

City of Tucumcari
City Commission Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2015

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were: John Mihm, Ruth Ann Litchfield, Robert Lumpkin, and Rick Haymaker. Amy Gutierrez attended via telephone

City Staff members present were: Jared Langenegger, City Manager; Mark Martinez, Project Manager; Pete Rivera, Deputy Chief of Police; Doug Powers, Assistant City Manager; Calvin Henson, Wastewater Superintendent; Sharayah Sisneros, Executive Assistant; and Angelica Gray, City Clerk.

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

Consideration of Changes or Deletions to Agenda

Mr. Langenegger asked that item 5A be deleted and asked for the addition of Proclamation for Dr. Dan C. Trigg Memorial Hospital.

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

Haymaker	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield welcomed everyone, along with Mr. Braziel and the Community. She stated that the community is saddened by the current events; all our wishes and blessings go out to the Montano, Arguello, Gonzales and Walker families, the families are in our hearts and spirits. She attended the Dan Trigg event, it was very nice, quite an event and quite an accomplishment, we are very proud of our hospital. There will be a free flu shot clinic at the hospital Saturday October 10 from 8:00 a.m. till noon.

Commissioner Mihm welcomed everyone. Said he shared the same feelings towards the families affected by the tragedy, the Commission's prayers are with those families. He thanked everyone in attendance and said he hopes everyone is enjoying the rain. Fall is in the air and it's exciting with the season change.

Commissioner Gutierrez welcomed everyone, apologized for not being able to attend in person. Prayers and condolences to the families of the recent tragedy in our community. She stated that is so uplifting to see so many people come together and support each other, there are no words to express the sad situation but there is a lot of love in our community and that's really heartfelt.

Commissioner Haymaker thanked everyone for being here, all those listening on the radio. Personally, being from Virginia doesn't know a lot of people but he does know Debbie Montano,

our thoughts, hearts and prayers go out to her tonight. He stated he had a great time at Fired Up! Thanked Mainstreet, Gail Houser and Connie Loveland and everyone who sponsored, and participated. There was a great turn out, glad everything went without a hitch. He is looking forward to planning even bigger events next year. He also attended the Dan Trigg 50th anniversary event, learned a lot about the hospital. Appreciates the hospital and all the employees, we have a great medical community that connects all the way to Amarillo; we're blessed to have everyone.

Mayor Lumpkin sent his condolences to the family and friends, it was a tragic accident that affected our community, there aren't the right words to make it any better but the family has his condolences and he truly cares.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Gutierrez stated that there was a correction that needed to be made to the minutes, under items from the commissioners, second paragraph for Commissioner Haymaker, it should read the fifth annual Fired Up! not the first. Commissioner Haymaker clarified that he said first quilt show, not first Fired Up!. Mr. Langenegger stated that the minutes were correct as written.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield made the motion to approve the September 24, 2015 Commission Meeting Notes and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Litchfield	Haymaker	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Proclamations, Memorials or Petitions

Proclamation declaring October 12, 2015 Dr. Dan C. Trigg Memorial Hospital day. The proclamation was presented to Lance Labine.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked Mr. Labine for the hospitals services for the people and thank you for the last fifty years, he stated that Mr. Labine was doing a great job and the Commission appreciates everything the hospital does. Mr. Labine thanked the Commission for their support, stating that without their support it would be tough, but this is such a great community, and we have great support from the Commission and they appreciate it.

Ordinances or Resolutions

Ordinance 1127, First Reading, Amendment of Ordinance 985 to include changes from the State Floodplain Coordinators - Mark Martinez presented this item to the Commission. He stated that Ordinance 1127 will add the required article for section B-6 to chapter 15.28 in the Tucumcari Municipal Code. The State Floodplain Coordinator, spoke to Ralph Lopez and found that this needed to be added for compliance and to make sure we are up to date.

Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance 1127 and Commissioner Mihm seconded. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Haymaker	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution 2015-30, Coop Resolution for Time Extension - Mark Martinez presented this item to the Commission for Ralph Lopez. He stated this is only an extension of time, we already have a grant agreement in place. The reason for the request is due to inclement weather and we know it is going to be a rough winter; we want to have everything in place and not rush the project. It is a request for time until December 31, 2016 there will be no additional cost. Everything was approved previously, this is a project to do pavement on Lake Street north of Main Street up two blocks. He doesn't know the specifics but does know this is good for the City; it has already been approved as far as the grant agreement.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-30 and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Litchfield
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution 2015-31, Resolution Supporting the NEEDO-NM Economic Development Plan- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated this is a resolution in support of the North East Economic Development Organization's Economic Development Plan, which includes Colfax, Union, Mora, Harding, San Miguel, Quay and Guadalupe. Their plan addresses a lot of the concerns we face in Tukumcari and Quay County, working together with the NEEDO Organization gives us a bigger voice whenever we go for funding through the State, through Federal government and other things of that nature. Some of the things they have in their plan that he believes is really important to us is building collaborative efforts in the northeast region, working to improve agricultural natural resources, as we all know agriculture is a big part of our economy here in Tukumcari and Quay County. They have goals to work to improve infrastructure, roads, things of that nature, we've been trying to push for 54 to become a four lane and there is a need for smaller roads that need to be improved upon. They have a goal to secure water resources; water is always an issue in drier climates; we've been working with our wells, with Ute Lake water project, things of that nature. They also have health care issues and developing work force issues, which matches with the ACT program that we're working on. NEEDO is a good organization. He asks that the Commission support this resolution; their plan is something we can use to support our local development.

Commissioner Haymaker commented on the 45 page presentation, saying it was quite detailed to the bottom line figures and it was very informative, it was very interesting to read. Mr. Langenegger clarified that he did not prepare the document it was provided by NEEDO, they did a very good job in preparing it and presenting it, there are representatives on that organization.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-21 and Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Haymaker
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution 2015-32, Resolution of Support for the Racetrack- Warren Frost presented this item to the Commission. He stated that for several years Tukumcari has been attempting through the EDC to require a Racetrack. We have an application filed but for whatever reason the New Mexico Racing Commission isn't making a determination concerning where the sixth racing license should

go, there can be six licenses but there are currently only five. This resolution encourages the Governor to instruct the Racing Commission to press on with this effort. This will mean hundreds of jobs for the community where the racetrack is located, tens of millions of dollars in revenue not only for the community but also the state. The Governor has done an excellent job and is really focused on economic development in our state; this is a prime example of something she can easily do to enhance economic development and enhance the community that would get the racetrack.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked Mr. Frost saying that he appreciates his efforts; it is good for the State of New Mexico and whoever ends up with this license.

Commissioner Haymaker stated that he takes a lot of personal pride in the fact that this Commission has never had a no vote on anything since he has been a member. For public record he'd like it to be known that he is here to represent the will of the City of Tucumcari and its citizens however, his personal opinion is against this but he is not here for his personal feelings but he wants to make that known but he is here to represent the will of the majority of the citizens of Tucumcari so because of that he will agree with the direction the Commission goes on this. He also thanked Mr. Frost for coming and being informative in the meetings on the stats and other things that go with this.

Mayor Lumpkin commended Commissioner Haymaker for his effort and stand on this; it shows a lot of unselfishness and shows that he stands for what he believes; it is appreciated.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-32 and Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

City Manager's Report

At our last meeting, I reported that we had procured a snow plow from the NMDOT hardship sale, When our staff returned to pick up the plow, we found out that it had been sold out from under us. The NMDOT staff was apologetic, however, they stated there was nothing they could do to retrieve the plow and that they would refund our purchase. We are looking into other options for the purchase of the plow.

We had a bid opening for the project to replace the waterline from our wells near 5 mile park to the City on Wednesday. We received seven bids from various contractors which were very competitive. The apparent low bid was for \$1,638,908.45. Our engineers are reviewing the bids and will make a recommendation once they verify the information.

We held a stakeholder meeting on Monday October 5th regarding the ACT work ready community program that we are working on. The meeting was very well attended and we did have some employers that were interested in participating in the program, Senator Woods and Representative Roch were at the meeting and expressed their support for the program and recommended that we present to interim legislative committees for support. We will have our second Academy session on November 4-5 in Chattanooga Tennessee. In addition, we have found a couple of options that we are investigating and it appears that we be able to provide the work keys assessments, which are the

employee skills assessments, free of charge. I am very excited about this program and the potential that it has to improve economic development in Tukumcari.

The Sands Dorsey project is complete including all of the paperwork and we have approved the project, The contractors have sent over their final invoice and the cost for the project ended up being \$120,170.33 including NMGRT. This is a savings of approximately \$70,000 from the bid price we received for the project. The reason that project came out to a lower cost was there was not as much material that had to be removed and the contract was based off a quantity price not a lump sum. I think that Coronado did an excellent job with the project and am very happy with the work they did. I also want to thank the Engineers at Forsgren for the work that they put into the project, their detailed review of the loads and weight verification is what ensured we saved money on the project.

Mayor Lumpkin asked if there was a way from normal protocol if we were to send a letter to Forsgren for their efforts and their work they did for us, signed by the Commission. Mr. Langenegger stated that he believes that would be appropriate. Mayor Lumpkin stated that they did help us save a lot of money. He appreciates Forsgren's loyalty and help to the citizens of the City of Tukumcari. Commissioners Haymaker, Mihm and Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield thanked Mr. Langenegger for his efforts.

New Business

Requesting approval of engineering services for effluent total reuse project- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that this was a request of approval for the agreement between the City and HDR. The agreement is for a total of \$60,000. \$30,000 is for the preliminary engineering report; the other \$30,000 is for environmental information report. This project is to put together the preliminary engineering for the reuse project at the wastewater plant. The Commission made a determination with some help for the EPA that we needed to go to 100% reuse because the nitrogen and phosphorus requirements were increasing and we weren't able to meet with our current system, if we go 100% reuse we don't have to meet those requirements and it saves us a bit of money in the long run. HDR did find a USDA grant that should provide \$30,000 in grant funding for the preliminary engineering report but the City would have to take care of the \$30,000 for the environmental information report, a 50-50 deal is not bad. Once we get the preliminary engineering report done we can submit for a USDA grant, the last time it was checked it was a 75%/25% grant loan match, 75% of the project would be a grant and 25% would be a loan. An opportunity came from the New Mexico Environment Department where they provide a grant loan also. The first step is get the preliminary engineering done that way we know what the actual project cost should be and what we need to have done.

Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to approve the request between City and HDR for engineering services for effluent total reuse project that is contingent on the funding approval Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Litchfield	Haymaker	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Requesting approval of quotes for construction of Rock Island Lift Station- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that three bids were received for construction on

the Rock Island Lift Station; we have some electrical work, pump works, some things that need to be done to modernize it and make it more reliable. We have had several issues with the lift station in the past few years; the equipment there is aging and wearing out. We have the funding budgeted already we just need approval of the quotes to move forward with the purchase of the required equipment. The lowest quote is \$60,000.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the quotes for construction of Rock Island Lift Station and Commissioner Haymaker seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Haymaker	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

IFB #15-03 Asbestos Abatement - Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that there was a typo on the agenda instead of RFP it should be and IFB the difference being that an invitation for bid we go with the lowest price and request for proposals we go service based. We are asking for a bid for a contractor to provide asbestos remediation services to the city. There are several buildings within the city that we need remediation services at, one is the museum we have some asbestos issues in the basement that we need to corrected. The old police department building is another, as we go through our nuisance ordinance and try to correct some of the issues we have on our own properties we need to address them. With the police building whether we decide to renovate it or tear it down the first step is to try and figure out what the asbestos issue is and correct it. As we move forward with the nuisance ordinance if the city takes on properties or works towards demolition of properties we are required by the environmental department to get an asbestos certification prior to that. This bid will allow us to have a contract with someone and use them on an as needed basis for any asbestos remediation services, and asbestos inspection services which as we move forward with a lot of the projects we are already working on will be a necessary item.

Commissioner Haymaker stated that earlier this year he spoke to Dr. Newsom about the possibility of creating a curriculum with the college for asbestos abatement that could be applied to services to Tucumcari which we will be needing much of in the future since we have some many facilities with asbestos. Perhaps we can look further into that as part of the ACT or somehow get the college involved and maybe adding it as part of the curriculum it would certainly be lucrative career for someone.

Mr. Langenegger stated that Tucumcari is not the only city in this situation, there are cities across the nation that has aging infrastructures and buildings and a lot of them were built with asbestos. He thinks it would be a very good program curriculum for the college to present and we will work with them in any way.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield made the motion to approve IFB #15-03 Asbestos Abatement Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Litchfield
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Requesting approval to reduce or waive convention center fee for Rockabilly on the Route-
Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that there was a discussion at the

work session regarding Rockabilly on the Route this event has taken place three years and draws a lot of visitors to the City. It helps a lot of businesses in town, brings gross receipt tax to the community. In the past the Convention Center fee was lowered, it was discussed to have a reduction fee for this event as a way of the City sponsoring it because it is an event the City would like to see here for economic development. It was recommended in the work session that a fee of \$500 for the use of the convention center and they would pay for the security of the event.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that the bottom line is that we want to support activities that are sponsored by the City of Tucumcari and try to encourage more attendance and more people to come to Tucumcari which also helps with our revenue. It is a very fun event and the Commission wants to support that.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the reduction of \$500 for the rental of the Convention Center and assignment of responsibility for security to Rockabilly on the Route Commissioner Haymaker seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Haymaker
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Public Comments

Gail Houser- He stated that he had a number of inquiries pertaining to the level of success of Fired Up! 2015 and he wanted to update the Commission. We increased attendance to roughly 30% for a figure of 2,500 people. Vendor registrations increased by 16%, the car show increased from a level in year one to 40 vehicles this year, many of whom were first time Tucumcari residents that had been to Fired Up! We also attracted the publisher of the New Mexico Rods and Rides magazine, who will be doing at least a two page article on the event. Our Fired Up! quilt show in its first year had 75 entries and ran out of room to accept any more quilts in the depot location, he is sure they will be addressing that problem at a later date. Most importantly there were no major negative incidents; everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy this community festival. He thanked the promotional committee team members who worked tirelessly to get to this point, Connie Loveland the team leader who has been the team leader for five years. He also thanked Mark Lake, Carol Keith, Christine Montano, Lisa Sena, Diana Beck, Steve Hansen, Christy Dominquez, and Mike Riddle. The City of Tucumcari provided exceptional support for this event as well; he wanted to recognize Chris Gries and Michael Esquibel of the Facilities Maintenance department, Mark Martinez of the Planning and Zoning committee, Scott Simpson from the Parks and cemetery a big thank you to Fire Chief Shane Warner and his firefighters, Police Chief Braziel and his officers. Unexpectedly, Sheriff Russell Shaffer and his department from the county provided safety vehicles on Main Street to make sure there were no incidents for people crossing that area. He stated that without the cooperation and assistance from these individuals Fired Up! 2015 would not have been half as successful as it was. He sincerely appreciates everyone including the more than thirty volunteers that helped make it such a success.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked Mr. Houser for all his efforts as well, we watched how much time Mr. Houser put into it and how hard the work was. He stated that he felt that this was the best Fired Up! so far and they get better every year, he really appreciates all his work. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield also thanked him stating that it was wonderful.

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Gutierrez thanked Mr. Houser and all involved with Fired Up! it was truly a wonderful event, the turnout was spectacular. There were a few hiccups but like Mr. Houser said they will be addressed. She believes it will grow in leaps and bounds in the upcoming years. She also mentioned that Altrusa was having their cash party October 24, if you haven't purchased a ticket you can still get with someone from Altrusa and get one. It is their one and only fundraiser, all the proceeds go back to the community support for this is greatly needed and appreciated from the community. She also thanked everyone who was in attendance and apologized for appearing by telephone and wished everyone a good evening.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield reiterated Commissioner Gutierrez's comments for clarification. She stated that the Altrusa cash party was October 24, the tickets are \$100 each which includes a meal and you can bring a guest with the purchase of the ticket, and there is also a dance. All proceeds go back to the community. She stated that it was called "Boots and Bling this year". Commissioner Gutierrez confirmed this and stated that there will be a live band so if you can't afford a ticket at 9:00 p.m. the doors will open and you can purchase a ticket to get into the dance. They encourage the community to come to the dance if they can't purchase a \$100 ticket and enjoy an evening of dancing. Mayor Lumpkin commented that when there is an event in the community Altrusa has always volunteered to help with some part of it and they are a very essential part of the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield thanked Mr. Houser for Fired Up! She enjoyed it and it seems that every year it gets better. He mentioned that at her church it was suggested that the city, the county and the school meet to discuss a central meeting place for emergencies, where the town could gather and receive information from the emergency room to ensure that hospital doesn't get blocked. With the incident that occurred the hospital was crowded, there was no room in the parking lot so if another ambulance had needed to come in there wouldn't be enough room. She commented that she knew the families of those affected by the accident were having a hard time getting into the emergency room. She mentioned that Watson's BBQ was having their lot party October 10 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and Artspace was having another drum circle Friday the 9th at 6:30 p.m. they are a lot of fun.

Commissioner Mihm thanked everyone for coming, hopes everyone enjoys their weekend.

Commissioner Haymaker invited everyone to the drum circle at Artspace October 9 at 6:30 p.m. He stated that Rockabilly is a great opportunity for the city to distribute funds to businesses that's what it ends up translating to, we hire these very gifted people to come into the city and promote the City of Tucumcari and then the businesses benefit from that investment; it's a really neat way to go to businesses and hand a check from the city which we really couldn't do otherwise. It's a great idea and a great opportunity that has been laid in our lap. He appreciates Ungie and everyone that spearheads this. He thanked all who are tuning in, thank you Russell, KQAY, KTNM for keeping folks updated.

Mayor Lumpkin mentioned that there is a corner going to and from the hospital that weeds were growing up high enough to interfere with being able to see oncoming traffic, this was mentioned to the City Manager and it will be taken care of. He thanked everyone for coming out and he invited everyone to the meetings.

Adjournment

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

Haymaker	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Robert C. Lumpkin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk