

City of Tucumcari
City Commission Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2014

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were: John Mihm, Robert Lumpkin, and Amy Gutierrez. Ruth Ann Litchfield was absent.

City Staff members present were; Doug Powers, City Manager; Charlie Sandoval, Assistant City Manager; Angelica Gray, City Clerk; and Dennis Dysart, Finance Director.

Invocation presented by Pastor John Hinze, First Baptist Church. Steve Gutierrez led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Changes for Deletions to the Agenda

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

Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Mihm and Gutierrez thanked everyone for coming. They are both glad there are three interests in filling District 1.

Mayor Lumpkin stated the Lodger's Tax Board was presented with a Certificate Of Appreciation from New Mexico Bluegrass.

He also thanked the First Assembly of God for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt.

In addition, Mayor Lumpkin stated that Comcast is having Comcast Care Day. This year they will be working at the golf course.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to approve the April 10, 2014 work session notes as written and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the April 10, 2014, commission meeting minutes and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2014-11 - BAR 3rd Quarter Budget Adjustment - Mr. Dysart stated the City of Tucumcari's beginning budget was \$615,237.00 deficit. Through the adjustments in the first two quarters, it has been reduced to \$491,000. This BAR is for an increase of \$69,000 for this quarter. With all the changes, we have come down from the \$615,000.00 by \$53,000 and the new budget is now \$561,483.00 deficit.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-11 and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Mihm	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes

Resolution 2014-12 - Approval and Acceptance of Audit for Fiscal Year 2013 – Mr. Dysart stated that during the last work session, Griego Professional Services presented the Audit to the commission. By statute the audit needs to be approved and accepted by the commission.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-12 and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Mihm	Lumpkin	Gutierrez
Yes	Yes	Yes

City Manager's Report

Mr. Powers stated that on the April 16th, he attended the Regional Emergency Communications meeting. They are still working on the final budget for the commissioners. He hopes to set up a meeting with the commissioners.

On April 17th he and the Mayor attended the Eastern New Mexico Water Utility meeting in Grady, NM. It was an interesting meeting. He's glad they go to represent Tucumcari.

Yesterday he left early to Water Trust Board application hearings. Tucumcari did not have an application this year. Our current project is for the transmission line from the Five Mile Park to the Center Street tank. We are still progressing on that. He thinks the priority next year will be the Center Street tank. He thinks the entire tank needs to be replaced. We are looking at getting a grant from New Mexico Finance Authority.

They started to rebuild the roof at the fire department. He thanked CJ Wiegel and Tucumcari General Insurance for their help in making this happen.

They have been working with HDR Engineering on the discharge permit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ed DeBois and the City are working on possible alternatives.

He continues to work with American Tower. They came in with a prebuilt slab but they are still looking at going down with a three foot footing. He still has his concerns with that.

He was hoping to get the personnel ordinance to the commission. He hopes to get that to the commission next week.

Mr. Powers stated that there have been 1300 meter readers installed.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked the water department for volunteering their time in getting the water turned on for a business person who is looking at purchasing new property.

Mayor Lumpkin stated there was a water forum in Santa Fe and they discussed the drought and what can be done. The Drought Management Plan does not match the conditions we are dealing with now. They have acknowledged that and we will see if something will be done.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked everyone for their concern.

Bids and Contracts

Mayor Lumpkin stated that Griego Professional Services has performed three audits for the City of Tucumcari. He stated we have adapted our processes to match what they want and GPS has also helped in making those changes.

Requesting Approval for Audit Contract 2014-2017 – Ms. Gray stated the request for proposal was published on April 2nd with a deadline of April 22, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. She stated the City received seven responses with all being found to be responsive.

Ms. Gray stated the audit evaluation committee has selected Griego Professional Services as the most advantageous to the City of Tucumcari.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to enter into a contract with Griego Professional Services and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Gutierrez	Mihm	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes

New Business

Names and Candidates for District 1 – Ms. Gray announced the names of the applicants for District 1, which are Rick Haymaker, Jerry Lopez, and Gary Southern.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked the applicants for submitting their interest. He stated during the next work session on May 8th at 5:00 p.m. the applicants will be interviewed and selection of the new commissioner will take place on May 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comments

Rick Haymaker – Stated that the Artspace is now selling paintings. Marty Frickee and Sam Frickee were in last week and Sam stated that Tucumcari meets the criterion that shows Tucumcari is on its way to something new. Mr. Haymaker wanted to share that with the commission.

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Mihm stated that a motor tour is set for next weekend. We also have Rockabilly coming to Tucumcari. He is glad to see these events so early in the tourism season. He thanked Ms. Gresham for her hard work.

Mayor Lumpkin reminded the commission of the Cinco de Mayo festivals at the Mesalands Community College.

Commissioner Gutierrez stated these events give the City the opportunity to generate gross receipts tax. She hopes the community supports these events.

Adjournment

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

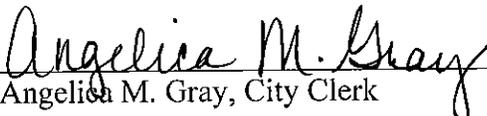
Lumpkin	Gutierrez	Mihm
Yes	Yes	Yes

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Ruth Ann Litchfield, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk

