

**City of Tucumcari**  
**City Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**November 13, 2014**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. Members present constituting a quorum were: Ruth Ann Litchfield, Rick Haymaker, Amy Gutierrez, John Mihm, and Robert Lumpkin. Mayor Robert Lumpkin appeared by Skype.

City Staff members present were: Jared Langenegger, City Manager; Doug Powers, Assistant City Manager; Pete Rivera, Asst. Chief of Police; Jason Braziel, Chief of Police; Larry Rigdon, Fire Chief; and Angelica Gray, City Clerk.

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

**Consideration of Changes for Deletions to the Agenda**

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

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Haymaker	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Items from Commissioners**

Commissioner Mihm thanked everyone for being here tonight. He thanked Patsy Gresham and Pat Vanderpool for the successful Energy Expo.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield thanked everyone for coming tonight. She also thanked DAR for such a moving program at the Elks Lodge for Veterans Day. She also thanked VFW for their presentation at the Cemetery. She stated we appreciate the Veteran's from past and present.

Commissioner Haymaker thanked KTNM for bringing the commissioners to the listeners at home. He thanked Patsy Gresham and Pat Vanderpool for the great time at the Energy Expo. He is impressed with the facilities at the Convention Center. He appreciates the Veterans who are suffering from being a Veteran.

Commissioner Gutierrez echoed what the other commissioners have said. She stated presentation to the Veteran's at the Cemetery and the Elk's Lodge was great. She is very appreciative to the Veterans who are active, retired, passed on, and their families.

She also stated the Altrusa Cash Party was a great success.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked everyone who helped with the Veterans events. He also thanked the commissioners for mentioning the events all volunteers. He especially thanked Commissioner Gutierrez for the current events.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield made the motion to approve the October 23, 2014 Commission Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Litchfield
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to approve the October 30, 2014, Special Work Session Notes and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Haymaker
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

### **City Manager's Report**

City Manager Langenegger reported that he visited all departments and department heads and staff. He thanked the staff for all the information they provided him.

He stated there are a few positions available with the City. He stated the City is currently advertising for a Code Enforcement position, Senior Director position, and a part-time cook at the Senior Center.

He stated in the first department he visited was the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He visited with Calvin Henson, supervisor. He stated they are fixing regulations with the EPA and dealing with discharge permits. He stated other cities are getting around this by doing 100% reuse of wastewater. He stated they are working toward looking at 100% reuse of the wastewater. We do have a pipeline that goes out where we have some reuse at the Ag Farm and a couple of private landowners however; it is not 100% right now. He stated Mr. Henson has visited with the City of Clayton and they have gone 100% reuse. He will be working with them and figure out what we need to do. What that will do for us is it will allow the City not to have to meet the discharge regulations because we wouldn't be discharging into a water of the US.

He stated about a week or so ago, we had an electrical outage occur overnight and it was out for about 3 hours. Commissioner Haymaker asked him to look into it. It was Commissioner Haymaker and several other people who understood that the electric station would kick in after 30 minutes of the power outage. He stated he did visit with Xcel and it takes 30 minutes just to get the station started. He stated the way it is supposed to work is they will assess the outage, check the issue and if it is an issue that will take 3 or 4 hours then they will kick it on. However, once they get it started it takes the process about 2 hours to get things switched over to where the City is up and running with electricity. Their explanation to him was this electric station is for catastrophic events. He stated for power events less than 2 or 3 hours Xcel will not kick it off because it takes more than that to get it switched over.

He stated he visited with Mr. Powers and the staff at community development and the code enforcement officer about the issues with the burned out buildings. He stated Mr. Powers attended the infrastructure conference in Santa Fe and he made some good contacts with EPA who may have some money available to tear down Sands Dorsey along with other buildings. He stated Mr. Powers is working on pursuing those funds, which will give us an option to move forward with the Sands Dorsey building.

He stated, as it was mentioned in the work session, he met with Quay County and Logan to discuss the Ute Lake Water issues. He also met with them to discuss the dispatch. He stated the dispatch tax went into effect a few weeks ago and they expect those monies to come in around March.

He stated they met to discuss the needs of dispatch and how it can make dispatch work most efficiently. There has been discussion on moving it to another building however, they have come to the conclusion that they leave it where it is right now. He stated they will try to modify things at the police department where dispatch is not having people come in and serving as a contact point for the police department.

He stated they had a meeting with Gordon Environmental who oversees our operations plans for the landfill. There are a couple of plans that need to be completed in order to be brought up to our standards and be current with our permit. They are putting together a proposal regarding what it will take to get this done. He stated the City has 3 of the 9 operations plans completed and the need to be completed by May of next year.

He stated the RAD lawsuit, Mr. Powers, Mr. Dysart and himself attended the trial. He stated the lawsuit was on settling the rates for the RAD Cooperative. We implemented new rates in 2012 and since that time RAD has been refusing to pay those rates, citing they were unfair and this lawsuit was to insure that they would pay the monies that are owed and ensure the City receives fair compensation for the water that is being provided to them. He thinks the trial went well however, the judge took everything under advisement and hopefully we will have a decision in a couple of weeks.

He appreciates everyone helping him during these last few weeks. Everyone has been very welcoming and had great conversations with people. He stated if he can do anything for anyone to let him know and he will try to do it.

### **Bids and Contracts**

**Requesting approval of Contract for Consulting Services at Senior Center** –City Manager Langenegger presented this to the commission. He stated this contract is to bring Clara Rey back to employment to provide consultant services to the Senior Center to act in the interim while we do not have a director. We were having issues with meeting the requirements with our federal and state grants. Ms. Rey is a retiree and we cannot bring her back as an employee. This contract has been approved by our legal services and PERA legal department. The contract is for 400 hours at \$14.46 per hour. He stated the Senior Center is a vital service for our community. It provides lunch, rides for grocery, shopping, doctors’ appointments and other needs. He feels it will be good to have Ms. Rey on board to help train the new director in what’s required in meeting with the grant requirements and to stay in compliance.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the contract for consulting services at the Senior Center and Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Requesting approval of Memorandum of Understanding between City of Tukumcari and Tukumcari Elementary School, Requesting approval of Memorandum of Understand between City of Tukumcari and Eastern Plains Community Action Agency (Headstart), and Requesting approval of Memorandum of Understand between City of Tukumcari and Eastern Plains Community Action Agency (Early Headstart)** – City Manager Langenegger presented these MOU’s to the commission. He stated this MOU is an understanding between our Senior Center Foster Grandparents Program and the Tukumcari Elementary School. This MOU allows the Senior Center to provide foster grandparents to go out and help with the programs at the elementary school. He stated the other two MOUs with Headstart and Early Headstart are the same.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understandings with Tukumcari Public Schools, Eastern Plains Community Action Agency Headstart and Early Headstart and Commission Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Litchfield	Haymaker	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Requesting approval of EMS Vehicle Purchase Application** – Larry Rigdon, Fire Chief presented this application to the commission. He stated this application is for the 2016 FY, which if granted, will purchase a new ambulance to replace the 2000 model, which has 270,000 miles. The cost for the new ambulance would be \$124,000 for a base model. He stated depending on the funding for the year, we are looking at receiving up to \$93,000 and a DFA loan to pay for the remainder.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield made the motion to approve the EMS Vehicle Purchase Application and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Haymaker	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Requesting approval of EMS Local System Improvement Project Application** – Larry Rigdon, presented this application to the commission. He stated this application is a grant to purchase things that we could not normally afford to improve a service such as purchasing a power cot, which helps our EMTs lift.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the EMS Local System Improvement Project Application and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Haymaker	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Litchfield
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## **New Business**

**Requesting approval to reschedule meetings for November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup> Holiday** – Mayor Lumpkin stated we are set by ordinance to schedule our commission meetings the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, however; in November and December the last meeting of the month needs to be rescheduled due to the holidays.

Ms. Gray suggested the November 27<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting and Housing Authority meeting be rescheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup> along with the finance board meeting be rescheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>. She also suggested the December 25<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting and Housing Authority meeting be rescheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to reschedule the November 27<sup>th</sup> Housing Authority and Commission meeting for November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting and Housing Authority meeting for December 18<sup>th</sup> and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Haymaker
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

## **Public Comments**

**Patsy Gresham** – She gave an update of the Energy Expo. She wanted to begin by recognizing April Ulibarri and Eddy Griggs for their hard work at the convention center. She thanked Rick Haymaker and his wife Toni for the IT service they provided. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield

Tucumcari has a great way to get around, great hotels and motels and our convention center can handle these type of events. She would like for us to continue marketing the convention center.

**Dr. Newsom** – He reminded everyone that November 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the College they will have a Native American Heritage Day celebration. They will have one of the actual World War II Navajo code talkers to give a presentation.

## **Items from Commissioners**

Commissioner Gutierrez mentioned that next week she will be traveling to Santa Rosa for the North Eastern Transportation meeting. She thanked everyone for the information provided tonight. She introduced Scooter Yocum for the Toys for Tots.

**Scooter Yocum**- He stated this year no one has sponsored the toy run for the children. He did get permission from VFW and he would like the permission from City to sponsor the run. He would like permission from the City for the run on his own and also he asked for sponsorship. He will let the commission know when he sets the date.

Mayor Lumpkin recommended he get with City Manager Langenegger to discuss the sponsorship from the City.

Commissioner Haymaker thanked everyone for coming tonight. He stated the ambulance vehicles have 250,000 miles and he appreciates the stewardship in taking care of the vehicle. He thanked KTNM for airing this to our citizens at home.

Commissioner Mihm thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield thanked Ms. Gresham for her hard work for promoting the Energy Expo and promoting Tucumcari. She thanked City Manager Langenegger for keeping the commissioners updated and she appreciates his hard work.

She stated that on December 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge friends have gotten together and will have a green chili enchilada dinner to sponsor funds for Shannon and Robert Lumpkin. She stated 100% of the donations will go to Shannon and Mayor Lumpkin for their financial expenses.

Mayor Lumpkin appreciates Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield and Tucumcari for their support. He thanked City Manager Langenegger and Mr. Powers for their hard work in getting grants for the burnt buildings in town. He thanked Ms. Gresham, Dr. Newson and Scooter Yocum for their time in promoting Tucumcari. He also thanked Ms. Ulibarri, Mr. Griggs and the staff at the Convention Center for their hard work.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield also thanked the police department for their hard work. She realizes they are shorthanded right now, however; she appreciates the time they are putting in and the sacrifices they do for all of us.

**Adjournment**

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

Haymaker	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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Ruth Ann Litchfield, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

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Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk