

**CITY OF TUCUMCARI**  
**CITY COMMISSION**  
**Work Session Notes**  
**April 9, 2015**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a work session on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. Members present were John Mihm, Ruth Ann Litchfield, Robert Lumpkin, and Rick Haymaker. Amy Gutierrez was absent.

City staff members present were: Jared Langenegger, City Manager; Doug Powers, Assistant City Manager; Shannon Shay, Human Resources Director; and Dennis Dysart, Finance Director.

**Discussion of Mainstreet Projects**

Mr. Gail Houser presented this item to the commission. He stated the positive reasons for moving the farmer's market to the railroad depot would increase traffic in the downtown area, and help develop the community.

Commissioner Haymaker wanted to make sure there would be shade for the vendors. It was discussed that weather was an issue at the Wailes Park.

Commissioner Haymaker asked if it would be a problem to bring their own shade structure and Mr. Langenegger responded by stating they could approve bringing their own shade as long as there was not damage to the existing structures.

Mr. Houser stated that John Harley is the manager of the Farmer's Market and he handles all the farmer's market business.

Mr. Houser stated he is working on a MRA Program, which benefits blighted areas with low populations and high vacancy rates.

Mr. Houser stated there are currently five cities approved for a MRA and eight or nine that are currently working on approval and that Tucumcari would be a good candidate for this program.

Mayor Lumpkin and the commission discussed options with the Sands Dorsey lot after it has been cleaned.

Mr. Houser stated there is money available through the State and Federal grants for renewable projects.

The commission discussed the use of solar lighting throughout the park along with wind energy. In addition, we can publicize that it would be a self-sustained park.

**Discussion of Ute Water Tax**

Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the commission. He stated that this tax referendum can be used for Sands Dorsey however it was decided not to. He stated there is currently money set aside for this project.

Mr. Langenegger stated that the City has other pressing needs that this money could address such as street projects, sewer system and water projects.

Mr. Langenegger visited with HDR Engineering and was informed that a Reuse Project for wastewater would cost approximately \$5 million. We could apply for an USDA grant where it would be 75%/25% match by the City. He stated the City would apply for a 25% grant loan.

Mr. Haymaker asked if there would be signage at the Wailes Park directing traffic to the new location.

Commission adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Submitted by:

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City Clerk