PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2011

REGULAR MEETING
Minutes

TIME & PLACE: The Public Utility Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, in the County of Sierra, and State of New Mexico, met in Regular Session in full conformity with the Law and Ordinances of said Board, at the Commission Chambers of said City, on Tuesday the 18th day of January, 2011 at 5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Bill Jacka, Chairman and Angela A. Torres acted as Secretary.

ATTENDANCE: Upon calling the roll the following members were reported present:

Bill Jacka, Chairman
Mike Potia, Vice Chairman
Alvin W. Siffring, Member
Millie McLeod, Member
James Hunt, Member

Absent Was/Were:

Also Present:

Dave Weiser, City Manager
Bernadine Garcia, Utility Office Manager
Gil Avelar, Electric Superintendent
Angela A. Torres, Deputy City Clerk

QUORUM: There being a quorum present the Board proceeded with the business at hand.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Bill Jacka, Chairman called for approval of the Agenda.

"Millie McLeod moved approval of the Agenda as submitted."

Seconded by Alvin Siffring
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bill Jacka, Chairman called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, December 20, 2010.

"James Hunt moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, December 20, 2010 as submitted."

Seconded by Alvin Siffring
Motion carried unanimously.
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Neil Weeks approached the podium, and stated his concerns on why he believes the board should not approve the Utility Plans for the Braxton Merritt property on Gold & Joffre.

Bill Jacka Chairman stated that the board would not be taking any action regarding item #4 on the agenda at tonight’s meeting due to the fact that the board has not yet been presented with any information on the Braxton Merritt issue.

Susan Lynch approached the board, and provided the board with a copy of the packet Joey Perry provided the City Commissioners at their January 11, 2011 meeting. (Complete copy attached hereto and made part hereof).

Shelby Shue approached the podium with concerns regarding the street lighting in T. or C.

Bill Jacka Chairman recommended that Ms. Shue go to the City Clerks office and request the minutes from the Public Utility’s Boards December 20th meeting which went over night sky friendly lighting.

DISCUSSION/ ACTION- UTILITY PLANS FOR BRAXTON MERRITT/ LETTER OF APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL:

Dave Weiser City Manager stated the City is still working on the letter to Mr. Merritt with the list of requirements that the City Commission put on the preliminary plat at their last meeting on January 11, 2011. Once he receives the final draft he will get it to the Mayor to be signed, and will then present the letter to the board for review and action.

CONSERVATION STUDY:

Bill Jacka, Chairman stated the gentleman that owns a lighting company out of Las Cruces recommended having a workshop with the City’s utility’s department to discuss friendly lighting options rather than make a presentation at one of the PUAB meetings.

Millie McLeod asked City Manager Weiser if he had looked into getting accurate information as to how many bulbs are being changed over to a lower wattage.

Gil Avelar Electric Superintendent approached the podium, and stated that on the high pressure sodium heads there are only 10 sky friendly lights, and 27 of the globe lights on the North interchange and the South interchange, and that there are 55 sky friendly lights, and 259 globe lights on Broadway, and up Date Street between 3rd Street & Baker Street which is an extension of Riverside on Date, and there are 18, 240 watt sky friendly lights, and on the 400 watt flood lights there are only 2 of 17 in that area, and stated hopefully they will be able to change all of them out, and anticipates that the 17 lights will change to 25 lights due to the fact that they do not cover enough ground, and you have to set them to where they overlap each other because the light that is given by the sky friendly lights are not as vagrant as the globe lights.

Alvin Siffring asked Mr. Avelar to explain the difference between the Globe lights, and the sky friendly lights.

Mr. Avelar stated the sky friendly lights go straight down and the lighting from the globe lights spread out alot more. And he stated whenever one of the heads on the globe lights go out they are being replaced with sky friendly lights, and that they are also going to make an attempt to change out the flood lights with the 120 volt 70 watt heads, and that they have about 500 out, and 25 of the flat lights out.
He stated they tested out the new L.E.D. flat lens lights, but they are very expensive, and stated he did not recommend them due to the fact that the lenses are made of soft plastic and they can be penetrated very easily.

Bill Jacka Chairman stated that if there were no more questions they will move onto the financial report.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bernadine Garcia, Utility Office Manager went over the Electric and Water Utility Operating Report for the month of November 2010.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the board, Chairman Bill Jacka declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVAL:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of February, 2011, on motion duly made by [Name], seconded by [Name], and carried.

Bill Jacka/Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board