

**City of Tucumcari
City Commission Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2012**

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were: Amiel Curnett, Robert Lumpkin, Dora Salinas-McTigue, Daniel Lopez and Jimmy Sandoval.

City Staff members present were; Doug Powers, City Manager; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Reyes Gonzales, Tucumcari Police Department, and Angelica Gray, City Clerk.

Mr. Mark Lake, Minister of St. Michael's Episcopal 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

Mr. Sandoval requested that item 11C be moved to after No. 6.

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

Curnutt	Lopez	Lumpkin	Sandoval	Salinas McTigue
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Items from Commissioners

Mr. Sandoval stated that the library has worked hard to repair the building but it seems like we are having problems. He further stated that if he asks anyone to write a grant it is dismissed. He is asking the city commissioners to find someone to write grants so the library can be worked on. Mr. Sandoval will not recommend anyone due to the fact that he is concerned that the person he recommends would be terminated. He stated that the City needs a new building. He hopes that with the help of the commissioners, he can get this project moving.

Mr. Lopez passed.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that he attended the cemetery board meeting. One of the problems is that they are in a 12 year drought. Now things are behind on watering and getting the yard green and trees trimmed. He stated that personnel have been cut down at the Cemetery. He wants to make the cemetery a priority. He wants to get the cemetery back to a green state. It will take a lot of work. He wants to thank Mr. Powers and the staff for all the work they have done.

Mr. Lumpkin asked citizens to go out and vote. Early voting is until November 3, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Lumpkin extended his help to Mr. Sandoval in regards to the library.

Mr. Lumpkin stated that Mr. Powers received the Joe Guillen award for his hard work with the school board. It is for outstanding leadership and dedication to this community.

Ms. Salinas McTigue also congratulated Mr. Powers on the Joe Guillen award. She also wanted to work with Mr. Sandoval for the project with the library and the College. She knows that Mr. Sandoval has worked hard with the college to bridge the gap between the city and the library.

Mr. Curnutt thanked everyone for coming. He also wanted to correct Mr. Lumpkin in that the Joe Guillen Award was also for Mr. Powers hard work with the City.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve the minutes from October 11, 2012 of Regular Commission meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

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

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve the work session minutes from October 11, 2012, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

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

Items from Citizens

No items from citizens.

Proclamations, Memorials, or Petitions

Proclamation for National Helping Hands Hospice Month – Mayor Curnutt proclaims November 2012 as National Helping Hands Hospice Month – Proclamation is accepted by Mary Jimenez, Sheri Lopez, and Betty Wayne.

Mr. Jack Taylor, executive director with SPIRIT, addressed the commission regarding an update on the future and the progress that has been made in the last 17 years. SPIRIT is a 4 state coalition including Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas with a volunteer board of directors which promotes, educates, and advocates the upgrading of U.S. Highway 54 to four-lane status from Wichita, KS to El Paso, TX. The US legislature recognized that we have 4 states working together for one goal, designating this route as the SPIRIT as the high priority corridors on the federal highway system a few years ago. Although SPIRIT did not receive any monies, they did receive the recognition. We promote the vision at Local, State, and Federal levels for the funding and the approval of this four-lane highway.

Tucumcari is conveniently located on U.S. Highway 54 and Rte. 66 going east and west. They have been working for 17 years and progress has been made.

He further stated that SPIRIT group visits with the Department of Transportation officials and each of the State’s capitals officials every year. This past year board member Christine Olsen and Mr. Taylor traveled to Washington, D.C. and attended the convention for 2 or 3 days. In addition, they met with senators and representatives who represent Highway 54.

Mr. Taylor stated that SPIRIT has to keep the needs before the legislators and the Department of Transportation so when funds are made available the request is in front of them. We rely totally on membership dues. Dues from cities, counties businesses and individuals. The dues from the City of Tucumcari, in the amount of \$1,198.00, really help to continue with SPIRIT.

Mr. Sandoval stated that he visited with Mr. Taylor this afternoon about the SPIRIT highway. He wanted to visit with Mr. Powers about contacting Logan regarding the bridge in Logan. Before that can happen, they will have to map out how the traffic through that community as well as through Tucumcari. Hopefully with the help of the commissioners, Mr. Powers and Mr. Vanderpool we can start the process for the Eastern part of the State.

Ms. Salinas-McTigue asked if any studies have been conducted on the bridge regarding safety issues. Mr. Taylor answered that several studies have been done and the bridge is inspected regularly.

Mr. Vanderpool addressed the commission. He asked the commission to consider the membership with SPIRIT. It looks like the last section to be taken care of would be the stretch between Tucumcari and the Texas state line. In addition, he believes that the other 3 states have strong leadership but New Mexico is lacking the leadership since Ms. Ditto passed away. At some point the bridge in Logan will have to be replaced. Mr. Vanderpool wanted to add that Economic Development has an annual membership to the SPIRIT organization. Mr. Vanderpool believes that the City is positioned to where if the City would decide to go with the membership fee for 2012, Tucumcari could be in a real strong leadership role and bring attention to this stretch of highway between Tucumcari and the state line.

Mr. Curnutt stated that we need to vote on SPIRIT membership at the next commission meeting.

Mr. Lumpkin asked if this matter could be discussed at the work session. He further stated that it costs .20 cents per capita for municipalities and If we have a population of 5,000 that would come out to approximately \$1,000.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2012-41 Application for water system upgrade improvements- Mr. Powers addressed the commission and stated this is resolution of the city staff to submit the water trust board application for this year. This was submitted last year and a partial of the application went to drinking water bureau and received \$500,000 for a new water tank at the 5 mile park, in addition to the radio read meters. It was a \$1.5 million application. This year we are looking at addressing the deteriorating water line from the 5 mile park into town and it's 5 ½ miles of AC pipeline. It is a priority project. We would like to submit the application with the approval of the commissioners.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to apply for the five (5) mile pipeline project and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

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

Resolution 2012-42 Budget Adjustment Resolution – Mr. Dysart addressed the commission and stated that the budget was established at \$398,000 deficit and that it was primarily the \$400,000

that the commission committed for emergency contingency. Mr. Dysart stated that he is adding \$6,000 for budget errors that he has identified and corrected from \$17-\$18,000,000 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve Resolution 2012-42 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

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

City Managers Report

Mr. Powers stated that he attended the infrastructure conference along with Mayor Curnutt, Yvette Fazekas, Community Development Director, Charlie Sandoval water superintendent, along with Chris Gries and Alex Arias. He also stated that it is a big compliment for Tucumcari to get an award like the Joe Guillen Award.

He stated that as for the Sands Dorsey building, we are trying to set up a meeting next week with solid waste bureau and there have been positive developments. Hopefully at the next meeting I will be able to report and give actual details.

He would like to ask Keith Gordon and Mike Crapo from Gordon Environmental to go through the landfill with us and answer for the commissioners.

Bids and Contracts

Approval of Contract for Gordon Environmental for Landfill Grant – Mr. Powers addressed the commissioners and stated this is from the environmental department. We have used this contract in the past with several projects. It is a general contract but it comes in with the ability to add certain task orders or attachments and I will ask for commissioners’ approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve the contract with Gordon Engineering for the Landfill and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

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

Engineering Contract for Landfill Grant – Mr. Powers stated that this will be one of the attachments that will go with the contract. This goes in coordination with the landfill grant that we received about a month ago. We received approximately \$133,000. This attachment will address \$96,000 for engineering services. It is also for closure of the old landfill.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approval the engineering of the landfill grant and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

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

Approval of Mainstreet Grant – Mr. Lake approached the commission and stated that last February the commission approved the Mainstreet Application. The state program was awarded \$1,000,000 and then put into grant applications from 18 other communities. Mainstreet applied

for \$200,000 and received \$157,000. He presented the contract with Economic Development Department and the partnership between the City of Tucumcari and Mainstreet. The purpose of the grant is to complete the work on the plaza area in front of the depot. There is a possibility there will be funds left over. If we get to that point we can go back to the State and ask for another contract which would allow us to move the money.

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

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

Approval of the Rte 66 Museum Lease Agreement – Mr. Powers stated that we noted changes from the last work session and they were sent to the city attorney, Randy Knudson and then to Warren Frost for his approval. Mr. Frost came back and wanted to change page 2, item 1 “terms of lease” to be changed from 1 year to 2 years. We still reserved the right to terminate the agreement with a 120 day notice as indicated in item 3.

Mr. Sandoval asked if the City will be responsible for paying for anything. Mr. Powers indicated that we are trying to work on this together and there will be a little give and take on both sides. As of right now we are not paying for anything. We agreed to run the utilities for 90 days and if there is an increase to the City we will come back and negotiate. He further stated that all of the changes will be brought to the commission for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to approve the Rte 66 Museum Lease Agreement and the motion was seconded by Ms. Lopez. Roll Call:

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

Old Business

Minutes from Cemetery were acknowledged by Mayor Curnutt.

New Business

Property to be sold at 1424 S. Sixth St. - Mr. Powers stated that this house is not being used and with the approval of the commission would like to advertise for the sale of this property.

Mr. Lopez asked for the process of selling the property. Mr. Powers stated that there will be a couple of open houses where people can inspect the property, we will accept sealed bids on the property and bring them to the commission for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Lumpkin to sell the property at 1424 S. Sixth St. and the motion was seconded by Ms. Salinas-McTigue. Roll Call:

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

Mayor Curnutt acknowledged the Memorandum of Understanding with Eastern Plains.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday the Commission meeting set for November 22, 2012 is rescheduled for November 29, 2012.

Items from Commissioners

Mr. Sandoval stated that the only way to get things done is to work with our department heads. He hopes we can get things started and get the communities and businesses involved.

Mr. Lopez passed.

Mr. Lumpkin thanked everyone for coming tonight. He also stated that we do entertain our local contractors to bid on our contracts. We worked with Vicki Watson and the College on a process to educate the local vendors on how to bid on the projects and ways to help them get these contracts. If we get a local contractor to do the jobs all the gross receipts tax will come back to Tucumcari and that is what we are striving for.

Ms. Dora Salinas-McTigue thanked everyone for attending tonight.

Mayor Curnutt wanted to thank everyone for coming.

Adjournment

Mayor Curnutt asked for a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Lopez made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Sandoval seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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

Amiel Curnutt, Mayor

Attest:

Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk