

City of Tucumcari
City Commission Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2014

The Tucumcari City Commission met in a regular meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers, Members present constituting a quorum were, John Mihm, Ruth Ann Litchfield, and Mayor Lumpkin. Commissioners Amy Gutierrez and Dora Salinas-McTigue were absent.

City Staff members present were; Doug Powers, City Manager; Angelica Gray, City Clerk; Dennis Dysart, Finance Director; Vicki Strand, Community Development Director; Jason Braziel, Chief of Police; Dainetta Kroeker, Library Supervisor; and Steve Stephenson, Airport Director.

Charles Morrison led the invocation and Commissioner Mihm led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Changes for Deletions to the Agenda

Mr. Powers asked items 8A Request for Rock a Billy on the Route; 8B Request for Approval for Public Comment Policy; and Item 11 Executive Session be deleted from the agenda.

Commissioner Litchfield made the motion to approve the agenda as amended and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Mihm | Litchfield | Lumpkin |
| Yes | Yes | Yes |

Mayor Lumpkin stated that items were because commissioners were not present at this meeting.

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Mihm clarified that regarding the policy on the utility bill are due on the first of each month and cut off day is the 21st unless it falls on Friday. The only point of contention that was brought to his attention about this was the service was not shut off and they had to pay for it to be shut off and turned on, which he thought was a point of convenience.

Mr. Dysart explained the bills are usually out by the 26th of the month and due on the 1st. We give the citizen three weeks by the ordinance. At that time if it is not Friday or Monday, a late fee is imposed and we start disconnecting the next day. If we would disconnect on Friday, the citizen would not have water services until Monday. Because we receive several payments over the weekend, we enter those into the system and therefore disconnect on Tuesday.

The information is then given to the water department personnel immediately in the morning.

Mr. Powers stated although there were only 40 disconnects this month he has seen 80 or 90 in the past.

Commissioner Litchfield stated she is glad to see everyone here tonight.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked everyone for coming tonight.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the March 13, 2014 Work Session Notes as written and Commissioner Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Litchfield | Lumpkin | Mihm |
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Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the March 13, 2014 Commission Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Lumpkin | Litchfield | Mihm |
| Yes | Yes | Yes |

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance 1111, First Reading, Amending the Zoning District Map – Mr. Powers stated he would like the commissioners to have a copy of the City Map

Mayor Lumpkin stated this amendment is for purposes of a dance studio. He has he understands the neighbors are compliant with the dance studio.

Commissioner Litchfield made the motion to approve the First Reading for Ordinance 1111 and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Litchfield | Lumpkin | Mihm |
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Resolution 2014-10 – Designating Banking Signatories – Mr. Dysart stated this is a bookkeeping item that needs to get done every time we have a new Mayor and/or Mayor Pro Tem they are on the signature cards along with himself and city manager. He needs the commission approval for the Resolution which identifies the banks signatories.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve Resolution 2014-10 Designating Banking Signatories and Commissioner Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Mihm | Litchfield | Lumpkin |
| Yes | Yes | Yes |

Bids and Contracts

Request and Approval of Land Lease Agreement with Vaisala, Inc. – Mr. Stephenson stated this company monitors lightning strikes. They keep the data for US Weather Bureau as well as the FAA and their light weather. The City of Tukumcari received \$600 per year for this lease.

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the Land Lease Agreement with Vaisala, Inc. and Commissioner Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Mihm | Litchfield | Lumpkin |
| Yes | Yes | Yes |

New Business (8B)

Request for Approval of Law Enforcement Protection Fund – Chief of Police, Jason Braziel stated this is a yearly grant provided by the State of New Mexico. This grant is used to assist in purchasing of a vehicle, training, or equipment. However, this year it might be used to update our records management system. This is a 100% grant in the amount of \$27,800

Commissioner Mihm made the motion to approve the Law Enforcement Protection Fund and Commissioner Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Litchfield | Lumpkin | Mihm |
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City Manager’s Report

City Manager Powers stated he and Mayor Lumpkin met with Liz Glen and Jake Davidson with New Mexico Game and Fish and Robert Martin from Natures Conservancy and we discussed the improvements at Tukumcari Lake.

Bill Curry in the early 70’s drafted a design for the Lake with a walkway and bird watching area. Mr. Powers thinks this is a project we can support. He would like to get County Manager, Richard Primrose and Franklin McCasland with Arch Hurley because they have an interest in the area.

They are eradication of salt cedar originally and trying to clean the area.

In addition, he and Mayor Lumpkin met with David Essicks to talk about renewing our franchise fees. Mr. Essicks is willing to visit with the Commissioners and answers questions. He has letter of correspondence and our attorney Randy Knudson has reviewed it.

Mr. Powers stated the City has been working on closing the old landfill. The surveyor is coming April 7 to complete the final shots and make sure we have the coverage is acceptable.

He thanked commissioner Litchfield and Gutierrez for attending the District Meeting in Portales. The meeting was very informative. We were informed that there will not be an increase in the City’s insurance rates for our employees.

Ed DeBois will be here next week to meet with him and Ralph Lopez and Calvin Henson. Two years ago we received capital outlay funding in the amount of \$200,000. Mr. Hanson has difficulties at the Rock Island Lift station. While Mr. DeBois is in town they will visit with Mr. Krause at the Tukumcari cheese Factory regarding working together on the flow they are generating into our system.

He also stated the rabies clinic is set for April 19th. We have tried to contact Dr. Tompkins regarding rescheduling due to it being Easter weekend. Not only do our employees get off at noon on Good Friday, it is also Tukumcari High School will be having their Prom.

We are installing our new meter reader system. There will be issues with the system and he wants to make it clear that if anyone has any problems they are more than welcome to come in to City Hall and review the bill. He stated it is possible that some citizens may have a smaller bill this month and a larger one next year.

New Business (8C)

Request for Appointment of Library Board Members - Dainetta Kroeker stated there are 3 position currently opened for the library board. Leon Logan and Noreen Hendrickson would like to renew their terms and Jannie Bahr would like to fill the vacancy due to a member resigning.

Ms. Kroeker also stated she would like the commission to appoint a City liaison to the library Board.

Commissioner Litchfield made the motion to Appointment Leon Logan, Noreen Hendrickson and Jannie Bahrs and Commissioner Mihm seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Lumpkin | Litchfield | Mihm |
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Public Comments

Dr. Thomas Newsom – He publicly thanked the Tucumcari Police Department and the Fire Department for their assistance during the College’s safety week. They were heavily involved in the event.

Items from Commissioners

Commissioner Mihm he thanked everyone for coming tonight. He stated his first few weeks have been a challenge however he hopes he can make a difference.

Commissioner Litchfield stated this has been very educational and appreciates the support she has received.

Mayor Lumpkin thanked everyone for coming tonight. He reminded the public that commission meetings are open to the public.

Adjournment

Mayor Lumpkin asked for a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Mihm made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Litchfield seconded the motion. Roll Call:

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| Litchfield | Lumpkin | Mihm |
| Yes | Yes | Yes |

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Robert Lumpkin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angelica M. Gray, City Clerk