

**CITY OF TUCUMCARI
MINUTES
November 18, 2010**

The Tucumcari City Commission met for their regular meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. Members present constituting a quorum were Jim Witcher, Antonio Apodaca, Robert Lumpkin, Jimmy Sandoval and Amiel Curnutt.

City staff members present were Bobbye Rose, City Manager; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Jenny Vargas, Deputy City Clerk; Clara Rey, Administrative Assistant/HR Director; Doug Powers, Community Development Director; Jason Braziel, Police Chief; Mike Cherry, Asst. City Manager/Fire Chief; and Jessica Elebario, Senior Programs Director.

Mr. Lendy Borden, Pastor from Abundant Life Church, led the invocation and Commissioner Sandoval led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Addition/Deletions

There were none.

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Lumpkin thanked everybody for coming and stated that any input is always good to hear.

Commissioner Sandoval stated that he has been working in his district and people are upset because District 2 has been ignored. He tells them he has been trying but can't get a handle on it. Concerns include the issues in the flood plain area, dirt and pot holes, and the streets being so far apart. They said if an election were held he would not be voted in. He feels like the City is not doing anything. No new jobs are coming in and there are other issues.

Mayor Witcher thanked everyone for coming.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Lumpkin and seconded by Commissioner Curnutt to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2010 Regular Commission meeting. Roll Call:

Apodaca	Lumpkin	Witcher	Curnutt	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Approval of Vouchers

A motion was made by Commissioner Lumpkin and seconded by Commissioner Curnutt to approve the City vouchers. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Witcher	Curnutt	Sandoval	Apodaca
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain

Items from Citizens

No Items from Citizens.

Ordinances and Resolutions

ORDINANCE NO. 1081 – An ordinance creating the Tukumcari Memorial Park Cemetery Advisory Board. Commissioner Lumpkin stated that he is still receiving phone calls regarding the cemetery and also perhaps having a board would help. He also stated that there are reports of vandalism and maybe the cemetery should be closed at a certain time. A motion was made by Commissioner Lumpkin and seconded by Commissioner Curnutt to adopt Ordinance 1081. Roll Call:

Witcher	Curnutt	Sandoval	Apodaca	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

ORDINANCE NO. 1082 – An Ordinance amending Ordinance 1003 governing the Tukumcari Senior Programs Advisory Board. Jessica Elebario, Senior Programs Director stated that this is the second reading regarding this ordinance whereby the change was to add one representative for the Foster Grandparents Program and one representative for the Senior Companion Program. She also stated that because the program serves the county and not just the city that residents outside the city limits be allowed to serve on the board. Mayor Witcher asked if the County would appoint a member, and Ms. Elebario responded that the County would not need to appoint, that individuals who live in the county would submit an application to serve on the board if they chose to. A motion was made by Commissioner Lumpkin and seconded by Commissioner Curnutt to adopt Ordinance 1082. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Sandoval	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Witcher
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

City Manager’s Report

Ms. Rose reminded the Commission that they adopted the first reading of Ordinance 1083, rededicating the Capital Outlay .25% Gross Receipts Tax and there was also discussion regarding Ordinance 1084, enacting a .25% Municipal Gross Receipts Tax increase. There was discussion on whether both these issues should be taken to the voters at the same time. Mayor Witcher stated that there was no problem in taking them both to the public.

Mr. Rose reported to the Commission that there are two ordinances which are being drafted to come before them. Both of these ordinances will correct issues in the personnel ordinance. There was a problem when the 2008 personnel ordinance was adopted, however, was never enacted. One is that there are 5 departments listed in the police, however those 5 departments do not exist. She would like to clean this issue up and eliminate this section as well as clarify department heads. The other Ordinance would address the Holidays for 2011, adding Veteran's Day. Mayor Witcher asked the Commission for their input. Commissioner Lumpkin stated that Ms. Rose has researched this issue and will go along with her recommendation. Commissioner Apodaca stated that he has brought this up and it should be corrected. Commission Curnutt agreed that it should be corrected. Commissioner Sandoval asked Ms. Rose to see that it happens.

Mayor Witcher reported that things at the landfill are progressing and it looks like we will be able to start using the new landfill in February or March, if the weather cooperates. He stated that perhaps the old landfill could be used for C & D if there is space, which would save room in the new landfill. He stated that things are a little ahead of schedule. He also stated that kudos go out the Alex Madrid and Buddy Rodgers as they have worked hard and gotten things moving and the engineer is pleased.

Ms. Rose reported that she is staying in contact with the NM Environment Department regarding the Sands Dorsey issues.

Ms. Rose reported that she attended a Ute Lake Commission meeting. She stated that they have no staff and have been using the Council of Governments staff. The City of Tukumcari and others did not join as they want to contact the members to do an assessment. She stated that the discussion regarding membership may be coming to them again soon. Commissioner Apodaca asked for clarification. Ms. Rose stated that they want to charge 25 cents per acre foot to help pay their administrative costs. Commissioner Apodaca asked whether COG was helping Tukumcari with Ute Lake. Ms. Rose responded that they are not helping directly. She stated that they will have new administration, and she may be bringing this back to the commission shortly after the first of the year.

Bids and Contracts

Ms. Rose presented the Ute Reservoir Water Contract. She stated that this contract needs to be approved by each entity. She stated that the attorney has been active in the creation of the contract and recommends that it be approved. A motion was made by Commissioner Lumpkin and seconded by Commissioner Curnutt to approve the Ute Reservoir Water Contract. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Witcher	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Lumpkin complimented staff for the work on the landfill and thanked Ms. Rose for keeping the commission abreast of what is happening.

Ms. Rose stated that she forgot to mention during her report that the Mayor had written a letter for the newspaper and it also went out on the back of the water bills regarding information on the tax. She stated that the Mayor has requested a power point presentation be put together for the meeting on December 2nd. She stated that she will be addressing the fact that staff is being cross trained, equipment is being shared and there has also been a reduction in staff. The presentation will address what needs to happen to keep things going and what that will cost, and how we can put money back into the community.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lumpkin and seconded by Commissioner Curnutt. Time noted 6:22 p.m. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Witcher	Apodaca	Lumpkin	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

James L. Witcher, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Christine Dougherty, City Clerk