

City of Tucumcari
City Commission Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2015

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, December 3, 2015 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 Rick Haymaker.

City Staff members present were: Jared Langenegger, City Manager; Doug Powers, Assistant City Manager; and Angelica Gray, City Clerk.

Invocation presented by Pastor Amy Pospichal, First Presbyterian Church and Mayor Lumpkin lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

Ordinance 1128, Second Reading, an Ordinance Amending Section 2.20.060 of the Tucumcari Municipal Code Pertaining to the Salary of the Municipal Judge- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that this ordinance is an increase to the municipal judge's salary. It has been several years since the judge's salary has been increased. It's a small increase, less than \$1,500. The current Judge will not receive the increase it would go to the next elected judge.

Mayor Lumpkin wanted to clarify that the increase is not official until after the next election.

There were no public comments regarding this ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield made the motion to approve Ordinance 1128, Amending the Municipal Judge Salary and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll call:

Haymaker	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ordinance 1129, Second Reading, an Ordinance Amending Section 2.04.080 to the Tucumcari Municipal Code Pertaining to Salaries of the Mayors and Commissioners- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that this ordinance is to increase the salaries for the Commissioners and the Mayor. The increase is minimal at \$1,000 per Commissioner and for the Mayor. The Commission's salary would be increased to \$4,600 a year and the Mayor's \$5,800 per year. Again this increase would not go into effect for the current Commission it will only take effect after the next election. After the election the new elected Commissioner will receive that salary. The pay rate for the Commission and the Mayor is lower than other municipalities around the state. The \$1,000 increase is the least we could do for the amount of work it takes to be a Commissioner. Over the last few years there have been more special meetings, it's not just two meetings a month. We have work sessions, special meetings and special events along with other things that need to be taken care of. The Commissioners have received an increase in workload so it's appropriate to increase the salary as well.

Mayor Lumpkin clarified that the increase is \$1,000 per year. He stated that this salary increase does not go to the current Commission it will go to the future Commission and Mayor.

There were no public comments regarding this ordinance.

Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to approve Ordinance 1129, Second Reading and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll call:

Litchfield	Haymaker	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ordinance 1130, Second Reading, an Ordinance Amending the Dedication of a Municipal Capital Outlay Local Option Gross Receipts Tax- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that we currently have a quarter cent gross receipt tax that is a Capital Outlay gross receipt tax, the way the current ordinance is written the tax is dedicated just to acquisition and delivery of Ute Lake Water to the City of Tucumcari. The Capital Outlay Local Option Gross Receipt Tax can be used for any capital outlay project, infrastructure, streets, roads, waterlines, sewer lines and other things of that nature but they need to be defined in the ordinance. We can currently only use it for Ute Lake Water, Ute Lake Water is an excellent project it is something that we will need in the future. Currently we don't have plans to construct a pipeline or start the delivery of Ute Lake Water. We have been very fortunate with our groundwater supply and our wells are holding out. With this ordinance we are asking not to change it from Ute Lake Water but to amend it and add allowing the use of this tax for infrastructure projects such as streets, roadways, street lighting, water lines, sewer lines, building improvements and other things that are infrastructure projects that are also immediate needs for the City; we will still have it designated for Ute Lake as well when we have a need for it. At this point in time we have been collecting this tax for several years and we have about \$1.9 million set aside that can currently only be used for Ute Lake Water, this money has already been collected under this definition and that's all it will be utilized for. Expanding the definition in this point in time will allow us to make use of the taxes that are being collected and get some infrastructure repairs for the City done that are immediate needs. This is not a new tax it is an existing tax that we are already paying If this passes tonight it will be placed on the ballot for the March 1st election, the public will vote to allow this amendment.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that the voters of Tucumcari voted for the tax to be used for only Ute Lake Water and in doing that it made it very narrow on how it could be spent so this will change the way it can be utilized but we have to vote on it. It is not a new tax; it is a tax that citizens are already paying this will just change how it can be spent. He stated that if we need money for large capital projects we usually borrow the money from New Mexico Finance Authority and we pay the loan off with the tax. The citizens of Tucumcari have 6,000 acre foot set aside of Ute Lake water. The citizens pay out of that tax an assessment which pays to reserve the water for us. He stated he would like to make sure we are still able to pay that assessment out of that tax so we will continue to have that water available to us. The objective of that tax still exists. If we ever need Ute Lake Water it is still available to us. Again, this is not a new tax but the voters will have to vote on this.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve Ordinance 1130, Second Reading, Amending the Dedication of Municipal Capital Outlay Local Option Gross Receipts Tax and Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Haymaker	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ordinance 1131, Second Reading, Adopting the Amendment to the Uniform Traffic Code- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission he stated this ordinance is to bring the City ordinances into compliance with state motor vehicle code. It adds in the prohibition of texting while driving which was added at the last legislative session and it also adds in a definition of auto cycles. Essentially this is just to bring our City ordinances up to date with the state rules for the motor vehicle code.

Mayor Lumpkin commented that the biggest change to the Uniform Traffic Code in this ordinance is the texting while driving. Commissioner Haymaker asked Mr. Langenegger if he knew if the mandatory use of a protective helmet for persons under the age of eighteen if it also includes being a passenger. Mr. Langenegger stated that he would have to check on that it wasn't part of the ordinance that was being changed. Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield stated that further on the Ordinance discusses that.

Commissioner Gutierrez asked for clarification on item C3 of the Traffic Ordinance stating that she has had citizens ask her about it. Mr. Langenegger stated that C3 was the definition of a text message stating that a "text message" means a digital communication transmitted or intended to be transmitted between communication devices and includes electronic mail, an instant message, a text or image communication and a command or request to an internet site; but "text message" excludes communications through the use of a computer-aided dispatch service by law enforcement or rescue personnel. Commissioner Gutierrez stated that the exceptions are the questionable area; the telecommunications would be their computer and their radio. So when you see an officer driving and texting that is not an exemption. Mr. Langenegger stated that in larger cities police officers have computers in their car that provides dispatch information and that is where the exemption applies. He stated it does not exempt an officer texting and driving for personal use. Commissioner Gutierrez asked Deputy Chief Rivera if the police officers had a need for a cell phone while on duty. Deputy Chief Rivera stated that no, according to policy they aren't allowed to be using a cell phone while operating a vehicle licensed by the City. Mr. Langenegger stated that the City policy, for any City employee, phone use is not allowed while operating a City vehicle. Commissioner Gutierrez stated that there have been citizens commenting on that. Mr. Langenegger stated that if citizens have concerns about that they should call him at City Hall and let him know when and where they noticed that and he would address it.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to approve Ordinance 1131, Second Reading, Amending the Uniform Traffic Code and Commissioner Haymaker seconded the motion. Roll call:

Haymaker	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Litchfield
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Consideration of Changes or Deletions to Agenda

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

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Haymaker
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Gutierrez welcomed everyone. She stated that she hoped everyone had a happy Thanksgiving and thanked Mr. Langenegger explaining the Uniform Traffic Code. She stated that anytime there are concerns the Commission wants to make sure the community understands them.

Commissioner Haymaker welcomed everyone and stated it was good to see everyone. He thanked Pastor Pospichal for her invocation and the radio for keeping the community informed. He stated that Ordinance 1131 stated no one under the age of eighteen is allowed on a motorcycle and concerning the Municipal Capital Outlay they don't want to take money away from the citizens who designated and established that fund and their foresight is appreciated. He stated that he has spoken to a few citizens and they are in favor of dedicating some of this money to infrastructure improvement. We are honoring those that dedicated the funds and the original purpose is still there. He stated he is excited to move forward with this.

Commissioner Mihm welcomed everyone in attendance and everyone listening on the radio and also thanked the radio for broadcasting. He stated that he hopes everyone had a good Thanksgiving and hopes the rest of the holiday season is good for the City of Tukumcari. He stated that the City was able to get some decorations up, not to the magnitude they want but it is a work in progress and hopefully in the next few years we will see a great downtown in terms of the lighting.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield welcomed everyone and the listening audience. She stated she hopes everyone had a good Thanksgiving and hopes everyone's holidays are great. She thanked Pastor Pospichal for her invocation and said that her thoughts and prayers are with the people of San Bernardino.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked everyone for coming and also thanked Pastor Pospichal for her support that she has shown to the Commission and also for her prayers for the citizens of San Bernardino.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the November 19th Commission Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll call:

Haymaker	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ordinances or Resolutions

Ordinance 1132, First Reading, an Ordinance of the City of Tukumcari authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement and a Project Participation Agreement accepting from the New Mexico Economic Development Department \$50,000.00 for economic assistance for the Odeon Theatre- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission he stated that this ordinance is something he believes is very needed and he is very excited that we have come to this point and will be able to move forward. A few meetings ago the LEDA ordinance was amended to allow us to use LEDA funds from the State for cultural properties, MRA properties and

for farmers markets. This is the first opportunity to utilize the changes to the ordinance. This ordinance will allow us to accept \$50,000 from New Mexico’s Economic Development Department and provide those funds to the Odeon Theatre. The theatre is a historic theatre and is a very important part of the city; it is the only theatre within a hundred miles so it is something that is important to reserve. This will allow us to accept the money from the state and provide it to the Odeon for repairs to the building, which they may not be able to do on their own. There are three parts to the agreement: the ordinance, which allows us to enter into the agreements; intergovernmental agreement, which is between the city and the state and allows us to accept the money; and the project participation agreement, which is between the city and the Odeon Theatre. The project participation agreement states that in exchange for the money the Odeon will retain one full time employee and part time employees and within three years they shall hire an additional full time employee. There are protections for the city should the contractor not follow through with the agreement. The Odeon will be providing a letter of credit for the \$50,000. The bottom line is the City of Tukumcari is getting \$50,000 from the state to help a local business that will allow them to employ people of the City of Tukumcari. He stated he believes this is a win-win situation.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that the perpetrators of the Odeon have worked very hard to redesign the building and to add to the technology. He stated that he is very impressed and they have been able to offer free movies for children and they have participated in a lot of events that have come to Tukumcari. He thanked Bob and Christy for their hard work and for their addition to the City of Tukumcari.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield stated that she doesn’t know of any other theatre where you can watch a movie, get popcorn and a coke for ten dollars and that’s important. She stated most places out of town you’ll spend almost fifty dollars. She thanked Bob and Christy for keeping the prices so everyone can afford to enjoy a movie.

Mayor Lumpkin stated that this is state money that the city has received. Everyone has worked hard on rewriting this ordinance so we were able to apply for state money to help local businesses. He stated we have brought in \$50,000 to the city and thanked everyone that worked on it.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve Ordinance 1131, First Reading, an Ordinance of the City of Tukumcari authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement and a Project Participation Agreement accepting from the New Mexico Economic Development Department \$50,000.00 for economic assistance for the Odeon Theatre and Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll call:

Litchfield	Haymaker	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution 2015-37, Election Resolution- Ms. Gray presented this item to the Commission. She stated that the regular municipal election is scheduled for March 1, 2016. Regular elected positions that are open are District 1 one Commissioner for a term of four years, District 2 one Commissioner for a term of four years and District 3 one Commissioner for a four year term. The resolution also in detail states the question in regards to the one fourth percent of the Municipal Capital Gross Receipts Tax and states that the voting center is at the Tukumcari Convention Center for all districts. Absentee voting is scheduled to begin on February 26, 2016. All applications for absentee ballots must be submitted to the Municipal Clerk on February 26, 2016 by 5:00 pm. Early voting begins on

February 10 until February 26, 2016, persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election must register with the County Clerk of Quay County no later than Tuesday February 2nd at 5:00 pm the day the County Clerk will close all registration books. A public service announcement will be put out. All declarations of candidacy shall be filed in the Municipal Clerks office on Tuesday January 5th between the hours of 8am and 5 pm. Tabulators will be used which will be provided by Dominion ICP. The resolution will be published twice on December 9th and December 23rd both in English and Spanish.

Commissioner Haymaker thanked Ms. Gray for putting the resolution together and stated it was very well done.

Mayor Lumpkin also thanked Ms. Gray for her hard work.

Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to approve Resolution 2015-37, Election Resolution and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Haymaker	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

City Manager’s Report

Workforce Connections Veterans Services Office – Tomorrow from 9am to 4pm the Department of Workforce Connections will be hosting office hours at the Main Street Conference Room at the west entrance of the Railroad Depot. The purpose of this office is to assist veterans with career services including, skills assessment and surveys, job search assistance, career guidance, and case management. They can also assist veterans with obtaining educational and health benefits. This office will be in Tucumcari once per month to assist the local veteran community. If needed, we may expand office hours to a couple of times per month or weekly depending on demand. I would encourage all veterans to take advantage of the services offered. These services are being offered free of charge through the NM Workforce Connections Office.

Legislative Reception – There will be a legislative reception at the Tucumcari Convention Center on Monday December 7th at 6:00 pm. Our local legislators will be in attendance to visit with local government officials regarding the upcoming legislative session. We will be thanking legislators for past support as well as presenting requests for capital outlay for this legislative session.

ACT Stakeholder Meeting – We will be hosting our second stakeholder meeting for the Quay County ACT Work Ready Community Project on Tuesday December 8th, 2015 at the Tucumcari Convention Center at 6:00 pm in the Liberty Room. This stakeholder meeting will focus on how the work ready community program and certification as a work ready community will benefit Employers within the Area. All employers are encouraged to attend to learn more about the Work Ready Community Project as well as how they can participate. In addition to the information on the work ready community project, we will be having representatives from NM Workforce Connections providing information regarding the programs they administer. These programs provide benefits for employers creating jobs and training individuals for jobs including reimbursing the employer for the employee’s salary up to 75% while they are being trained. I want to emphasize that all of these

services are being provided to the Employers free of charge through the Workforce Opportunity and Innovation Act grant that the State is administering.

ACT Public Testing Site – On Tuesday December 15, 2015 we will be hosting a public testing site for the ACT National Career Readiness Certificate at the Convention Center from 9am – 4pm. This will allow any individual from the public an opportunity to test for and earn their National Career Readiness Certificate. The NCRC is a nationally recognized certificate that allows individuals to prove to employers they have the skills and knowledge necessary to be successful in the workforce. Individuals wishing to test for this certificate will need to call and register. The test takes about three hours and there are three subjects that individuals are evaluated in including mathematics, finding information, and reading comprehension. The great thing about the NCRC is that if an individual takes the tests and they don't do as well as they would have liked, they can work with us and the Workforce Connections to obtain training to improve their scores and test again. We are working to have a public testing site on a regular basis, at least monthly. I would encourage high school students and college students to take the test and get an assessment of where they stand prior to graduation. The scores that you receive can also be utilized to see what professions you may fit into or may help you determine what areas of study you need to focus on. There are several national corporations that utilize the National Career Readiness Certificate as a prerequisite for their hiring process. Space is limited at the testing site, so we are encouraging people to pre-register. You can contact me at City Hall for more information.

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield asked if this information was going out to the high schools as well. Mr. Langenegger stated that the information was sent out to the college and to the high schools in Tukumcari, Logan, House and San Jon.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked Mr. Langenegger for finding these opportunities for the people in the area to improve their work skills and help get a good job. He stated is anyone has any questions call City Hall at (575)461-3451.

Bids & Contracts

Requesting Approval of 2014/2015 CDBG Agreement Amendment to adjust the construction budget- Ralph Lopez presented this item to the Commission. He stated that city has a current CDBG project going. The project requires us to draw down money before a certain date. Since the project was a phase two of existing projects the bulk of the money was put into construction since most of the designs were already done. The City is also responsible to pay the engineer their matching funds because of that the bulk of the CDBG money was used for construction and in order to draw some of that money down in a more timely fashion we are purposing to transfer some of the money for construction to pay for the engineering in order to draw down the money sooner without having to wait to go into construction. This amendment between the city and CDBG is not an increase in cost it is just a transfer of money from one budget to another.

Mayor Lumpkin stated the amendment was required by CDBG.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to approve the 2014/2015 CDBG Agreement Amendment to adjust the construction budget and Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll call:

Haymaker	Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez	Litchfield
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

New Business

Requesting Approval of Chip Seal Project- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that in April the Commission voted to approve \$80,000 from the cash balance to purchase materials for the city to do a chip seal project on third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth streets and several side roads south of Washington. The \$80,000 was for the purchase of materials to complete the project. We do have an oil truck, oil spreader, chip spreader and a sweeper. We were planning to utilize City equipment and staff to complete this project. The staff has been working over the summer to complete this project. All the chips have been purchased. Unfortunately we keep running into mechanical failures, the sweeper quit working and needed repairs we have also experienced issues with the chip spreader. Most recently we learned that the oil spreader has a leak in the oil tank, the leak is something we cannot fix so we will need to purchase a new tank. Our street supervisor received quotes for a new tank and they are running around \$80,000. The supervisor, Alex Arias, also contacted contractors to get estimates for the work with the understanding that the materials have already been purchased. Out of the \$80,000 that was approved in April after the purchase of all necessary materials, we have a balance of \$24,339. The lowest bid we received to have a contractor finish the project was \$54,800, which was from a local contractor, Pacheco’s Construction. This is a request to expend an additional \$30,000 in addition to the \$80,000 that was already approved to have Pacheco’s Construction come in and complete the Chip Seal project. It is a bit late in the year to get it done; the chip seal requires warm weather. This project will most likely begin in March or April to utilize the warmer weather. With the age of the equipment we have and the price of repairs it would be better to hire someone to get the work done, being that we already have the materials. The total price of the project would go from \$80,000 to \$110,000, which for the number of streets we will complete it is still a reasonable price. In the future when we look into projects we can look at different contractors and get a bid for them to do the work because in the future we might not have the funds to purchase and maintain the equipment to do the work ourselves.

Commissioner Haymaker asked if there were any hopes of selling the equipment we have in its current condition. Mr. Langenegger stated that could be done through the surplus sales. The city has sold equipment in the past that hasn’t been in proper working order and been able to recoup some losses.

Commissioner Haymaker made the motion to approve the Chip Seal Project and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll call:

Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Haymaker
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Requesting Approval of contract for employee at Senior Center- Mr. Langenegger presented this item to the Commission. He stated that unfortunately the Director of the Senior Services resigned and we have a vacancy that needs to be filled. The Senior Service Director currently oversees three senior centers, the City of Tucumcari, House and Logan. We have applied for the

future just to operate Tucumcari’s Senior Center. The Commission has decided to move away from operating both House and Logan’s centers and after July 1st we will only be operating the Tucumcari Senior Center. With this change he stated he isn’t sure if the Senior Services Director is 100% necessary in the form that it is in now. Having one person oversee three senior centers is a bit different than overseeing just one. This request for Clara Rey, who has worked for the City before, has done contract work for the City; she is very familiar with the senior center and its operations. This contract is for her to come in and act as director of the senior centers until July 1st, which will give us plenty of time to reevaluate our position and figure out what to do with the senior services director position. He stated it is a loss to lose an employee and we appreciate Charlotte’s service in the past and she has done an excellent job. We are sorry to see her go but having Ms. Rey come in will help us have some continuity because not only has Ms. Rey been there before but she has done volunteer work, the staff is familiar with her and she is familiar with how things are operated.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked Mr. Langenegger for his initiative and getting this done so we have an administrator at the Senior Center.

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

Haymaker	Mihm	Litchfield	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Requesting Approval to Accept Amended Change Order #3 for Metro Well Field Rehab Project- Mark Martinez presented this item to the Commission. He stated that this change order was previously approved on October 22, 2015 there was an adding error that was caught after approval it will increase the overall project total by \$3,386.72 including New Mexico gross receipts tax. The quote from Rodgers and Company line item 29 was miscalculated. This is to provide two security fences that are required by the State of New Mexico to protect the well itself and keep anyone from intruding or tampering with it. It was initially calculated at \$5,000 but the actual bid unit price should be \$4,062.50 at a quantity of two fences one for well eight site as well as well number three site. The math was corrected and the outcome was the increase of \$3,386.72.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve amended Change Order #3 for Metro Well Field Rehab Project and Commissioner Haymaker seconded the motion. Roll call:

Litchfield	Haymaker	Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Public Comments

Gail Sanders- Ms. Sanders is from the Chamber of Commerce and she stated that there is a new postcard “66 Things To Do on Route 66 in Tucumcari” and they are now on sale at the Chamber of Commerce. Saturday, December 6 is the Parade of Lights. The parade will begin at Kmart and will continue down the Boulevard to the Convention Center. There are plenty of entry forms available if anyone is interested in entering a float. There will be three awards given and three categories: religious, general Christmas and recreational. You can enter a float and not be judged. You are able to have a semi truck, boat, RV, anything on wheels and there already has been bicyclists enter. She stated that the Chamber of Commerce is having a lighting contest; your business can be entered,

your home. Judging will be on December 13. If you would like to enter, please call in with your address by December 11th at (575)-461-1694.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked Ms. Sanders for all her work.

Mr. Langenegger- He stated that in his City Manager's report he forgot to mention that the City is putting out Christmas decorations but not at the extent they would like, but they are being put out. He wanted to personally thank the staff for putting forth a tremendous effort to make sure our Christmas decorations are put up. Scott Simpson with the Parks department has gone out and received bids for new banners for the boulevard. We have received those. They have been putting those up and are doing a good job. He stated that he appreciates them working hard. Mr. Powers found some light pole decorations that were on sale and ordered some. Steel Electric will be installing those. We will have some Christmas lights and decorations that will be installed on First Street from Main to the Boulevard. We are hoping every year to build up our supply and be able to have the whole city decorated. He wanted to thank Mr. Simpson and Mr. Powers and stated that he was worried the decorations would not be up in time.

Items From Commissioners

Mayor Pro Tem Litchfield she stated that herself and her family were very devastated to hear about the Rocking Y's fire, it is such a loss to the community and they will be missed. She stated that Yvonne and Yvette are in her thoughts and prayers and hopes they will be able to rebuild and she is behind them 100%. She stated that Charlotte will be missed at the Senior Citizens Center and she has done a good job. She thanked everyone for coming and thanked the listening audience.

Commissioner Mihm thanked everyone and the listening audience. He stated that he wanted to remind everyone of the ACT testing site, it is a great way for parents to encourage their children who are going into the work force to go get this assessment. It is a great certificate to have. Testing is Tuesday December 15th from 9:00 am until 4:00m pm. He stated he is very excited about the program and hopes there is a lot of participation from the community. It is a great opportunity for anyone entering the workforce and it is free of charge.

Commissioner Gutierrez announced that on December 19th the Polar Express will be at the Depot beginning at 5-6 p.m. that evening and is geared to children between the ages of 5-9. It is a pajama party and light refreshments will be served. The sponsors for this event are Odeon Theater and Dr. Dan C. Trigg. There will be seating for adults and we encourage everyone to come out. For any further 461-4413 ext. 133.

Commissioner Haymaker thanked everyone for coming our and listening at home. He stated the soup bowl was a great success at St. Michael's Church. Tomorrow night is the employee appreciation dinner at Elks Lodge. He stated they do appreciate the city employees and all they do.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked everyone for coming and reiterated the comment on the Rockin' Y's fire. It is such a tragedy and loss to Tucumcari.

Adjournment

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

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Litchfield	Haymaker	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Robert C. Lumpkin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk