

**City of Tukumcari  
City Commission Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2012**

The Tukumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were; Amiel Curnett, Jimmy Sandoval and Robert Lumpkin. Dora

City Staff members present were; Doug Powers, City Manager; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk, Vicki Strand, HR Director; Jason Braziel, Chief of Police,

Doug Powers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Doug Powers stated he has no changes.

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to approve the Agenda as written and Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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

**Items from Commissioners**

Mr. Sandoval had nothing today.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that we had a donation to the local Historical Museum. James Adams by way of Major Lloyd and Chat Oliver had a flag that flew over the Arizona at Pearl Harbor that he donated to our museum. In the donation it was honored Billy Waters US Navy, Tukumcari's first casualty in WWII. He feels that it was very valuable to a lot of people. He wanted to thank him for that.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve the minutes as written of Regular Commission meeting and the motion was seconded by Mr. Sandoval. Roll Call:

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

**Items from Citizens**

Misty Gulley stated that the Commission has seen me before in a different capacity usually presenting grant funding for the City. Tonight I come before you as a concerned citizen of the

City. She stated she no longer works for the community development office. Detailed in the packet is a list of funding that I have brought in to the City in the 3 years as well as the funding bought in by the 2 remaining employees at the community development office within that 3 year time. Bottom line is in the last 3 years she has written and administered 22,340,139.00 for the City against \$863,203.03 and \$1,273,617.00. Those two (2) figures are what the 2 remaining employees have written and administered for the City. The difference between the funding she writes and the type of funding that are written by the 2 that are left. I write competitive grants. Their grants are rated ranked, my applications are funded upon my rating and ranking of those grants. The grants they write are formulary. There funds are earmarked as long as you turn in an application you are funded. I am concerned because the City is lacking the expertise to go after the grants and nobody to replace me. The reason being is the person who is the supervisor decided it would be my job or my family and I chose my family. To me that is not a valid argument. It's hands down if you ask me to choose my family over my job it will be my family any day. But in doing so she has jeopardized the funding the City receives and all the development the City needs to continue doing. Thank you for your time and again this is a concern.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that this was just presented to him and Ms. Gulley's arguments seem very sincere. He asked Mr. Powers to look into this if at all possible. Mr. Sandoval also asked that Mr. Powers look into to it. The last time she got in trouble because of the library she was punished by it and he would hate to see her leave our department with the City for whatever reason. We can straighten this matter out.

### **Proclamations, Memorials, or Petitions**

Columbus Day – Mayor Curnutt reads Proclamation for Columbus Day.

Constitution Day – Mayor Curnutt reads Proclamation for Constitution Day. Mayor Curnutt presents the Proclamation to Glenda Reid.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions**

Resolution 2012-36 – Mr. Powers presented the ICIP plan to the Commissioners. It's a 5 year plan for projects in the making. The 1<sup>st</sup> one is water production that's coming-out of the 5 mile park, that's 3 water wells and almost 6 miles of transmission line coming into town. #2 priority is the Ute Lake water project that's very important to not only Tucumcari but to Quay County and the surrounding areas. #3 project was the Rte 66 improvement project, that's the one that we have a planning grant to look at the needed improvements, possibility of the racino or motel or restaurant expansion out there if we have the capacity to handle those improvements. 4<sup>th</sup> project is the Center St. tank where Mr. Sandoval, our water superintendent wants to expand this to give us more reserve capacity as far as that goes. #5 is the 66 lift station, several years ago we re-did the 66 lift station but they expanded it but not the portion going from the lift station to McGee St. We got about 1500 feet of badly deteriorated infrastructure out there and that's something we need to look at. Mr. Powers stated he was not going through the rest of these. They are all good projects. We send a memo to department heads so they can submit what they think is a priority. If the commission wants to change a priority they can, this is just a recommendation.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve Resolution 2012-36 and the motion was

seconded by Mr. Sandoval. Roll Call:

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

Resolution 2012-37 – Presented by Mr. Powers. This is the fourth time we have done this. A listing of equipment that we declared surplus equipment. It will be sent to local government for their approval. An auction is being set up at the county fairgrounds next month. The County, Arch Hurley, San Jon and Logan and any local residents will bring equipment. This has been our process of trying to clean city property. Mr. Curnutt asked if the equipment needs to be approved and this was on the prior approval on the last batch of equipment – the 3 items. Mr. Powers stated that the 3 items have been approved prior, but they did not get sold but we would like to sell the 644 John Deere if they can, to get it running it will bring a better price. The 410 back hoe, we will try to get it running again. A lot of this stuff doesn't run. If we can get it to run we can get more than scrap value for it. Mr. Lumpkin asked what type of value do some of the old vehicles and tractors have that don't run for scrap value. Mr. Powers stated that scrap value is down to \$100 a ton. Mr. Curnutt asked if the value of each property was \$2,500.00, what if we have a dozer that is running, but maybe it has a problem but worth more than \$2,500.00. Mr. Powers stated when they bought the Dozer he approached Caterpillar and John Deere and neither one would give us anything for it. Mr. Curnutt asked if all the equipment will be moved to the fairground.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve Resolution 2012-37 and the motion was seconded by Mr. Sandoval. Roll Call:

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

### **City Managers Report**

Mr. Powers states that he was asked to represent the commission at the Municipal League last month. He wanted the commission to be aware that he brought back their proposed resolutions what the municipal league is supporting. They also gave us copies of their municipal policy. He also wanted to inform the commissioners that they are having a reception for Senator Harden in the Liberty Room on September 28 from 5-6:30P for all his years of service.

He stated that he had a meeting with RAD and Liberty Water Systems. According to the contract that was approved by the Commission in 2009 we have a rate increase and explained where we were at in the rate increase. What they would like to do is come back and redo this agreement where we would set up an annual increase; right now it is based on a lot of variables. This is something we can work on in the next year and what was suggested is what we did with our city residences, where we bill in a 4% annual increase. Mr. Dysart stated that this is a quick and easy way. If need for adjustment we can state that in the contract so we can make a one shot if we have to. Mr. Powers stated that we will try to get Randy Knudson to draw up something along those lines and get it out to everybody and see what input we can get.

At the last commission meeting we were asked to set up a meeting with Richard Primrose regarding the dispatch service. We had issues. Mr. Powers thinks it will come back and it will take some of the burden off the Tucumcari Police Department and spread the cost to the way it ought to be.

Mr. Powers stated that we got the grant offer back from the Airport.

He also stated that the estoppel for American Tower on top of the hill. I have been dealing with them and trying to clarify the need that we go with the radio read antennas meters for our water systems that we need to have access to that. The way it's stated now is its Dispatch services but we have our central dispatch but we also have another antenna that handle our public service network too. It's important to clarify before we assign that. He stated he met with city attorney and he will try to negotiate with the American Tower and Hal Greig from Clovis who represents Plateau. He hates getting into a situation where we could be charged or forced to get into a tower we can't afford.

Mark Lake was in yesterday and wanted Mr. Powers to remind the Commission about Fired Up from on September 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-9.

He wanted the commission to know that we got our first 2 months of gross receipts tax and it looks like a 7% drop in gross receipts. He has seen that in the past go up and down.

Mr. Powers also received a letter from Christine Fleming and she wanted to thank the City for everything. She also asked for another donation for \$2,100.00 she was going to the County and ask them to match. He stated he heard lots of compliments and he thinks it's a worthwhile project. The last time Doug spoke to Mr. Primrose he didn't think he could donate. Mr. Lumpkin stated he received phone calls about spending taxpayer's money on citizen's pets. His response to these citizens was that he talked about that a few times and the donation could save the City a lot of money; the fewer stray dogs and cats the less effort we have. Putting the animals down is expensive. He wants to state on record that what he was looking at can is if this money actually saves our community money. In the past it has and it's hard to say for sure. With the county not participating Mr. Powers isn't sure the City can afford it.

Mr. Powers further stated that next week he and Mr. Sandoval will be attending a meeting that Vicki Watson set up for September 20 at 1:00. She has a few people coming from Small Business Administration and will to go through some items i.e. insurance bonding, presentation and some of the Request for Proposal compliance rules. He invited the other commissioners.

Mr. Powers received a nice thank you letter from Chamber thanking for their support.

We also have the Centennial Air Tour coming up in Tucumcari Friday September 28, 3-6 p.m. He believes they will be staying overnight in Tucumcari.

He also received a letter from Jan Jones with Forest Road Productive that was sent to Governor Martinez supporting Tucumcari and the racino project. She stated great facts of the daily travel in I-40 vs I-25. It seems that we are getting support from Colorado.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that on September 20<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting at MCC with Vicki Watson organizing an educational meeting on the UL pipeline project. They have invited all the local dignitaries to that also at 5:30 p.m.

### **Bids and Contracts**

No bids and contracts

### **Items from Commissioners**

Mr. Lumpkin would like to thank everyone for coming. We did take care of some business tonight. Happy about the rain.

Mr. Sandoval stated that he thinks the future looks bright for the next couple of months or so.

Mr. Curnutt thanked everyone for coming tonight.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Lumpkin asked for a motion to adjourn and Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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

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Amiel Curnutt, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk