

CITY OF TUCUMCARI
CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2012

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, May 24, 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 and Robert Lumpkin.

City Staff members present were Doug Powers, City Manager; Dennis Dysart, Finance Manager; Patricia Smith, Interim City Clerk; Vicki Strand, Secretary to the Manager/HR, Misty Gulley, Planning and Development; Scott Jaynes, Emergency Manager; Brenda Rivale, EMS Director.

Mr. James L. Witcher, Reverend of First Christian Church gave the invocation and Mr. Powers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Changes or Deletions to the Agenda

City Manager, Doug Powers asked that the Budget Resolution be omitted from the Agenda.

Mr. Dysart explained the request by referencing a letter from the N.M. Budget & Finance Bureau Chief which states that submitting a formal interim budget resolution is optional but the final budget submitted must include a formal resolution adopted by a quorum.

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to accept the agenda as amended and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Sandoval thanked those who were in attendance and congratulated the 2012 Graduates, especially those who planned on going to the Mesalands Community College.

Commissioner Lopez acknowledged the House FFA group and mentioned he looked forward to hearing their presentation concerning the issue of a potential racetrack and casino located in Quay County. Mr. Lopez mentioned the recent fire at the Tucumcari Animal Hospital and gave his condolences to Dr. Corey as well as the other owners of those animals who perished as well as his assurance of continued investigation by the local and state police departments into the cause of the fire.

Commissioner Lumpkin reiterated the condolences of Mr. Lopez to Dr. Corey and the pet owners and congratulated the 2012 Graduates. Mr. Lumpkin spoke of attending a meeting of the Eastern New Mexico Rural Water Authority and again stating the concerns of the commission about what level the water at Ute Lake will be maintained when the pipeline is complete.

Commissioner Salinas-McTigue thanked the audience for their attendance and the former mayor James L. Witcher for honoring the meeting with his presence.

Mayor Curnutt thanked the former mayor Mr. Witcher, the audience, the House FFA Group and all others for their attendance.

Approval of Minutes

A Motion was made by Commissioner Lumpkin to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2012 Regular Commission meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lopez. Roll Call:

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

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

House FFA leader/spokesperson, Ann Bauler announced the topic of the group's presentation and the requirements the group had to follow for the Agricultural Issues Career Development Event in which six teams will be competing.

Five students one by one gave their presentation and told how the proposed Coronado Park racetrack and casino would impact the city, county, and state both positively and negatively. The students gave references from several publications as well as conversations with county and state residents regarding the gambling in New Mexico and the proposed Coronado Park project.

Each student was given the choice of which side they wanted to represent and speak for. The students gave a well researched and well practiced presentation with only one month to practice.

Former mayor Mr. Witcher and several of the commissioners asked the students questions about their presentation and commented on the thoroughness of it as well as suggesting other venues to share their information.

Gary Montano spoke to the Commission of his concern about the recent fires and how the perpetrator or perpetrators needed to be brought to justice. Mr. Montano announced that a relief fund had been set up at Citizens Bank to raise funds for Dr. Corey of the Tukumcari Animal Hospital to continue caring for the local pet population.

Mr. Montano continued by voicing his concern that funds were being used for things that didn't really help the citizens of Tukumcari, referring to the 2008 Homeland Security Grant and told of not being able to get a book at the library because of the lack of funds.

Mr. Lumpkin asked that Mr. Montano's continued lengthy time at the podium voicing concerns or events unrelated to the current concerns of the City Commission stop or are shortened to adhere to the time limit. Mr. Montano resumed speaking to the audience several more times finally stating that he felt his First Amendment Rights had been violated.

Proclamations

Mayor Curnutt read the Proclamation proclaiming the first week in May as Youth Week and Doug Powers being a member of the Tukumcari Elks Lodge #1172 accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Curnutt read the Proclamation to proclaim May 25th as Antonio Apodaca Day and Mr. Powers told of the unfortunate absence of former mayor/commissioner Antonio Apodaca and accepted the proclamation on his behalf.

Mr. Curnutt read the Proclamation to proclaim May 26th as James L. Witcher Day.

Mr. Witcher graciously accepted the proclamation to a round of applause and a short speech of appreciation for all those past and present commissioners and their dedication to the City and its citizens.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Powers reported on the meeting held by NMDOT District 4 in La Vegas, where the Highway 54/I40 lighting plans for our area were discussed. He explained how salvaged materials from this project could be reused to light other areas across the city.

Mr. Powers spoke of a possible waiver being issued by the Solid Waste Bureau so the materials from the demolition of the Sands Dorsey building could be hauled to our current city landfill.

Mr. Powers concluded by submitting the rest of his time over to Steven & Susan Spande of Western States Air Medical, LLC.

Mr. Spande explained what services their fixed wing air ambulance once located at one of the Tukumcari Municipal Airport hangars could provide in the near future given the approval by the necessary officials. Mr. Spande explained how freeing up the City EMS personnel to answer 911 calls would better serve the community and how by Western Sates

Air Ambulance taking the transfers to other hospitals would eliminate tying up the EMS ambulances as well as speeding up the time required to do such transfers.

Commissioner Salinas-McTigue asked if their air ambulance would be located here at Tucumcari and was told that it would.

Commissioner Lumpkin thanked Mr. & Mrs. Spande for their presentation and Commissioner Sandoval asked that the City Commission and citizens be given quarterly updates on Western States Air Medical progress.

Mayor Curnutt also thanked Mr. & Mrs. Spande for their presentation.

Bids and Contracts

Mr. Powers gave the explanation for the Engineering Agreement with Forsgren Associates, Inc. stating that it was for a new City water tank and was a project started in 2007. Mr. Powers explained that it was recently approved and funded through the Drinking Water Bureau.

Mr. Powers said the agreement is to get Forsgren, Inc. to go over the design and to revisit the site doing surveying, soil testing and field investigations.

Mr. Powers went on to say that Forsgren, Inc. will get the documents ready to go to bid, then go through the bid process and project coordination with the City.

Commissioner Lumpkin made a motion to approve the Engineering Agreement with Forsgren, Inc. and Commissioner Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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

Mr. Scott Jaynes presented the 2008 State Homeland Security Grant #2008-GE-T8-0020, Sub Grant Amendment for a time extension and explained that this was to allow time to file all the requests for payment for the related expenditures due to a three month delay in the delivery of generators ordered.

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to approve the 2008 State Homeland Security Grant extension and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Jaynes presented the 2010 State Homeland Security Grant #2010-SS-TO-0011-Quay, Sub Grant Amendment for a time extension explaining that the extension was allow them time to find a place to install purchased repeaters used for radio signals that relay calls for the fire department as well as the EMS.

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to approve the 2010 State Homeland Security Grant #2010-SS-TO-0011-Quay extension and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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

Mr. Jaynes final presentation was on the new 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Program #2008-GE-T8-0020-TUCUMCARI SHELTERING. Mr. Jaynes explained that this was an additional program using left over money from the original program and that it was to be used for a storage unit & supplies to house travelers stranded in Tucumcari in the case of an emergency such as the closing of I40/Hwy 54 for extreme weather conditions. Mr. Jaynes said that currently the Red Cross would have to come out of Albuquerque to assist these travelers and with I40 closed that wouldn't be possible.

Commissioner Lumpkin alluded that this is a 100% grant and made the motion to approve the 2008 State Homeland Security Grant Program #2008-GE-T8-0020-TUCUMCARI SHELTERING and Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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

Mrs. Misty Gulley presented the CDBG Planning Grant Agreement for Project #11-C-RS-1-06-G-113 explaining that it was a planning drafts agreement for the Community Development Block Grant which was applied for in January 2012. Mrs. Gulley said the City was granted \$50,000 which is to be used to for a preliminary engineering report to identify infrastructures within the city that need to be upgraded or put in place to handle any business upgrades that could be done. Mrs. Gulley explained that this is a 10% match grant and these funds are included in their budget each year.

Mr. Powers further explained that these funds are intended for use in investigating the area proposed for the racetrack so that the City will be ready when and if that time comes and not waiting until the last minute. Mr. Powers announced that he and Mrs. Gulley were scheduled to attending another CDBG meeting within the next week with the hopes of acquiring additional funds.

Commissioner Lumpkin made the motion to approve the CDBG Planning Grant Agreement and Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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

Mr. Jason Braziel first made a statement about the recent fires in the Tucumcari area and reassured the Commission and the audience that the Tucumcari Police Dept. has not stopped their investigation into the fires. Mr. Braziel added that his officers are passionate about their work, but given their limited funds and resources, they are doing all they can to assist the N.M. State Police in these crimes.

Mr. Braziel presented the Community DWI Grant and explained that these funds are to be used for added manpower therefore higher visibility and public awareness as counter measures to reduce the number of DWI and motor vehicle crashes in our community. Mr. Braziel added that these measures will include saturation patrols and possibly check points.

Commissioner Lumpkin thanked the Tucumcari Police Department for all their hard work and made a motion to approve the Community DWI Grant and Commissioner Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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

Mr. Powers explained that the Approval of Surplus Vehicle Bids were for vehicles that didn't run or parts of vehicles that were of scrap value only and they were sold in a effort to clean up the City properties.

Mr. Powers told that Mr. James Mullinex was the sole bid winner for all said vehicles and that they would probably go to a salvage yard at his expense.

Commissioner Lumpkin made the motion to approve the Surplus Vehicle Bids and Commissioner Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lopez withheld his approval for further explanation of the condition of the vehicles.

Mr. Powers added that it wouldn't have been cost effective for City employees to haul the vehicles to a salvage yard.

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

Old Business

Mayor Curnutt asked for an explanation of the April 12, 2012, Regular Meeting, Correction. Mrs. Smith explained that a request had been made by Mr. Molinas from the Community Development office for a copy of those minutes and that he noticed a mistake in the wording and in order to get the correction it was necessary to present it for approval by the Commission.

Commissioner Lumpkin made the motion to approve the April 12, 2012 Regular Commission Meeting, Correction to the minutes and Commissioner Lopez seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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

Mayor Curnutt acknowledged reading the April 23, 2012 minutes of the Library Advisory Board.

Mayor Curnutt announced that there were no further items on the agenda and asked for the motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Lopez made the motion to adjourn.

Time noted 7:18 p.m.

Commissioner Salinas-McTigue interrupted the adjournment to ask further questions of the Western States Air Medical, LLC as to whether they had talked to the hospital director and if they had coordinated their efforts with them.

Mr. Spande replied that as of yet they had not because they had decided to first present their intentions to both the city and county commissions. Mr. Spande further explained that with a potential delay of up to 120 days until they would be in service they didn't want to make promises to the hospital until that time, but yes they expected to meet with the hospital director sometime in the next week.

Mayor Curnutt acknowledged his oversight and asked if there were any further items from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Lopez thanked Steve Stephenson for his prompt service of the night before to get the Governor's plane refueled after hours.

Mr. Powers said how proud he was and thanked the community for their attendance at the Governor's appearance.

Commissioner Lumpkin thanked those in attendance then mentioned the problem with funds for books at the library and said they would look into the matter.

Mr. Lumpkin then thanked Mrs. Smith for her stepping up and filling in as Interim City Clerk.

Commissioner Salinas-McTigue thanked those in attendance and said she hoped to one day see the room full of interested citizens with ideas for the Commission.

Commissioner Sandoval thanked all in attendance and invited them to come again.

Mayor Curnutt thanked those in attendance and for their participation. Mr. Curnutt said they had a great meeting with the Governor the night before and that he thought she was dedicated to doing a good job.

Mayor Curnutt asked for a second to Commissioner Lopez's motion to adjourn and Commissioner Lumpkin seconded the motion. Time noted: 7:23 p.m. Roll Call:

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

Amiel Curnutt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Smith, Interim City Clerk