

**CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013 @ 4:30 P.M.**  
**TROY HARRIS CENTER, 201 S. MAIN ST**

**Present and answering roll call:** Mayor Drummond, Commissioners Trujillo, Bengé, Granath and Gandy.

**Also present:** City Manager Williams, Chief of Police Bryant, City Attorney McMahon, City Clerk Hogue, Administrative Assistant Gutierrez, and Finance Director Stephens,

**Department Heads who attended:** Wyatt Duncan, Miguel DeLaCruz, Laura Brock, Terrance Lizardo, Tueredia McBride, Troy Brackeen, Dennis Martin, Danny Reynolds, Carl Weaver, and Norma Vejil.

**Not Present:** Jami Bailey, Maria Hernandez, Jesse Munoz.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Drummond at 4:30 p.m.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Gandy gave the invocation

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Drummond led the pledge

**Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Drummond asked for a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Trujillo so moved. Commissioner Granath seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**NON-ACTION ITEMS:**

**Discussion of Management Team Training:** City Manager Williams addressed the Commissioners about the City Management Team that attended in service training on January 29-30, 2013. Staff created several of the statements for review so that the Commissioners can establish these statements. During the session, several goals were discussed and we would like to share these with the Commissioners to determine if these are the same goals the Commissioners have for the City. Thirty-two employees attended this in service. Mr. Williams mentioned that the instructor was impressed with the employees. Mr. Williams also stated that we would need to educate the public about all the areas where our staff work and what their duties are. Commissioner Gandy stated that on the vision statement he would not want to just entertain the youth but to get the youth involved in the community as well. Mayor Drummond overall was impressed with the mission and vision statements.

**Discussion of Industrial/Commercial Water Rates:** Mayor Drummond requested that the Commission examine the rates the City charges the Industrial and Commercial for water use. Foreman Wyatt Duncan stated that the sell to industrial is selling at \$2.19 per thousand gallons to Navajo Refinery, \$2.35 per thousand gallons commercial rates are \$23.92 for the first 5,000 gallons and residential is \$16.00 for the first 3,000 gallons. Kallie Richards mentioned that the City is selling at \$0.10 per barrel to businesses in town. The businesses are selling water at \$0.75 to \$1.00 per barrel to other businesses. City Manager Williams will check other municipality's rates. Mayor Drummond would like to see an increase in water rates and no action was taken at the time. The item will be on the next regular meeting.

**Discussion of Financial Reports:** Commissioner Gandy requested to possibly change the format to make the review of the documents easier to read, understand, and evaluate. Commissioner Trujillo mentioned that sewer and water revenues were being used to cover other departments. Commissioner Gandy also stated that he would like to reduce the debt load.

**Discussion of Additional Municipal Water Rights:** Commissioner Trujillo requested a cost analysis to be performed to ensure the purchase of the water rights is cost effective and affordable while meeting our future needs. Mr. Trujillo also requested information on what our current availability of water and status of the well field. Mayor Drummond would like to purchase more water rights outside the city limits. Dan Field addressed the Commissioners and presented maps of where the City might look into for water rights. Mayor Drummond advised City Manager Williams and City Attorney McMahan to look into those areas.

**Discussion of Municipal Codes and Ordinances:** The Staff requested an input from the Commissioners on which existing ordinances they would like to concentrate on to begin the update and revision process. Code Enforcer Brock stated she would like to see a fence ordinance in the City. Concentrate more on planning & zoning, RV Parks, Demolition of Building & Construction, nuisances, and weeds. Foreman Carl Weaver stated that to demolish a small structure could cost about \$1,200 to \$1,300 to haul it off. Maybe consider buying a grinder to lower cost.

**Discussion of Annexation:** City Manager Williams requested input from Commissioners on which areas we should concentrate on, in addition to consulting with legal counsel to determine the best means to perform this action. City Attorney McMahan stated we would need to see if we need for more residential areas or for gross receipts. City Manager

Williams mentioned that Nor Lea Hospital will be annexed in per their request. Mayor Drummond stated the cemetery needs to be annexed in as well. Kallie Richards recommended we add Tyler Graham from the Lea County ETZ to the ETZ board.

**Discussion of Industrial Park Development:** City Manager Williams stated that sites in the Lovington Industrial Park are not being utilized, primarily due to lack of infrastructure. Funding has been requested through Capital Outlay. We need to formulate an idea of how we would like to develop this area for use. Mayor Drummond stated that the area behind wastewater was in a flood zone area. The cost for planning would be \$2.1 million for designing & construction. City Manager Williams will look into how much land is leased on Gilmore Road and will advise the Commissioners.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6.45 p.m.

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**DIXIE DRUMMOND, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CAROL ANN HOGUE, CITY CLERK**