

**City of Tucumcari
City Commission Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2014**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. Members present constituting a quorum was: John Mihm, Ruth Ann Litchfield, Robert Lumpkin, Amy Gutierrez, and Rick Haymaker. Robert Lumpkin appeared by Skype.

City Staff members present were: Doug Powers, Interim City Manager; Angelica Gray, City Clerk; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Pete Rivera, Assistant Chief of Police; and Jason Braziel, Chief of Police.

Invocation presented by Pastor Rick Haymaker, Agape West Church, and Commissioner John Mihm led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Changes for Deletions to the Agenda

Mayor Lumpkin stated that he asked for the discussion of EMT and Dispatch on the agenda in the event the referendum did not pass and we needed to have communication with the County commission. Although he thinks the City commission needs to meet with the County commission, he does not believe it needs to be done right now. He asked that Item 9A be deleted from the agenda.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to delete Item 9A from the agenda and Commissioner Haymaker seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

Litchfield	Haymaker	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Haymaker thanked everyone for being here tonight. He also welcomed everyone in the listening audience via KTNM. He thanked Justin Hatterman for providing his time in setting up Skype. He stated the commission is interviewing candidates for City Manager.

Commissioner Gutierrez thanked everyone for coming tonight. She reminded everyone of Fired Up! this weekend and would appreciate everyone's attendance. In addition, Tractor Supply will have its open house on Saturday, September 27th at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Litchfield welcomed everyone tonight. She appreciates Russell Braziel with KTNM for his service. She attended the Comedy Jam and there was a great attendance. She also attended the soft opening for Tractor Supply and stated it is a nice, clean store. She

encouraged everyone to attend the Fired Up! She also wished the Logan Longhorns and Tucumcari Rattlers good luck at their homecoming games.

Commissioner Mihm thanked everyone for coming. He stated he has met people who are interested in the city manager position. He stated we should all be supporting the Fired Up! event.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked the commissioners for attending all the board meetings. They attend these meetings and show interest in helping these departments. He appreciates that the commission attend the commission meetings and informs us of the events taking place in Tucumcari.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Litchfield made the motion to approve the September 11, 2014, Work Session Notes and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Haymaker	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Commissioner Litchfield made the motion to approve the September 11, 2014, Commission Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Litchfield
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Commissioner Litchfield thanked Mark Martinez for the hard work he put into the YCC grant.

Commissioner Litchfield made the motion to approve the September 15, 2014, Special Commission Meeting and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Haymaker
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinance 1115, Second Reading, Ordinance Replacing 5 Miles of Transmission Line – Mayor Lumpkin stated this water line has needed to be replaced for quite a long time. He thanked the City staff for the hard work in getting this money to Tucumcari.

Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 1115 and Commissioner Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Powers stated that he and Ms. Gray spent many hours looking through the old ordinance books in search of old ordinances regarding the original water works system.

City Manager's Report

He thanked Charlie Sandoval for filling in for him at the last commission meeting while he attended the aviation conference in Ruidoso, NM. The conference was excellent and probably twice the attendees from the previous years. There were FFA representatives from NM and the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. We will be able to move from maintenance projects and possibly get into runway reconstruction. In the past, we had discussed a runway expansion on runway 321 and possibly extend the runway and start getting bigger planes in and out of Tucumcari. He stated when we get a 10% interest loan from NMFA they are great amounts to get infrastructure projects going.

He stated he and Calvin Hansen continue to work on the discharge permit at the wastewater treatment plant. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set a level 1 and level 2. It looks like we will have to meet the Level 1 within three years. He stated level 1 is addressing the nitrogen levels in our water, which is possible, however, the potassium may be difficult. He stated level 2, Tucumcari and Ruidoso are the first two communities in the State that are renewing the discharge permits and we have been caught up with the new standards from EPA. He stated that when you set standards for a community in New Mexico and they are compared to a community in another State where you have a water table at 8 to 10 feet and we are looking at 350 to 400 feet, it is a big difference. He stated it might be something we will have to look at a total reuse program with that water in five or six years. It may be that the City has to look at the purchase of additional property to make that happen where we can control the usage of the water.

He stated he was at the USDA workshop and he appreciates the work Terry Brunner, Ernie Watson, Ken Hughes and the rest of the staff put into this workshop. He stated the commissioners worked very hard to get these people out to the convention center. The attendance was great.

He stated he attended the soft opening at the Tractor Supply. They did a great job.

He stated at the New Mexico Department of Transportation meeting in Springer, he had a couple of reimbursements with our MAP and COOP projects that have been lagging. They have hired additional help and they promised to step these up and get us the reimbursements.

He thanked the city crew for working on the boulevard, the train depot, and working on getting our community back up. Although it has been tough with the rain, they are doing a great job.

He stated that on our next work session we need to talk about the issue with the library roof. We have a bid for the roof at \$55,000.00 and \$80,000.00. He hopes to get additional bids from local contractors.

He stated that we have discussed working on chip seal projects around town. He stated Ninth Street around Quail Ridge needs work. He stated 3rd street South of Washington is terrible. We also need to look at 5th Street by Dunn's Park. He is also concerned with McGee Street behind the Tractor Supply.

He stated he has been approached by contracts to demolish the Hampton Inn and they are looking for a place to dispose of it. We either need to make decisions on whether placing it in

our cell and get them to separate their disposal and clean C & D, which is not a line pit and it is easier for us to maintain.

He wanted to mention that Ms. Gray is continuing her education and will be attending the clerk's certification conference which will come in conflict with our last meeting in October. He would like the commission to move that meeting. In addition, they need to consider the holiday schedule. He asked that it be placed on the next work session and commission meeting agendas.

He stated that he and Commissioner Litchfield had a chance to discuss the roof issue at the Historical Museum. He stated there is damage in the soffit where water is leaking and coming down to the second floor. He thinks the structural damage needs to be repaired. He has visited with Mr. Dysart and capital outlay money will be transferred to repair the roof.

Old Business

Acknowledgment of Minutes from June 24, 2014, Tucumcari Planning Commission – Mayor Lumpkin acknowledged the minutes.

Public Comments

Patsy Gresham – She thanked the commission and Mayor for being interested and involved in the events that take place in Tucumcari. She reminded everyone that from September 15 – October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. In addition, Fired Up! will be fun.

She stated the ribbon cutting for Tractor Supply will take place on Saturday, September 26 at 11:30 a.m.

In addition, October 4th is the Fun Run starting at Damon Kvols Park at 7:00 a.m.

She stated the Intercollegiate Rodeo is going on October 10 and 11th. Chamber of Commerce is excited that Mesalands Community College is bringing this event back to Tucumcari.

She stated that Railroad Days is coming up on October 11th and 12th. It will introduce the community to what the railroad museum board has in store for the community and their plans for the future.

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Mihm thanked everyone for coming and listening. He stated there is a fun and exciting weekend coming up with Fired Up!

Commissioner Litchfield stated there is so much to do in Tucumcari. She asked everyone to go out and support our community.

Commissioner Haymaker stated that on October 11th Tucumcari Ranch Supply will have a block party. He stated that he believes Tucumcari is busy and interested enough to sustain a couple of events. He also stated that there was a good turnout at the USDA workshop. He encouraged the citizens who were able to make that workshop to follow up with USDA when they return to Tucumcari.

He stated that with this increase in GRT he would like to publicly request the city commission meet with the county commission and begin a dialog with them and start from a “fresh foot”.

Mayor Lumpkin added that the workshop for the Housing and Housing Rehab has a \$7,500 grant for people over the age of 62 who qualify to upgrade their home for efficiency and safety. He stated there will be people coming back to Tucumcari from USDA to help with the applications.

Commissioner Gutierrez thanked all the volunteers for their countless hours they put into these events.

Adjournment

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

Litchfield	Haymaker	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Ruth Ann Litchfield, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk