

**CITY OF TUCUMCARI  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
July 29, 2010**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a special meeting on Thursday, July 29, 2010, at 7:07 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. Members present constituting a quorum were Antonio Apodaca, Amiel Curnutt, Robert Lumpkin and Jim Witcher.

City staff members present were Bobbye Rose, City Manager; Mike Cherry, Assistant City Manager; Doug Powers, Community Development Director; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Clara Rey, Human Resources Director; Jason Braziel, Chief of Police; and Christine Dougherty, City Clerk.

Mr. Dysart led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Mayor Witcher asked for Roll Call:

Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Consideration of Changes or Deletions to Agenda**

Ms. Dougherty informed the Commission that Resolution 2010-35 needs to be removed from the agenda as it will not be executed.

**Items from Commissioners**

Commissioner Lumpkin had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca had no comments.

Commissioner Curnutt had no comments.

Commissioner Sandoval had no comments.

**Items From Citizens**

Mayor Witcher asked if anyone wished to address the Commission. Being none, the meeting continued. Mr. Witcher stated that if citizens wanted to comment at any time, it will be allowed provided they keep their comments brief and positive.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

Mayor Witcher called on Mr. Dennis Dysart to present Resolution 2010-34. Mr. Dysart explained that this resolution rectifies any budget discrepancies from the 2009-2010 fiscal year. He explained that

some items were not budgeted and had to be cleared up.

Mr. Witcher asked if this resolution is simply a housekeeping measure. Mr. Dysart responded in the positive.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-34, A Budget Amendment Request for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 for transfer between funds. Commissioner Curnutt seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes

Mr. Dysart then presented Resolution 2010-36, A Resolution Approving the Budget of the City of Tucumcari for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Mr. Dysart explained that much work went into creation of the interim budget and as a result, there are only a few changes from the interim budget to this final budget. Mr. Dysart explained that there was \$850,000 carryover from last fiscal year. He went on to explain that some of the grants were moved forward from the previous year.

Ms. Rose explained that the requirement that the utilities bring in 130% of the annual debt service line items were unbalanced. She stated that the 8% sewer rate increase revenue had not been plugged into the budget. She explained that this will be corrected before the budget is submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration.

Mr. Witcher asked if this is the same budget as the interim budget with only the changes Mr. Dysart described. Mr. Dysart responded that there are some negative funds due to expenses being incurred in the previous fiscal year and reimbursements not received until the new fiscal year. Ms. Rose explained that the last page shows the changes to the budget. Mr. Dysart explained that the pluses and minuses delineate the changes.

Mr. Witcher asked if the final document will be ready on Monday. Ms. Rose responded in the positive adding that Mr. Dysart worked all night on Wednesday to complete the budget and all day Thursday. She instructed him to take the day off on Friday.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that he looked over the budget and it is the same as the interim budget with the changes Mr. Dysart explained. He then made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-36, A Resolution Approving the Budget of the City of Tucumcari for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and Mr. Curnutt seconded the motion.

Mr. Lafferty commented that the State requires the City to keep 1/12 of the operating budget in reserves and he wondered how much was held from last year to this year's budget. Mr. Dysart responded that last year started with \$3.4 million and this year begins with \$3.0 million. Mr. Lafferty inquired if the City still maintains more than the required 1/12 operating budget. He further asked if the City had to use reserve cash. Ms. Rose responded that the reserves were not utilized.

Ms. Carol Keith asked for the total budget amount. Mr. Dysart responded that the budget has \$32 million in revenue and \$30 million in expenditures.

Mr. Tally inquired how much revenue the 8% sewer rate increase produced. Ms. Rose responded that the added revenue from the sewer rate increase is approximately \$64,000 per year. Mr. Tally inquired

why the rates were raised. Mr. Witcher explained that the additional revenue was necessary to pay off the debt incurred in the form of loans taken to improve the waste water treatment plant. Mr. Witcher went on to say that improvements to the plant had not been made in 30 years and the plant will be state-of-the-art when completed.

Mayor Witcher asked for Roll Call on Mr. Lumpkin's motion:

Lumpkin	Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No

**Items From Commissioners**

None of the Commissioners had any comments.

**Adjournment**

Mayor Pro Tem Apodaca made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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James L. Witcher, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christine Dougherty, City Clerk