Tuesday, February 19, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

Action 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 19th day of February, 2012 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
George Szigeti, Member

Also Present:

Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Linda Lanham, Finance Director
Julian Garcia, Water Department Supervisor
Gil Avelar, Electric Superintendent
Angela A. Torres, Deputy City Clerk

Absent Was/Were:

Alvin Siffring, Member
James Hunt, Member

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.

"George Szigeti moved approval of the Agenda as submitted."

Seconded by Mike Potia
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bill Jacka, Chairman, called for review and approval of minutes of the Public Hearing/Regular meeting held Tuesday, January 22, 2013.

"Mike Potia moved approval of the minutes of the Public Hearing/Regular meeting held Tuesday, January 22, 2013 as submitted."

Seconded by George Szigeti
Motion carried unanimously.
Mike Kertesz made comments regarding the Solid Waste Collection Center fees.

John Saridan came before the Board with questions regarding “Plan A” of the Solid Waste Collection Center presentation.

Bill Jacka, Chairman noted that some of the answers may come up as the presentations moves along.

Ron Fenn made comments regarding his concerns of the Solid Waste fees. He also had comments regarding the FY12/13 budget.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager, reviewed the Solid Waste Collection Center & Citizen Initiative presentation with the Board. (Complete copy attached hereto and made a part hereof).

George Szigeti asked City Manager Fuentes where he received the figures for the Collection Center.

Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director, noted that the figures were given to him back in December 2012, by the Municipal Solid Waste Authority.

Mike Potia asked if they looked into leasing vehicles, instead of purchasing them.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager, stated that one of the challenges that may occur when leasing a vehicle is; trash vehicles accumulate several thousands of miles, and when you lease a vehicle, you are limited on the number of miles you use.

Bill Jacka, Chairman, asked for an actual accounting of the population in the community by next months meeting.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager, stated that these numbers are based on the tonnage that we have been collecting. As far as under “Plan B” of the presentation we using the numbers based on what the capacity of what the equipment can hold.

Michael Kertesz asked if they decide to go with poly carts, will that change the method of pickup.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager, stated that currently we do have customers that have poly cart service. The truck that is used is mechanical and has an adaptor hooked up to it. If we were to expand that service we would buy equipment that is specifically used for that type of poly cart.

George Szigeti reviewed his calculations on collection fees with the Board.

Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director, reviewed the Solid Waste Collection Center Rates with the Board. (Complete copy attached hereto and made a part hereof).

Mike Potia asked what the City charges for disposal of computer monitors.

Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director, stated the City charges $5.00 per monitor, and TV’s are $10.00.
Mike Kertesz asked what the City does with car batteries and tires.

Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director, stated that other communities charge for tire disposal. Rates vary from $1.00 to $25.00 depending on size.

Bill Jacka asked what is going to happen with large construction waste.

Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director, stated large construction waste may have to be hauled by the contractor themselves.

George Szigeti stated that he believes it would be in the community’s best interest to have discounted rates for residences.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager, asked that the Board make a recommendation to the City Commission to move forward with the proposed rates.

"George Szigeti moved to forward the Rate Fees to the City Commission for approval."

Seconded by Mike Potia
Motion carried unanimously.

CONSERVATION STUDY: George Szigeti reviewed his trip to the Las Cruces landfill with the Board.
Discussion ensued with no action taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Linda Lanham reviewed the financial report with the Board. The Board stated the graphs don’t look right and they want her to look into that.
Ms. Lanham noted that she would look into that, and have the errors corrected by the next meeting.
Juan Fuentes, City Manager, mentioned to the Board that one of their goals is to separate the utilities, so they are not lumped into one fund.
Bill Jacka, Chairman asked that the conservation study be removed from future agendas.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Advisory Board Bill Jacka, Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVAL: PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of 2013, on motion duly made by Mike Potia, seconded by Juan Fuentes, and carried.

Bill Jacka, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board