

**City of Tukumcari
City Commission Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2014**

The Tukumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were: Commissioner Litchfield, Robert Lumpkin, Amy Gutierrez, and John Mihm. Mayor Lumpkin appeared by Skype.

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

Invocation presented by Pastor John Barrett, United Methodist Church. Charlie Sandoval led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Changes or Deletions to the Agenda

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

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| Lumpkin | Gutierrez | Litchfield | Mihm |
| Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Mihm thanked the applicants who submitted their names for District 1.

Commissioner Gutierrez acknowledged the three candidates who submitted letters on interest. In addition, she stated the Chamber's banquet was a great event.

Commissioner Litchfield also thanked the three applicants who submitted their interests. She also thanked Pastor John Barrett for leading us into prayer.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked everyone for coming. He also added that his daughter Shannon and himself are doing well. She is improving every day. He thanked everyone for their prayers and concerns.

He also thanked the three applicants for their letters of interest. He stated that regardless of the turnout he thinks they will get a good commissioner.

He also mentioned that he is the liaison of the Cemetery Advisory Board and many people have mentioned how the cemetery has improved. Trees have been cut and some trimmed, which is an improvement.

The junior class volunteered at the Cemetery to pick up trash. The senior class worked at the Ag center. 9th and 10th grade classes cleaned around the school. He thanked the students and teachers who put this together.

He thanked the police department for working at the health fair. He thanked all volunteers for all their help.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the April 24, 2014, commission minutes as written and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Litchfield | Lumpkin | Mihm | Gutierrez |
| *Abstain | Yes | Yes | Yes |

*Commissioner Litchfield abstained due to her absence at the April 24, 2014 commission meeting.

Proclamations, Memorials, and Petitions

Proclamation declaring May 1- 7, 2014, as Youth Week - Mayor Lumpkin stated the Proclamation is to declare May 1 – 7th as Youth Week. He stated the reason the proclamation is after the fact, is because our meeting dates did not coincide well with the application for the Proclamation.

Commissioner Litchfield read the proclamation.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked Elks Lodge for all the effort they put forth for the youth. He also thanked several entities in putting our youth first.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2014-13 – Eastern Plains Council of Governments – Mr. Powers stated EPCOG represents this area within the State of New Mexico. It gives us the opportunity to find out what the other communities are doing. The annual membership fee is \$1,878. He asked the commissioners for approval up the contingency of appointing a liaison to the board.

Mayor Lumpkin stated EPCOG is a very active group. In the past, the City was not a member of EPCOG due to issues in this organization. However, we are a member once again.

Commissioner Litchfield made the motion to pay dues and approve Resolution 2014-13 and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Mihm | Litchfield | Lumpkin | Gutierrez |
| Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Resolution 2014-14 – Establishing Laboratory Test Fees at the Tucumcari Municipal Laboratory – Janet Garcia, supervisor, stated rates have not been increased since 2008. It will cause a yearly increase of \$2,500.00. She stated although it is not a great increase, she does need to stay competitive with other areas.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-14 and Commission Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Gutierrez | Mihm | Litchfield | Lumpkin |
| Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Resolution 2014-15 – Opposing the Naming of the Lesser Prairie Chicken as a Threatened Species – Mr. Powers stated the Resolution was submitted by the Eastern Plains Council of Governments. In addition, the Ute Lake Ranch is also opposed to this. A few months ago he attended a meeting where the prairie chicken was discussed. Although the prairie chicken is not in the Tucumcari area, the area south of Tucumcari in Quay County is in the area designated as a threatened area. He believes that although this may not be an issue for Tucumcari, it could expand into our area and affect our ranching and farming community.

Mayor Lumpkin added the lesser prairie chicken has already been declared a threatened species. They have stated it would have limited negative effect. However, they have lost population of the prairie chicken. He stated he would never want a species to become extinct. He stated it is a threatened species, which is not the same as endangered.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-15 and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Litchfield | Lumpkin | Gutierrez | Mihm |
| Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

City Manager's Report

Mr. Powers stated they have been working on the pool. The inspection will take place on the May 20th.

He also stated that through EDC they approved the additional 20 acres for possible land for cemetery expansion. The survey was there today and a Warranty Deed will be prepared, filed and reverted to the City.

To follow up on the Mayor's comments, he also wanted to thank the classes that helped clean up Tucumcari.

He also thanked the commission for attending the meeting at the central dispatch meeting. There was an outstanding turnout. The gross receipts tax for the Emergency Communication Center was well received and there was a lot of support from the emergency dispatch group.

He further stated that we are 7 to 10 days away from completing this project and all meters installed.

He received a call from Frank Turner and Bill Curry who will be coming in next week to bring in an old railroad signal with the mechanical arms, which will be donated for the Railroad Depot. Mr. Curry was hoping to meet with us at the depot on Tuesday. Mr. Curry has done a lot for Tucumcari and Frank Turner is Terry Turner's brother.

He stated things are going good at the convention center. He thanked Ms. Rudisill for her good work.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked Mr. Powers for his hard work.

Bids and Contracts

Requesting Approval for Audit Contract with Griego Professional Services – Mr. Dysart requested approval. He stated this contract is a template from the State Auditor’s Office and is state requirement by the Audit Act.

Commissioner Litchfield made the motion to approve the contract with Griego Professional Services for Audit Services and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Lumpkin | Gutierrez | Litchfield | Mihm |
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Requesting Approval for Additional Engineering Services – Ms. Evans stated this is for an additional amendment proposal to the original engineer services, which was bid on by Forsgren Associates for the Daub’s Addition Street and water improvements. The amendment is for \$34,000 for engineering services for additional work to receive the CDBG grant.

Mr. Powers added that this was a 2012 project. He stated we are continuing the project and asking them for a bid packet for the City, which will help us in the rating system.

Commissioner Mihm clarified that they are not asking for engineering services however we are requesting additional services. Mr. Powers stated the plans need to be redone and pull out the parts that were not completed. Mr. Powers stated we are asking for \$500,000 and the City cash match would be \$50,000.00.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the additional engineering services and Commissioner Gutierrez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Litchfield | Lumpkin | Mihm | Gutierrez |
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New Business

Appointment of District One Commissioner – Mayor Lumpkin stated the interviews took place in the work session this evening. He felt they did a great job. He stated one good thing for Tucumcari is that we are getting a good commissioner from this group. Although he feels bad that two applicants will not be appointed, there are volunteer committees and advisory boards for the City and there are always openings.

Commissioner Litchfield reminded everyone that this position is for one and half years at which time they will have to run for election.

Commissioner Gutierrez made the motion to appoint Rick Haymaker to fill the commission seat for District One and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Mihm | Litchfield | Lumpkin | Gutierrez |
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Mayor Lumpkin congratulated Mr. Haymaker and added that he encourages the commission, however they vote, unanimously in this type of situation. He thinks a new commissioner needs to get all the support he can get. It shows unity and he appreciates the people understanding that. He thanked Mr. Lopez and Mr. Southern for their interest.

Appointment of Commission Representatives to City Advisory Boards and Other Entities – Mayor Lumpkin stated this topic was discussed in the earlier work session. He stated Senior and Library board need a liaison immediately along with EPCOG.

Commissioner Mihm stated he will volunteer for the library board. Commissioner Litchfield stated she will volunteer for the Senior Citizens program. Commissioner Gutierrez will be the alternate for EPCOG and Mr. Powers as second alternate.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to appoint himself to the library board, Commission Litchfield to the Senior Citizens Board and Mayor Lumpkin, Doug Powers, and Commissioner Gutierrez to the EPCOG board and Commissioner Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Gutierrez | Mihm | Litchfield | Lumpkin |
| Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Public Comments

Rex Maddaford – He stated he is the manager at the Golf Course. He thanked Comcast for their involvement with Tucumcari. Comcast has a nationwide program where for four hours they give their time, monies and efforts toward communities to improve projects. This year the Golf Course received their generosity. He thanked CJ Oglesby and Spencer DeBord for their effort. He also thanked Versatile for their donation. There were 50 volunteers who showed up. He wanted the City to know the work that was done is greatly appreciated.

Mayor Lumpkin added the City has great corporate citizens also. He appreciates the work that is being done.

Patsy Gresham – Ms. Gresham stated the banquet was a great turnout and everyone had a great time. She encouraged people to go onto Facebook and enjoy the pictures.

She stated that the Tin Lizzies was an “absolute hoot”. Motel Safari was very hospitable to the Tin Lizzies. She thanked the other motels involved.

She stated that the Chamber received the bid for the Pure Energy Expo in Tucumcari in November.

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Gutierrez thanked the three gentlemen for submitting their applications. She thinks the new commission should work well together along with Mr. Powers and Ms. Gray. She wished all moms a Happy Mother's Day.

Commissioner Litchfield thanked Ms. Gray, City Clerk for her help.

Commissioner Mihm thanked the three candidates and stated it was a very difficult decision. He thanked Ms. Gresham and the Chamber. He stated he attended the Tin Lizzies event and Chamber Banquet and both events were flawless.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked everyone for coming tonight. In addition, he mentioned that the City is still working on the Sands Dorsey Drugstore. He wants the citizens to know that we have the possibility of getting this taken care of. We have a quarter percent gross receipts tax currently being taxed that generates \$250,000 a year. He stated they would have to change the description of the spending of that money to have the Sands Dorsey cleaned up and possibly other operations, depending on cost.

Adjournment

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

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| Litchfield | Lumpkin | Gutierrez | Mihm |
| Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Ruth Ann Litchfield, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk