you have to do is meet the requirements that are listed under 7.1040 it must be safe and secure for it to be a vacant building. Commissioner Moya stated that it is pretty dilapidated. Mr. Langenegger agreed said that we have to assess that building and find out what it would cost the City to rehabilitate it and then the Commission would have to make a decision on whether they want to move forward with rehabilitating the building or to demolish it but before we can make that decision we have to understand and get estimates from architects on the costs. Commissioner Moya asked how long it would be and Mr. Langenegger stated that he is hoping that in the next year they can have that plan put together. Commissioner Moya stated so the City will have a whole year to work on this and asked if the Commission would be giving the residents the same courtesy. Mr. Langenegger stated in section 7.1040 D says, "Should a vacant building not meet vacant building standards set forth in the section the owner may present a written plan to the City outlining the actions the owner will take to bring the building into compliance with the required standards. The plan must outline the standards that need to be made along with a timeline for said corrections. Upon receiving an acceptable plan the City Manager or designee may conditionally grant the license". So if a person has a building and has a plan, this is my timeline then we can conditionally approve it but we will hold them to the plan and work with them to make sure it comes into compliance. Mayor Litchfield stated that would be showing them the same courtesy.

Commissioner Moya asked if all empty buildings would be required to have certified insurance. Mr. Langenegger stated yes all that follow under the definition of a vacant building they do need to have the insurance. Commissioner Moya stated that it is hard to get insurance for vacant buildings. Mr. Langenegger stated that the insurance would be liability insurance and after speaking with CJ Wiegel, who is the insurance agent for the City, he said there is an insurance policy offered if the building is intact. Liability insurance is generally available for about \$600 a year. If a building is falling down or is a hazard, public or attractive nuisance insurance wouldn't insure it but then we wouldn't issue them a license.

David Brenner was sworn in and stated that he sincerely appreciates the efforts that are going into this particular ordinance, as mentioned at the last meeting he and his wife have been regularly receiving poor comments about the City in their online reviews for Roadrunner Lodge as well as other properties in town and those show the public's perception as they drive through Tucumcari. He sees this ordinance as improving the curb appeal of the City of Tucumcari and makes it a much more attractive occasion for tourists and events to come and spend their money and improve our economy.

Mayor Litchfield thanked Mr. Brenner and stated that his comments at the previous meeting startled the Commission and it's nice to know we're doing something to improve the looks of our town. She stated that she has received a lot of phone calls commenting on how it looks on the Boulevard right now and everyone is happy.

Commissioner Moya stated that it's really hard to see this ordinance go through because the city is really hurting at this point economically. It would be hard for anyone to start a new business to be able to get a suitable building. When someone starts a business it's hard to go out and build a structure and a building because you don't have money and it costs a lot of money. Most of the buildings in this community are vacant due to economic hardship that is happening, it is sad that Tucumcari got to the point where it seems like there is more businesses closing than there is opening, it's one of the hardest things to see. He stated that he understands but he has also gotten a lot of comments from people who have buildings who are very upset about it and there is not a real estate market where you can sell your building unless they want to give it up. He stated he is really not in favor of this ordinance and he is not in favor of the fact that you can be incarcerated and also the fact is if you don't pay your fine you can be allowed to work for the community in order to pay your fine. A lot of the residents haven't really looked at this ordinance, what we have covered here is a very minor part and it's sad not to see any input from the community. He has been a member of the Commission before and they did a lot of demolition and a lot of work to clean the community but it also has to come to a point where we have to help the residents who have invested in buildings and how they can sell or make a return on their investment. He stated that he doesn't agree with this ordinance at all and the Commission should leave it like it is because he isn't comfortable with the ordinance at this point, it's a little too strict because the economy in this community is a mess, homes are empty and the community needs to have a good input on this. Mayor Litchfield stated that they have had input from the community, a lot of it and Commissioner Moya stated that he had a lot of negative feedback on it. Mayor Litchfield stated that the Commission felt that Tucumcari needs to move forward instead of taking a step back and seems like every time we've come up with a nuisance ordinance in the past the Commission has always backed down on it so we're trying not to back down but move forward and do what we need to do to improve our community and stated that it is Commissioner Moya's privilege to be against it. Commissioner Moya stated that he wishes that the Commission would take a little better stand in making sure we can work to bring more jobs so they wouldn't have to be hassling the residents with empty homes up and empty buildings. This is a small community and a very hard working one.

Commissioner Gutierrez stated that Mr. Brenner voiced his concerns and he is a business owner, he is invested in our community but we won't have any new business come to our area until we clean up this town and if enforcing this nuisance ordinance is what it takes then we need to move forward and stand together to make sure we don't back down. She stated that Commissioner Moya has a right to his opinion but the Commission has offered the public opportunities to speak, every meeting

they have an opportunity to speak and there have been town hall meetings, whether or not they choose to come to our meetings is their choice. She stated to her and not only as a Commissioner but as someone that has invested in the community, I'm a homeowner and her children have grown up here and her grandchildren are now growing up here and if we want this place to grow and be what it used to be or better then we need to stay determined and stay focused. Commissioner Moya stated that he understands that point but at the same time but the only way this community is going to be able to grow is if we bring in some kind of economic development and since he left the commission he hasn't seen much growth or economic development in the community but he has seen more dilapidated buildings, abandoned buildings, what has happened and what is the Commission doing since they aren't doing their job in creating some kind of industry in this community to be able to have people come here instead of leave the community. The talk in town is sometimes what business is closing and who is leaving town, rather than what businesses are coming and who is moving in and there is a huge amount of vacant homes. He stated that he has a lot of investments in this community and he has a lot of properties and he would like to see a lot of improvements too but he doesn't want to put a huge burden on the people that are trying to have some kind of real estate and hope some people will come forward who will develop it or sell it. Right now this community is in a big limbo state.

Commissioner Moya made the motion to table Ordinance 1133. Motion failed due to no second.

Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin commented that he understand what Commissioner Moya is saying. He stated that at the last reading he abstained because he didn't want to vote against the good parts of the ordinance but he didn't want to vote for parts that he disagreed with. Now when you talk about not having buildings available for people that want to open a business, the good part of the ordinance is that those buildings wouldn't be good for any use anyway, we're talking about safety. He stated that they have already amended the ordinance and he thinks they can continue to look at ways the ordinance can be improved but he doesn't want to delay some of the good things that will happen from it. One of the good things that is happening is people are starting to clean up properties and they are starting to get rid of buildings that can't be used. There are going to be quite a few buildings that are now useable as a result of this ordinance because there are going to be some buildings that are right on the borderline to where they can be fixed up and the ordinance will force them to fix them up and that will make some buildings available for people to open a business. Last time I abstained but he doesn't want to lose the goods things from this ordinance and he doesn't want to vote for the bad things but we have the opportunity to amend ordinances and look at the different parts that we can continue to work on and that is one thing that was made very clear to us as Commissioners when we started this, we will be looking at this ordinance and what doesn't work maybe we can amend. He stated that he agrees with Commissioner Moya's concerns but he is going to make the statement, there are some good things in this ordinance that are having good effects on Tukumcari so he will vote for it rather than abstain with the understanding that there are some things he feels need some attention and need some discussion. He also thinks outside business people and outside influences from the community could help with their work on that.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 1133 and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll call:

Moya	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Litchfield
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ordinance 1134, Second Reading, An Ordinance approving an application of Local Economic Development Assistance in connection with establishing a manufacturing facility and authorizing the execution of a project participation agreement between Energy Related Devices, Inc., and the City of Tucumcari pursuant to the Local Economic Development Act- Pat Vanderpool was sworn in. He presented this item to the Commission and stated that this project is an opportunity for us to redevelop an unused industrial property and create jobs. The old ethanol plant on the North side of town has been idle for some time. This request is for \$87,200 to cover the purchase and half of the closing costs of the property in terms of buying the property for Energy Related Devices and their establishment of the Tucumcari oil fields co-op, currently owned by Los Alamos National Bank. They have entered into a purchase agreement with Energy Related Devices for the purchase of the property. In addition to the purchase and closing costs addition costs are requested for phase one and two of the environmental assessment making the total \$87,200. This is an opportunity not just to do the manure methane project but also to do grain storage business that's included as part of the project at that property. New Mexico State University's Arrow Center has done a feasibility study for the project and they were so impressed with the project that they actually took an equity investment in the project themselves. In addition to the Energy Related Devices has had a conversation with Reliant Gases from Texas to currently operate the Bravo Dome facility north of Tucumcari and about purchasing some of the byproducts of this project and have also expressed an interest in possibly operating the facility. There are a number of different folks that have been approached to be part of this project so it's a great opportunity for us to redevelop an unused property and create jobs.

Commissioner Moya asked where the \$87,000 was going to come from. Mr. Langenegger stated the money comes from the local economic development fund which is a gross receipts tax that we collect and a portion goes to economic development. It's the local option gross receipts tax or infrastructure tax. Commissioner Moya asked how many jobs this would bring in. Mr. Vanderpool stated the estimate from Arrowhead center was twenty jobs in full operation, but does not include the grain storage operation or other supply businesses that would be associated with the project. Commissioner Moya stated that he read the study but it didn't have enough explanation for him and asked if Mr. Vanderpool is confident that it would be full production and Mr. Vanderpool said absolutely. Commissioner Moya said a feed lot was give two hundred acres and asked how many people were still employed there, Mr. Vanderpool stated that he'd have to look into that and that he was there to speak about the methane project and stated that he would be happy to sit down with him and go over the projects they have worked on. Commissioner Moya stated that we're taking \$87,000 from a community that is strapped at this point, economic development is needed but at the same time we hope that we can get something in return. Mr. Vanderpool stated that is why they asked Arrowhead center to do a feasibility study on the project before moving forward with it. Commissioner Moya stated taking \$87,000 out of the gross receipts is a lot of money.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1134 and Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll call:

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Moya
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain

Commissioner Moya stated that he would like to abstain because he did not have enough information and facts on the project and he was the neighbor to the ethanol plant and hope it's a very

successful business but at this point he cannot take a stand right now because he needs more information.

Consideration of Changes or Deletions to Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin made the motion to approve the agenda as is and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll call:

Moya	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Mihm welcomed Commissioner Moya and everyone in the audience and stated it was good to see a lot of faces. There is a lot going on tonight and thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin welcomed Commissioner Moya and stated that he likes to see a large audience. The Rattlers won their game so they are still in the state finals. He stated that he was proud of the Lady Rattlers who got to go to state and the band received district honors also from Tukumcari High school. The Tukumcari students have done a lot and he appreciates everything they have done.

Commissioner Gutierrez welcomed everyone and stated it was nice to have a full house. She welcomed Commissioner Moya to the Commission. She wished the other teams that went to state good luck, there were five local teams that went and it's great to see, go to Albuquerque if you're able to and support the teams.

Commissioner Moya stated that he'd like to share his comments during the next items from the Commissioners.

Mayor Litchfield stated that she'd like to congratulate the Lady Rattlers, it's been exciting to watch them play and they did a great job, they made history in Tukumcari. FCCLA also took honors, Jodi Lamm took several students to compete and several took State honors, so Tukumcari was well represented.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin made the motion to approve the February 25, 2016 Commission Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll call:

Litchfield	Moya	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Proclamation, Memorials, or Petitions

Proclamation Honoring and Memorializing Thomas G. Morris- Mayor Litchfield read the proclamation.

Commissioner Moya stated that when he was in the Commission he knew Mr. Morris when he was in Congress and he was an excellent representative for the state of New Mexico and at the time New Mexico only has two Congressmen. He was a personal and he was always there to help. When he first ran for Mayor Mr. Morris was there to guide him and was always supporting Tucumcari and the Commission. He stated this was a very well deserved proclamation.

Mayor Litchfield stated that she was sorry that one of his children wasn't able to attend the meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 1135, First Reading, Requesting Approval of the Execution and Delivery of a Loan for the purpose of financing the costs of a Water System Improvement Project a/k/a the Center Street Water Tank Replacement Project- Mark Martinez presented this item to the Commission. He stated that this was a request to approve the execution and delivery of a loan through New Mexico Finance Authority Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund. The overall amount that we were accepted for back on February 25 at NMFA board meeting was the total amount of \$1,453,886, 75% of that is grant which is principal forgiveness in the amount of \$1,090,414 that is a 25% loan that we must pay back with a twenty-two year term at a .25 percent rate coming to a total loan amount of \$363,472. This water tank project is the number one project on ICIP for the City. We are very lucky to get this much subsidy, we've bumped ahead on the list from tenth to third.

Commissioner Gutierrez thanked Mr. Martinez and Ms. Strand for working so hard on all the ordinances that they are putting forth for approval.

Commissioner stated that this was a necessity and it is great that we are taking the steps to replace the old structures especially in the water systems.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to accept the first reading of ordinance 1135 and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Moya	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution 2016-07, A Resolution requiring the Utilization of ACT Job Profiles for all positions with the City and adopting the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate for Utilization in Hiring Standards for the City of Tucumcari- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that the City has been working to become a Work Ready Certified Community through ACT and part of the ACT program includes National Readiness certificates for employees to help them figure out where their job skills are and help them find good placement within careers that are out there. The other part of this works with employers to profile the jobs they have available and find out what skills are needed to complete those jobs successfully and then they can match the two together. This resolution has the City of Tucumcari adopt work keys as part of the hiring process; it is something we will consider when someone wants to come work for the City of Tucumcari, they will have to take the work keys and it will be part of the hiring process. It also states that we will work with the Department of Workforce Connections to profile our positions and make sure we have the appropriate skill level for each position that's needed. It does not require testing for existing employees but we encourage the testing of our current employees, not only because it helps

them improve as an employee but it's something they can utilize later on. It's a nationally recognized certificate that you obtain that you can utilize to move forward in your career.

Mayor Litchfield thanked Mr. Langenegger and stated they had a good discussion about this in the work session.

Commissioner Moya stated that he's glad that we aren't going to require current employees to take this test but it's optional for them. It's hard when someone has been working in the community, it's a benefit for them and he wants to encourage them to take it but at the same time we have to respect that they have been with us for quite awhile.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-07 and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll call:

Moya	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Litchfield
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

City Manager's Report

Mr. Langenegger welcomed Commissioner Moya to the Commission and thanked Rick Haymaker for his service to the Commission, he served two years with the Commission and he appreciates his service.

Municipal League District Meeting – There will be a New Mexico Municipal League District meeting held at the Tucumcari Convention Center on Monday, March 14, 2016. All of the Commissioners are encouraged to attend. This meeting will cover legislation passed in the recent session that may affect municipalities as well as an update from the NM Self Insurers Fund. The meeting will be held from 10am to 4pm.

Wastewater reuse project – We received a request this week from the USDA to clarify whether that the City will be responsible for paying \$30,000 for the PER/EID for the wastewater reuse project. The City applied for a \$30,000 grant to cover the preliminary engineering report and environmental reports to be completed by HDR Engineering. The contract amount for these reports totaled \$60,000. I sent a letter to the USDA ensuring them that the City was covering half of the cost for the project and attached a copy of the meeting minutes where this was approved. We are hoping to receive approval from the USDA and move forward with this project soon.

Sanitation – We will be issuing a RFP for landfill engineering services next week. The engineering services will be to ensure compliance with our well testing and to complete engineering services at the land fill related to new cell construction, environmental reporting, and other engineering services. We are hoping to expedite this process as we will need to begin construction of our third cell at the landfill this summer according to our most recent calculations on cell two.

Waste Not Grant – I will be traveling with our wastewater superintendent to Santa Fe, next Friday to meet with the Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Energy Conservation Division as we have been selected to participate in their waste not program. This program provides

assistance to Cities to complete an energy use audit on their waste water systems and offers recommendations to become more energy efficient. Upon the audit being completed ECD will make recommendations and will assist Cities with pursuing funding for those projects. The most likely target at our wastewater plant would be to incorporate renewable energy use.

Nuisance Ordinance – With the revision of the nuisance ordinance, we will begin sending out notices to vacant building owners who meet the definition in the ordinance. This will begin the process of licensing and inspection for those vacant buildings. Owners will be given a 30 day notice to begin the registration process. It is important for vacant building owners to not ignore the notices they receive as if there is no communication with the City after a notice has been issued, fines may be implemented. However, there are provisions within the ordinance that allow us to work with property owners to bring them into compliance as long as they present a plan of action to the City.

Veterans' office – We will have another veteran service office with the NM Workforce Connections and Department of Veterans Services on March 18, 2016. This office will be set up at the Public Library and will be from 10am to 3pm. I would strongly encourage any veterans who need assistance with finding employment, career building skills, or other benefits come to the Library on that day for assistance. There is no charge for these services.

Mr. Langenegger congratulated all the Rattler teams. He stated that the Lady Rattlers did very well we're proud of them and hope the boys keep going and take state and wished them luck.

Ms. Gray stated the election took place on March 1st; early voting started on February 10th and ended on March 1st. She stated she wanted the citizens to know that there were 322 votes casted with 3,206 registered voters so that brings it to a 10% turnout. In regards to the question expanding the definition of the gross receipts tax there were 251 votes for and 52 against. On March 2nd the Municipal Judge, Judge Garnett, canvassed and made the results official. She stated that she has a quick election expense report, the legal ad for publishing election resolutions was \$514.07, legal ads advertising candidates and polling places \$502.36, election supplies \$3,122.26 which included three hundred ballots for each district, poll works \$1,300, County Clerk invoice was \$405 which includes all registered rosters for both early and absentee and for the voting on March 1st, and the technician invoice for Danny Wallace who picks up and certifies the tabulators the fee was \$367.70. There is still a copy of the ordinance that was published this week so that will probably be an additional \$200 so an approximate total is about \$6,500 for the 2016 Municipal Election. She stated that she'd like to take the opportunity to thank the poll workers, James Kleinsasser, Doris King, Angelina Dominquez, Christine Otero and Sylvia Wampler who were the poll workers at the Convention Center and represented Districts One, Two, Three, Four and Five. For absentee, which took place at City Hall she wanted to thank Gloria Donovan who was the presiding judge, Edward Perea and Lucinda Nials and the alternates that thankfully weren't needed Irma Zacharias and Sally Maestas. She also thanked Sharayah Sisneros, her assistant who was a great help during this time and of course the County Clerk, Ellen White.

Bids & Contracts

Requesting Approval of Agreement for Engineering Services with Bohannon Huston, Inc. for the Center Street Water Tank Replacement Project- Mark Martinez presented this item to the Commission. He stated that this is the same project that the first reading of the ordinance was passed. This contract outlines what exactly the engineers will do for us with the engineering services; they will conduct the redesign phase services as well as the preliminary design, final design phase, bidding phase, construction and support administration. The price that they have submitted at this time is \$155,369 not including gross receipts tax. Tonight he is asking for approval with the exception that this is going to be approved contingent on New Mexico Environmental Department approval as well, they will have to review this and make sure it is within the guidelines of their regulations and the funding authority must also sign off on it.

Mayor Litchfield thanked Mr. Martinez for his hard work.

Mayor Litchfield made the motion to approve the request of approval of agreement with Bohannon Huston and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll call:

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Moya
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

New Business

Requesting Approval to Apply for the 2017 Beautification Grant- April Ulibarri presented this item to the Commission. She stated that the application is requesting an amount of \$18,250 with an in-kind match of \$9,480. The application has been broken up into four programs, program one will go towards community clean up events, such as Toss No Mas and the Great American Clean-up. Program two will go towards beatifying the Sands Dorsey lot with new landscaping, flowers, trees and trash receptacles. Program three will go towards educational and awareness activities during Earth Day and the Head Start planting flowers at City Hall and the fourth program will go towards funding youth contracts for trash pickups.

Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin thanked Ms. Ulibarri for all her work and stated all these programs are good and the in-kind match means we aren't taking money out of the budget and it will be paid for by our equipment and labor from our staff and that's great.

Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin made to motion to approve the request to apply for 2017 Beautification Grant and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll call:

Moya	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Requesting Approval of Letter of Binding Commitment for the Street Water Tank Replacement Project- Mark Martinez presented item to the Commission. He stated that this is a letter of binding commitment for the Center Street Water Tank Project, this shows that the City is willing to accept and follow the rules that are set forth, part of that is signing this letter as well as an EPA form and it also stated that we must get all of our plans and ordinances set in place as we did tonight. We must get all of this approved through NMED and Finance Authority and have their approval before we can move forward. The reasoning behind getting everything on the agenda for tonight is because there are strict guidelines on this, we've had a good track record in the past as far as turning projects over quickly and that is why we are in such good standing today and we are trying to get this project complete by September of this year and in order to meet those deadlines so we are trying to streamline and get everything done as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the letter of binding commitment and Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll call:

Litchfield	Moya	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Requesting Approval to Accept Change Order #4 for Metro Well Field Water Transmission Line Project- Mark Martinez presented this item to the Commission. He stated that this was request to accept change order #4 to the ongoing project of approximately forty-five miles of ongoing water transmission line coming in from the Metro Well Field. We have run into many difficulties throughout the project based on the plan documents that have been in the process for years, Forsgren Engineering inherited them from Wilson Company and there were things that we not planned or were unforeseen at the time. With this change order there is an increase of \$61,000 not including gross receipt tax bringing the amended contract price to \$1,809,750.45 not including New Mexico gross receipts tax. This is something that must be done to move forward to get the project completed by the end of May and once again this is all coming out of grant funds and nothing is coming out of City funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin made the motion to approve change order #4 for Metro Well Field Water Transmission Line Project and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Moya	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Lodger's Tax Board Invoices- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated at a previous meeting we had presented a request from Lodger's Tax Board to allow them to approve Rawhide Dayz invoices as they came in, this has been done with Rockabilly and other very large events where we award money to a project and help them pay their invoices as they come in. When we asked for that Commissioner Gutierrez asked that the Commission see the invoices and the way that was presented and voted upon made it sound like the Commission was going to approve the invoices prior to paying them and after visiting with Commissioner Gutierrez that was not her intent she was just requesting to see the invoices once they were paid so this is to clarify the

vote and make clear that once the Commission approves the expenditure of the funding for that project then the Lodger's Tax Board can approve those invoices and the City can pay those invoices as they come in.

Mayor Litchfield asked if the Commission needed to re-vote and Ms. Gray clarified that there was no vote during the previous meeting for this item it was just a discussion and stated since it was on the agenda for tonight's meeting they could vote.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to approve Lodger's Tax Board Invoices upon clarification from Mr. Langenegger and for the Commission to see invoices after they are paid and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll call:

Moya	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Litchfield
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Agenda Format- Mayor Litchfield explained that at a previous work session it was suggested that the Items from the Commissioners only appear on the agenda once. It was discussed in today's work session and the Commission agreed that they would like to vote on this item to see if it's approved.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to approve the agenda format change and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll call:

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Moya
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Requesting Approval of Mainstreet Grant Agreement- Gail Houser presented this item to the Commission. He stated this is the capital outlay grant agreement that was sent to them by New Mexico Mainstreet, it is the Great Blocks on Mainstreet grant in the amount of \$70,000 which is to begin as soon as they get a purchase order from the state. Funds have been committed and there are no problems that can be seen. He and Mr. Langenegger received a request for some additional surveys that will hopefully save some money if they can identify them from prior projects from the City. He is asking for approval to execute the agreement to get it back to Mainstreet and they can get it to the Economic Department and start the funding back to the City.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the Mainstreet Grant Agreement and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll call:

Moya	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Public Comments

Karen Alarcon- Deborah Donahue asked if there would be a way of having a clean-up for our town which is set up for April 9th and 10th with main focus areas of the Historic Museum, Convention

Center and Tucumcari Boulevard. She stated that she would love to see the community participate. There are people flying in from California and Phoenix and continuing to grow so it would be nice for the city to look nice. She stated that she received a phone call from a representative from the state fair and they want to help us out with Rawhide Dayz so we're really excited. They will have a booth and help us with anything we need.

Mayor Litchfield thanked her for her hard work. Commissioner Gutierrez commented that Altrusa was having a trash pickup Saturday March 12th at 9:00 am meeting at La Cita. Ms. Alarcon stated she wouldn't be able to attend but she'd pass the word along and that it's great to have all the organizations help out.

Tonya Rigdon- She stated that she'd like to share two stories that have happened to her in the last two weeks. She has two houses under contract, four new people moving in, two from Oklahoma and two for Moriarty they are elderly people they came and loved the town and loved the houses they picked, wrote the contract and sent their children to look at the town and what the houses they picked out. Their kids came and went into several local establishments, did not talk to people but listened and all they heard were negative comments. She stated she wasn't here to say anything negative but she wanted to tell people to be very careful what they say about the town. She stated there are people that have been here a long time and if they don't like it here they can leave but right now people are trying to keep their businesses going and yes we are struggling but we also have a lot of positive things going on. She stated she is personally for the nuisance ordinance and she believes it is the best thing the Commission has done in years, there are buildings coming down and being cleaned. She has had to show houses that are next to ones that are falling down so it's really hard when you sell real estate when you have a decent house next to one that is falling down. If there is someone subject to saying well we can't afford to do this well they need to do something with it, we have to move forward in our town. At one time we were a blue ribbon city many years ago and it doesn't just take one person it takes everyone. When you're sitting around drinking coffee at the coffee shop and have nothing else to do try and make it positive talk don't make it negative talk because people are listening, people that want to come here. These people went back to their families and said you aren't moving there and both couples cancelled their contract. That was four new people coming to Tucumcari that wanted to be here until they heard the people that are here talk about how bad it was. So please be very careful when you're talking and try to be positive about the town.

Toni Haymaker- She stated that she is the director of Eastern New Mexico Artspace and she has some positive things to say about the community and she appreciated Ms. Rigdon's comments. First, she wanted to thank the city on behalf of all the arts entities for the wonderful art sculpture from Bob Peterson that is up at the Sands Dorsey lot as a business owner it's nice to see the lot improving and they are excited about the sapling that was planted. She stated that beginning Friday at 3:00 pm there will be kids yoga classes, classes will be \$5 a piece they are trying to keep them as low cost as possible. All interested children come dress comfortably with a blanket or a mat, some will be provided. Yoga is a great way not only to exercise but it teaches flexibility, balance and coordination and it helps kids at an early age deal with stress. They are also starting their kids art classes beginning March 25th the first class will be free and it will be an Easter based class instructed by Martha Stephens for ages four and up. There will be classes for younger and older kids. Contact her for a schedule. Friday March 18th will be their semi-annual poetry reading with the New Mexico State poetry society, they will be bringing several people. She wanted to give kudos to Tucumcari because since they have been coming we have had the best attendance out of their rural events. We will have the New Mexico state poetry society members reading and some local favorites and there

will also be an open mic session so if you are a poet or aspiring writer you are welcome. This is a free event and begins at 6:30 pm. If you have questions about any events or want to register your child for any classes call 461-9908.

Kathi McClelland- She stated that she was from Paws and Claws and wanted everyone to know they have surpassed their \$2,500 fundraising goal. She stated that Mr. Langenegger will be dying his hair green and getting a Mohawk and everyone is invited to the unveiling on March 19th at noon. She stated she'd like to thank the City for paying for the van to come for another day, meaning the van will be here for two days and the maximum will be fifty animals spayed/neutered.

Mayor Litchfield thanked Ms. McClelland for her hard work. Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin stated that she mentioned March 19th and asked when that started, Ms. McClelland stated noon at Kix. Mr. Langenegger stated that just because they met their goal doesn't mean people should stop donating, it is a very worthwhile cause and he thinks what they're doing is great and a tremendous asset to the community. The work Paws and Claws has done over the past years has saved the city a lot of money in the animal control effort. They take home a lot of animals and they are passionate about what they do and is greatly appreciated so he is happy to help however he can. He stated he spoke to Tonya last night and she has the dye ready and is ready to give him a Mohawk. Ms. McClelland stated they are working on something for Fired Up! for the chief of police.

Russell Braziel- He congratulated the Mayor and stated he would like to add on to what Ms. Alarcon had said about Rawhide Dayz. He stated they were all excited and it will be a fantastic event for the city and they are looking forward to everyone participating and coming out and enjoying the event. He stated he is the director of the Chamber of Commerce and they are having their Chamber fundraiser coming up on April 9th and Chad Prather who is well known will be entertaining along with music from Rick Haymaker, there is also be a silent auction. Tickets are on sale and there will also be a shrimp boil. April 9th is the Chamber fundraiser and the following weekend is Rawhide Dayz. He encourages everyone to come and buy their tickets for Rawhide and the banquet.

Rick Haymaker- He stated that he'd like to welcome Commissioner Moya. It stated in the paper that he was unable to be reached for comment. In 2004 he and his wife moved to Tucumcari and he had a lunch with a gentleman at the Del Toro and in fifteen minutes waiting for his plate he heard everything that was wrong with Tucumcari and asked if there was anything good about Tucumcari and this gentleman told him it was cheap. We then went on the meet a man named Juan Barreras, he fell in love with Tucumcari and this man, and Mr. Barreras took him to PDL and introduced him to his family and introduced him to a bunch of people from New Mexico. Ten years after the incident at Del Toro he was sitting in the Chambers smiling at Mayor Curnutt and praying for the Commission. He stated that he applied for the Commission and his only credential was that he and his wife loved the town and Amy Gutierrez took him at his word and he hopes that he didn't let her down, Commissioner Gutierrez commented not one bit. He stated in two years the Commission moved five feet of City agenda without one no vote and stated that he isn't saying that's something this Commission should practice; only God can do that. He stated that he wanted to thank all of the Commissioners for making his job easy and thanked Ms. Gray for all that she has done, he has so much more to say but God bless all and he prays for the peace of Tucumcari and that it continues and we move forward. Toni and I didn't come to tell you what you're doing wrong, we came to tell you that God loves you.

Mayor Litchfield thanked Mr. Haymaker for his service, the Commission appreciates everything he did.

Items From Commissioners

Commissioner Moya stated that he is glad to be back in the Commission and he's glad to be able to come back and see what the City can do and hopefully gain a more positive attitude. He agrees with Ms. Rigdon that there is a lot of negative attitude and when he was campaigning the biggest question he got was why, why was there such a negative attitude in the community and a lot of it is economic problems. There are a lot of empty homes he stated he talked to young kids that said they would like to have a home but at the same time I can only afford my utilities because I'm not making enough money to make a mortgage so they will have to continue renting. He stated that a community in upstate New York has a negative attitude and again they were having a lot of economic problems and amazingly enough that community was able to bring in small businesses, they focused their economic recruitment to people that were entrepreneurs and after several years that community turned around and it is now doing very well economically and the attitude in that community is very positive so sometimes when there is a negative attitude there's a reason behind it and we have to listen. Sometimes the Commission has to understand that we cannot distance ourselves from the residents we have to listen to them and when they have something to say we have to listen to them.

He stated that he'd like to go on to some questions he needed to ask the City Manager, he stated that he has been in Tucumcari for a long time and that he has grown up here. One of the things he's noticed last year is on Second and Main why was the water backing up so bad, it wasn't draining adequately and asked if the drain is being kept clean. Mr. Langenegger stated that one of this issues they had last year was the significant amount of rain we received, there were a few rain storms that were abnormal and we received more than usual and the drain couldn't keep up but it was kept clean and there were a few times that we had to go and clean it out but for the most part it worked how it was designed to. Commissioner Moya stated on Third and Maple there were complaints that there were a lot of water backed up on the North Side, he stated that he knew there was a problem because he goes through the North Side and it was pretty backed up and he was told that someone called the City but the City didn't even respond. Those drains need to be cleaned out because it is an inconvenience for some of the residents when the water is backing up into their yards. Mr. Langenegger stated that he doesn't recall ever receiving anything from Third and Maple, there was someone concerned with Second and Main and we did address that but encourages and has encouraged everyone since becoming City Manager if anyone has issues, concerns or questions to contact him, he is more than happy to work with anyone to address any concerns. He stated his entire time as a public servant, whether with the state or the City he has always had the opinion that he works for the public, everyone out there is his boss and he answers to everyone. He encourages anyone that has a question or concern to give him a call his cell phone number is (575)403-5669 and he is more than happy to answer that anytime. Commissioner Moya stated that if people contact him he will make sure they contact Mr. Langenegger. Mr. Langenegger stated that he feels they have had many efforts to listen to the community, when he first came on he held open office hours, Mayor Litchfield stated it was announced on the radio and the paper. Mr. Langenegger stated that it was advertised in the paper, Facebook and on the Radio and there was minimal participation, there has been two public town hall meetings and it takes an effort on both sides however he is willing to work with anyone on any issue they have but we can't work on it if they don't know the issue.

Commissioner Moya asked long it would be until the City would have a grater coming in because we don't want to experience what we experienced with that snow storm where people couldn't get around, it was embarrassing that the only places that were cleaned were the state highways, First Street, Main Street and the boulevard so it was hard for some people to get around. Mr. Langenegger stated that he first would like to correct the statement that the only things that were cleaned were First Street and the Boulevard, our work crews were out there working everyday of that snow storm. We had them clearing Second, Third and Fourth Street and they made it all the way to Fifth Street as well as Washington and other streets as well. During the storm we did have equipment failure. We're a small community that doesn't experience snow very often so we don't have the equipment that some other communities do, but he thinks our staff did a tremendous job of going out there every day of the storm, putting in several extra hours to do the work that they did. To answer your questions about when we'll get a grater, we are working on that currently. The first step was to receive bids on what it would take to repair the grater we have, we received those bids and they came in at about \$20,000. Replacing the motor isn't the only thing wrong with the grater, it's a late 70's model grater so there's brake issues and other issues as well. We had meetings this week with both Caterpillar and John Deere representatives to find out what they have as far as contract and pricing for the graters, we're looking at leasing options and purchase options. Once we meet with them and figure out what the best option for us is and then we will present that to the Commission as far as a purchase or lease option. Commissioner Moya stated a community this size probably needs more than one grater but he knows Second Street was not clean because that is where his office is and he had to use four wheel drive.

Commissioner Moya asked if the Commission was the board for public housing. He stated when he left the Commission we had appointed the Commission to be the board and asked what it would take for the Commission to return to an advisory board for public housing and have a liaison because it takes a lot of time and public housing should be another department. Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin stated it wasn't voted on but they did look at them having their own board and it being a separate entity from the City, but what Commissioner Moya is talking about is them still being an entity of the City just as a department and the housing would appoint their own board, he stated the Commission didn't really venture into that. The considered making it a completely separate but there were a lot of things that were going on with housing that was positive and we didn't want to lose that, so we wanted to stay in charge of it. We would basically still be in charge of it but we would need a liaison. He stated that he recommends looking at that as a possibility and discussing that at the next housing meeting and look at all the pros and cons but not move anything too quickly to ensure we don't make a bad decision. Before it wasn't part of the City at all, it was its own entity. Commissioner Moya stated it has always been part of the City but they had their own board, but we dissolved that board because there was too much conflict between the board and the executive director. Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin stated he recommends discussing it and Mayor Litchfield stated that they would also need to speak to Ms. Riddle.

Commissioner Moya stated years back they were looking at doing an area where people can jog or walk at Tucumcari Lake. He stated he doesn't know what happened but they were looking into grants and other things to make it a possibility and this is something to look into again because there are so many residents walking in the middle of the street, especially on some of the streets that don't have sidewalks and they even walk during night and that's not safe and people who stay at motels like to go jogging. Providing some kind of trail is something we can look into and see what we can come up with. Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin stated that they have worked on that, they have worked with state parks and had meetings with a representative and looked into grants and that has been an effort. At one time we looked at having some fishing and different things like that, we had Fish and

Game come to stock but the drought got in the way. We have worked in the area and he still has all the paperwork. He stated that Department of Transportation works with EPCOG and they have grants for recreational trails and we're in the process of looking at some of those recreational trails for Five Mile Park and for Tucumcari lake but we don't own Tucumcari Lake. Commissioner Moya stated at the time they were working with state parks and even looked at having a bird sanctuary. There were other issues because of the plotting that occurred at one time and we have to oblige by that court order. He stated he thinks it would be something to pick up again because it would be a beneficial area where people can walk and jog because on streets at night there isn't adequate lighting to see people that are walking.

Mr. Langenegger stated that Commissioner Moya has many questions and rightfully and he understands that he wants to find out what's going on and where we're at with several projects and he would be more than happy to sit down and go over any questions that he has. He stated he isn't sure if this meeting is the best place to answer all the questions. Commissioner Moya stated that the public has asked him these questions and he's asking because the radio is broadcasting and the public wants these answers and telling him what he can and cannot do is not his place. Mr. Langenegger stated that he isn't telling him what he can and cannot do he was just simply making a suggestion and he stated if he feels like he was telling him what to do he's sorry that he feels that way but he feels that he would be better able to answer his questions sitting in his office where they have access to file.

Commissioner Moya stated talking about the Veterans services it's an excellent idea and its services that he was worked with for years and people that have questions about benefits should utilize this representative because they will have a load of information and can help with people doing claims, benefits for medical care and different things. He encouraged anyone who needs help to utilize this service.

Commissioner Gutierrez stated that she'd like to thank everyone again for attending and for their patience. She stated that she wanted to remind everyone, the Commission, the audience and listening audience that we need to be respectful of each other, if we can work together and cohesively and not against each other we will represent the City better.

Commissioner Mihm stated go Rattlers!

Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin stated he wanted to reiterate go Rattlers! He thanked everyone for coming and stated he appreciates all the comments and Congratulated Mayor Litchfield and stated he wanted to make himself available if she has any questions.

Mayor Litchfield thanked everyone for coming.

Adjournment

Mayor Litchfield asked for a motion to Adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Lumpkin made the motion to adjourn and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll call:

Litchfield	Moya	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Ruth Ann Litchfield, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk