

**CITY OF TUCUMCARI  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
April 12, 2012**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers. Members present constituting a quorum were; Amiel Curnutt, Daniel Lopez, Dora Salinas-McTigue, and Jimmy Sandoval.

City staff members present were Doug Powers, Interim City Manager; Christine Dougherty, City Clerk/Purchasing Agent; Dennis Dysart, Finance Manager; Pete Rivera, Deputy Chief of Police; Mike Cherry Fire Chief/Assistant Manager; Scot Jaynes, Emergency Manager; Jessica Elebario, Convention Center and Senior Programs Director; Yvette Fazekas, Interim Director of Planning and Development; Steve Stephenson, Airport Manager; and Alex Madrid, Streets and Sanitation Superintendent.

Mr. Brian Haines, Preacher of the Church of Christ gave the invocation and Mr. Lopez led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consideration of Changes or Deletions to the Agenda**

Mr. Powers noted that under item 8, Ordinances and Resolutions, the agenda should read A, B, C not A, A, B.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes recommended by Mr. Powers and Commissioner Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Items from Commissioners**

Commissioner Lumpkin thanked those that arranged the Arbor Day tree planting to include; Scott Simpson, Marquise Alderete, Ernie Chavez, Fritz Barreras, Yvette Fazekas, and Veronica Sandy. Items were donated by Ace Hardware and Alco Discount Store.

Commissioner Lumpkin also commended Comcast Communications for awarding college scholarships to 25 New Mexico high school seniors.

Commissioner Sandoval stated that he was glad to see those in the audience.

Commissioner Lopez informed everyone that in the work session immediately preceding this meeting, the City mulching station located at Coronado Park was discussed. Commissioner Lopez received many complaints about the station being closed on weekends and it will now be open on the weekends.

Mayor Curnutt thanked those in attendance for coming to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Salinas-McTigue to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2012 Regular Commission meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez. Roll Call:

Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain

Commissioner Lopez commented that he did not want approval of the minutes to indicate that they were a verbatim account of the meeting.

**Approval of Vouchers**

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

Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Items from Citizens**

Mr. Gary Montano approached the podium and discussed discrepancies he felt exist in the Homeland Security Grant budget of the City. Mr. Montano also expressed concern over employees and take home City vehicles. Mr. Montano was also concerned about discrepancies between what is listed on the City website and actual employees the Police Department. Additionally, Mr. Montano expressed concern regarding national voter fraud as a result of voter identification not being required. Commissioner Lopez stated he felt requiring voter identification would decrease voter turnout locally.

**Proclamations, Memorials, or Petitions**

Mayor Curnutt read a proclamation which designated April 21, 2012 as Comcast Cares Day in Tukumcari.

**Ordinances and Resolutions**

Ms. Dougherty presented Ordinance 1101 for the first reading. Ms. Dougherty explained this ordinance amends section 2.04 of Tukumcari Municipal Code regarding the City Commission.

Discussion then ensued regarding at-large versus districted voting.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1101, Amending Chapter 2.04 of Tukumcari Municipal Code and Commissioner Sandoval seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval	Curnutt
No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Commissioner Lopez then called for division of the assembly. Commissioners Lumpkin, Salinas-McTigue and Sandoval stood representing their affirmative votes.

Mr. Pat Vanderpool then presented Ordinance 1102 for the final reading approving a project for the GTEDC and the Quay County Gaming Authority. Mr. Vanderpool said this is an application for LEDA funds for engineering and education for a possible race track in Tucumcari.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve Ordinance 1102 approving a project for the GTEDC and the Quay County Gaming Authority and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Ms. Jessica Elebario presented Resolution 2012-13, establishing new rental fees for the Del Norte Center. Ms. Elebario explained this increases the per day rental of the Del Norte Center from \$25 to \$50.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-13 and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**City Manager’s Report**

Mr. Powers reported making a presentation to the Water Trust Board on March 28 for the project that includes replacement of a water storage tank, three wells and five miles of main pipeline.

Mr. Powers reported several other items to include; the Drinking Water application for grant funds will be heard this month, the Arbor Day ceremony was nice, a water re-use project meeting was held with Ms. Salinas-McTigue and Mr. Curnutt in attendance, Congressman Ben Ray Lujan was in town today and Mr. Lumpkin met with him.

Mr. Powers reported on items for the future to include; Ms. Fazekas and Ms. Gulley will present the CDBG project on April 24, the NERPO meeting will be hosted in Tucumcari on April 25 at the Convention Center, on May 5 at 9:30 am at the Depot there will be a grant presentation in the amount of \$157,000 to the Main Street program, and Xcel Energy will hold a community customer appreciation on May 9 in Clovis.

Mr. Dysart went over the year-to-date financial information and said he wants the Commission to become familiar with the reports.

Mr. Powers reported a water heater pipe leak at City Hall which resulted in an insurance claim. Claim funds were used to install new carpet in all the offices. Mr. Powers thanked the staff at City Hall for working through the disruption of the project and for cleaning offices as the work was done.

**Bids and Contracts**

Ms. Misty Gulley presented the contract for environmental monitoring and reporting at the new landfill from Gordon Environmental. Ms. Gulley explained this is a semi-annual requirement and the price of the services is \$15,000 annually.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the reporting and monitoring contract with Gordon Environmental and Commissioner Sandoval seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Mike Cherry presented the 2013 Fire Protection Fund. Mr. Cherry explained this is a \$185,000 minimum grant with no match for operation of the fire department.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the 2013 Fire Protection Fund grant and Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Scot Jaynes presented the 2012 NM Homeland Security Grant Application. Mr. Jaynes explained this is a performance grant which pays half his salary and benefits. Discussion followed regarding the grant performance and budget history.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the 2012 NM Homeland Security Grant Application and Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

Mr. Steve Stephenson presented the NMDOT Aviation Division Grant Applications for Airport Improvements. Mr. Stephenson explained these grants are for preventive maintenance at the Airport. There was then discussion regarding other possible improvements to the Airport.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve 2012 NM Homeland Security Grant Application and Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Old Business**

Mayor Curnutt made the following appointments:

<b>Board</b>	<b>Appointment</b>
Audit	Amiel Curnutt, Daniel Lopez, Dora Salinas-McTigue
Cemetery	Robert Lumpkin
Community Development Council	Dora Salinas-McTigue
North East Regional Planning Organization	Yvette Fazekas, Doug Powers
Economic Development	Amiel Curnutt, Daniel Lopez
El Llano Estacado	Dora Salinas-McTigue
Energy Conference	Robert Lumpkin
EPCOG	Dora Salinas-McTigue
Finance	Amiel Curnutt, Dora Salinas-McTigue
Golf Course	Daniel Lopez
Keep Tucumcari Beautiful	Robert Lumpkin
Library	Jimmy Sandoval
Lodgers Tax	Amiel Curnutt
Museum	Amiel Curnutt
Planning and Zoning	Daniel Lopez
Recreation	Daniel Lopez
Senior Programs	Jimmy Sandoval
SPIRIT	Jimmy Sandoval
Tucumcari/Quay County Regional Water Authority	Robert Lumpkin, Doug Powers
Quay County Gaming Authority (2 positions)	Amiel Curnutt, Dora Salinas-McTigue
North Eastern Economic Development Organization	City Manager, Yvette Fazekas

Ms. Yvette Fazekas presented a resolution from the Tucumcari Planning Commission Recommending Denial of a Zoning Application. Ms. Fazekas explained that the Planning

Commission recommends denial of the request to change zoning from residential to commercial at a property near the intersection of Route 66 and Highway 54 because they received disagreements to this change and there was no plan for the development of the property.

Ms. Yvonne Braziel, owner of the property and maker of the request for zoning change stated that she plans to place a business on the property. There was then discussion regarding the request.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to send the zoning request back to the Planning Commission for further consideration and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No

**New Business**

Mr. Pat Vanderpool presented the request by the EDC for reimbursement of funds expended in conjunction with the Six Shooter Project. There was discussion of this and other EDC projects.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the EDC request for reimbursement for funds expended in conjunction with the Six Shooter Project and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Items From Commissioners**

Commissioner Sandoval encouraged everyone to purchase a Shrimp Boil ticket.

Commissioner Lopez gave his email address; [comm3@cityoftucumcari.com](mailto:comm3@cityoftucumcari.com) and asked citizens to bring issues to the Commission or Mr. Powers.

Commissioner Lumpkin thanked those in attendance for coming and said any input is needed and listened to.

Commissioner Salinas-McTigue thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and said the Commission agrees to disagree. She added that the Commission will come together and said this is the best board there has been in a long time.

Mayor Curnutt thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said participation is appreciated.

**Executive Session**

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to convene in closed session to discuss matters as provided for under New Mexico Statutes 1978 Pertaining to Open Meetings Referencing Section 10-15-1 H (7) for the discussion of threatened or pending litigation and Section 10-15-1 H (2) limited personnel matters and Commissioner Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time noted was 7:59 p.m.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to re-convene in open session after executive session where the only matters discussed were as provided for under New Mexico Statutes 1978 Pertaining to Open Meetings Referencing Section 10-15-1 H (7) for the discussion of threatened or pending litigation and Section 10-15-1 H (2) limited personnel matters and Commissioner Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval	Curnutt
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Time noted was 8:35 p.m.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to hire Mr. Doug Powers as City Manager and to have Mayor Curnutt negotiate an employment contract with Mr. Powers and Commissioner Sandoval seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Sandoval	Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Time noted: 8:40 p.m. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue	Sandoval
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Amiel Curnutt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Christine Dougherty, City Clerk