

**City of Tucumcari
City Commission Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2012**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were: Amiel Curnutt, Robert Lumpkin, Dora Salinas-McTigue, and Daniel Lopez. Commissioner Jimmy Sandoval was absent.

City Staff members present were; Doug Powers, City Manager; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Jason Braziel, Chief of Police, and Yvette Fazekas, Community Development Director.

John Hinze, Minister of Temple Baptist Church, led the invocation and City Manager, Doug Powers led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Changes for Deletions to the Agenda

City Manager, Doug Powers requested that item 9B be deleted from the agenda.

Mr. Lopez made the motion to approve the agenda as amended and Ms. Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Lumpkin made the motion to approve the Second Amended Agenda as written and Ms. Salina-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Mr. Lumpkin wanted to compliment the Fire dept and police for the rescue on Tucumcari Mountain. He also has a letter from Christina Fleming on the Tucumcari Volunteer animal group. As of September 30th, this year, they have placed 103 animals, that is 103 animals that were not destroyed. He appreciates their efforts. He further informed the public that early voting has started at the courthouse. He encourages voting early due to a lot of people have a hard time making it to he convention center and the courthouse is more centrally located. There are sample ballots available on the courthouse online. The election is November 6, 2012.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue thanks everyone for coming and hopes to make this a nice brief meeting.

Mr. Curnutt thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Lopez passed.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Salinas-McTigue stated that on the last page, in the adjournment, it stated that she was absent. She would like to change that to yes and also Mr. Lopez was here.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve the minutes for September 27, 2012, as amended of Regular Commission meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Curnutt	Lopez	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Citizens

No items from citizens.

Proclamations, Memorials, or Petitions

Proclamation for 4-H Week – Mayor Curnutt proclaims October 7 -13, 2012 as 4-H Week. Proclamation is accepted by Bethany Bishop.

Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week – Mayor Curnutt proclaims October 23-31, 2012 as Red Ribbon Week. Proclamation is accepted by Susan Lease.

Susan Lease commented that on October 27th is the Red Ribbon carnival from 6p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This event has been on for several years. She really encourages the City officials to encourage Santa Fe and ask for more funding for to come to Quay County to support the drug prevention programs. She works with the school in educating our children of the dangers of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and prescription drugs. There will be several booths and classes at the carnival. The money collected is used to buy candy for up to 750 to 1,000 bags and are given to the children who attend the carnival.

Ordinances and Resolutions

None presented to the commission.

City Managers Report

Mr. Pat Vanderpool wanted to let the commissioners know that US Senator Tom Udall will be in town on Monday, October 15, 2012. They will be having a luncheon at the convention center. He invited the commissioners to the luncheon. He stated this will not be a political event. Discussions at the luncheon will be an economic development update, the agricultural center, along with an update on the proposed plans for the hospital. The Senator attends to answer questions from the audience.

In addition, US Senator Jeff Bingaman will be in town on Thursday November 1, 2012 and there will also be a luncheon for him. This is a chance for us to share with both senators what we think is important for our communities.

Mr. Powers informed the commissioners that the luncheon for October 15, 2012, is advertised as a possible quorum.

Mr. Powers stated that he has a few items that we discussed during the work session. In addition he received gross receipts numbers from Mr. Dysart. This is the third month in a row where it shows a decline but the decline has lessened from 4.3% down from last year.

Mr. Powers stated that Mr. Lumpkin asked him for an update for the Sands Dorsey building. Mr. Powers stated the City was sent to the Air Quality Bureau and submitted a work plan on the building for demolition for Sands Dorsey building down to ground level and it was approved. We went back to the Solid Waste Bureau and once again sent us to the State Historic Preservation Organization. Since the building is in excess of 50 years old and public funds were going to be used, Solid Waste Bureau requested that we get their approval. Mr. Powers received a letter from Historic Preservation Organization and their state was for the proposed demolition of historic Sands Dorsey building, given the advanced state of disrepair and loss of historic intake caused by the 2007 and 2012 fires they gave us approval that this undertaking not have an effect on registered or eligible properties. We will include this letter to the Solid Waster Bureau and hopefully we will make some progress on that.

He also had a maintenance/coordination meeting with Richard Primrose, Larry Wallin county road superintendent, Alex Arias, assistant road superintendent, representatives from Tucumcari Public Schools and the NM State Police. We discussed the coordination with Texas. It seems to be more thought out this year than before. In the case of an emergency we have cell phone numbers and contacts.

Mr. Powers stated that he received a phone call from Frank Padilla, head director for NM, informed him that at the infrastructure conference Mr. Powers will be receiving the Joe Gillen award. This award has only been given away 10 or 12 times. Mayor Curnutt and Mr. Lumpkin both congratulated Mr. Powers for the Joe Gillen award.

Bids and Contracts

Mr. Powers presented the CDBC grant. He stated that we are being awarded money this year. We applied for \$500,000 and we received \$480,000. This money is for the Dobbs Addition Project. It is a waterline and street improvement project.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve the CDBC Grant Agreement and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Lopez	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Groundwater Monitoring Services for New Landfill is presented by Mr. Powers. He states that the groundwater testing is for the new landfill. This agreement is for one more round of testing for the landfill in November. This is mandated by the State.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve the monitoring service for the landfill and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

Lopez	Lumpkin	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

New Business

Skylar Kaye addressed the commissioners to request their approval for funding on the Tucumcari Today and Tonight program. Lodger’s Tax is hoping for preliminary approval so they can move forward for final approval from the commissioners. If funds are approved, they are looking for a two-fold activity. He further stated it is very important to get tourist to stop and stay in Tucumcari. The critical way to make that happen is to go back to the historic foundation of Rte. 66 in Tucumcari to restore the neon along the boulevard.

A motion was made by Mr. Lopez to approve the Lodger’s Tax Board request for Tucumcari Today and Tonight campaign and the motion was seconded by Mr. Lumpkin. Roll Call:

Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Salinas McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Mr. Kaye thanked the commissioners for their approval. Mr. Lumpkin asked Mr. Kaye to relay to the Lodger’s Tax Board on how great everything is looking and it is drawing lots of attention.

Acknowledgment of §6-6-5, NMSA 1978. Mr. Powers stated that the City received a letter from the Department of Finance and Administration where it states the budget was reviewed and approved. Part of the requirements from the State is that notice has been acknowledged by the commissioners.

Items from Commissioners

Mr. Lopez stated that when we amended city ordinance, meetings, etc, we talked about city participation. We discussed having a town meeting every quarter. I would like to have a town hall meeting. Mr. Lopez thought the convention center would be a good location. He wishes that citizens would come to the city meetings and voice these concerns. The most recent is water deposit and water shut offs. Traditionally, most companies, if you are delinquent in paying your utilities, there should be a delinquent notice. He thinks that it is something that should be considered. It is looked upon by several people that he talks to as a revenue generating source for the City. He is not looking at debating the issue but if people are willing to come and discuss we should entertain.

In addition, there is a bake sale on Saturday, at 10:30 a.m. at Tucumcari Ranch Supply for the 2012 Southwest Grappling Tournament to pay for their registration fees.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue has received phone calls on how it is unjust to make landlords pay for their tenant’s water bill. She suggested we ask we ask the landlords to come to our meetings and explain to us what they want.

Mayor Curnutt stated that when he came in and checked into it, the city had a policy in effect stating if the landlord comes in and states that they own the property they will be notified before any shut off occur. Mr. Curnutt is not sure if the policy would be enough. Mr. Powers thinks we might need to have a meeting.

Mayor Curnutt thinks it needs to be put on the next work session.

Mr. Lopez says that other utility companies do not hold the landlords accountable for the bills. The financial burden should go with the renter not the landlord. It should not be the job of the landlord to collect the City's delinquent bills.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue believes that the landowner deserves the relief. She also thanked everyone for coming.

Mr. Lumpkin says when we do have the town meeting; we should discuss the water bill. In addition, he thinks it's a great idea that the Chamber wants to work with the Lodger's Tax Board on the Tucumcari Today and Tonight project. He thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor Curnutt wanted to thank everyone for coming. In addition, he was also hoping for another free clean day at the dump around November. The City is doing a great job cleaning.

Adjournment

Mayor Curnutt asked for a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Lumpkin made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Salinas-McTigue seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Lumpkin	Lopez	Curnutt	Salinas-McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Amiel Curnutt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk