

CITY OF TUCUMCARI
CITY COMMISSION
Work Session Notes
May 30, 2012

Those Present: Amiel Curnutt, Daniel Lopez, Robert Lumpkin, Dora Salinas-McTigue, and Jimmy Sandoval

Staff Present: Doug Powers, Dennis Dysart, Vicki Strand, Patricia Smith, Viki Riddle, Paula Chavez, Linda Moore, Janet Garcia, Rex Maddaford, Charlie Maciel, Chris Gries, Steve Stephenson, and Danietta Kroeker

2012/2013 Budget –

Dennis Dysart opened the work session by handing out newly revised Budget Request Justification Sheet's to the Commissioners and explained that the requests that were discussed at the May 22, 2012 had been added to his report. Mr. Dysart gave a brief summary of how adding the new requests along with the insurance premium increase would result in a \$197,432 deficit for the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

Department Head Budget Increase Justifications –

1. Housing Authority – Vickie Riddle explained that H.A. was funded by federal funds and that because of that they should have a different budget. Mrs. Riddle requested that the Commission reapprove the Regular Salary increases previously approved on May 26, 2011 explaining that these increases were never made due to budget restraints and that she wanted them to be reflected in their 2012/2013 Budget.
2. Municipal Court – Paula Chavez explained to the Commission that several of the expenses her department incurs are reimbursed through the state due to changes she had made, but initially have to be paid for by the City. Mrs. Chavez suggested that outstanding warrants and fines might be turned over to a collection agency like the EMS has to better increase collections.
3. Museum – Linda Moore made a request for longer summertime hours for both she and Joy Young due to the Museum not currently being open when travelers are looking for things to see in Tucumcari. Mrs. Moore suggested that their hours be extended for four months. Mrs. Moore explained that budget cuts from the previous administration had resulted in two part-time employees instead of the previous one full-time and two part-time employees and that their hours had also been cut.
4. City Lab – Janet Garcia explained that they did water testing for a 100 mile radius and that the new WWTP has increased the number of tests being done to make sure they comply with EPA standards. Mrs. Garcia went on to say that they were able to utilize some of the old equipment but they had had to purchase several new pieces of equipment to be able to do the needed testing, but that she had started charging more for samples tested for other parties and that was increasing their revenue. Mrs. Garcia said that the only requests for budget

additions would be the added funds for natural gas and added electricity at the lab as well as vehicle insurance for the City vehicle she has recently been allowed to use.

5. Golf Course – Rex Maddaford & Charlie Maciel. Mr. Maddaford addressed the commission with his concern for the proposed cuts being made to the golf course 2012/2013 budget due to funds not having been used from their 2011/2012 budget. Mr. Maddaford alluding to the fact that he was trying to save money to purchase their two employees a new all-terrain four wheel vehicle (Gator) to replace the worn out golf carts they were currently using. Mr. Maddaford explained that they take care of the 100 acres of groomed ground the golf course encompasses and they really need to be able to get around more easily. Mr. Maddaford also explained how he had been able to save money by having the mowers at the Golf Course repaired instead of having to purchase new ones.
6. Facility Maintenance – Chris Gries requested additional funds for fuel as well as the need for him to get his GB98 Contractors License to be able to do certain jobs required of him, this would eliminate needing to pay an outside licensed contractor for the use of their license.
7. Airport – Steve Stephenson gave a thorough summary of all the required responsibilities both he and his co-worker have with running the Municipal Airport, explaining that not just any new employee could be trusted with handling several of the duties they currently do on a day-to-day basis due the fact that they are working around very expensive planes and helicopters. Mr. Stephenson requested that the hourly salary for Jimmy Sewell be increased due to his experience and hard work, stating the fact that he hadn't received a raise for several years.
8. HR – Vicki Strand informed the Commission that Code Enforcement was now a part of her department instead of the Police Department and their had been a change to the salaries to cover that and also vehicle maintenance, fuel, etc. to go along with the change.
9. Library – Danietta Kroeker requested additional hours as well as a raise for their part-time employee who has been with the city for three years. Ms. Kroeker explained that the additional hours were in order to better cover the safety of all employees. Mr. Kroeker also requested additional fund for the purchase of newspapers and magazines. Ms. Kroeker again made the Commissioners aware of the need for better air conditioning at the library especially to cool the server for their computers which are being used more and more as time goes by.
10. Community Development – Doug Powers made a request for an increase in salaries due to the changes to fill his vacated position by Yvette Fazekas and for Misty Gulley to become a full-time employee instead of part-time employee.

A roundtable discussion by the Commission followed the department head presentations and requests. Many of the Commissioners commented on the proposed increases as well as their concerns for certain departments. Mayor Curnutt as well as City Manager Doug Powers thanked those who had attended the meeting with Governor Martinez that had caused the cancellation of the previously planned work session.

The second 2012/2013 Budget work session concluded at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Smith, Deputy City Clerk