PUBLICATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO

Monday, March 16, 2009

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 Monday the 16th day of March, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Alvin Siffring, Chairman and Ellen Lindsey acted as Secretary.

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

Alvin Siffring, Chairman
Mike Potia, Member
James Hunt, Member
Al Wilkinson, Member

Also Present:

Chris Nobes, Building Inspector
Ellen Lindsey, Deputy City Clerk

Absent Was/Were:

Bill Jacka, Vice Chairman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Alvin Siffring, Chairman called for approval of the Agenda.

“Al Wilkinson moved approval of the Agenda as submitted.”

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alvin Siffring, Chairman called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Tuesday, February 17, 2009.

“Al Wilkinson moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Tuesday, February 17, 2009 as submitted.”

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

SUMMARY REPLAT - ST. JOHN’S LUTHERAN CHURCH: Chris Nobes approached the podium and stated this request went before the Planning & Zoning Commission at their regular meeting of March 3rd and that Commission approved the summary replat conditional upon the approval of the Public Utility Advisory Board.

Mr. Nobes reviewed the summary replat application stating they have the church building and then there is the fellowship hall, then there is a doublewide which is a parsonage on the south end of lot 4. He
stated that for their various reasons the church wishes to split the property into two tracks with the church and fellowship hall on tract 1 and the doublewide parsonage on tract 2. He stated a licensed surveyor has prepared this plat.

He stated it does show the fellowship hall electrical is served from a pole on Platinum Street, the church is served from a pole on Tin Street, and then the doublewide parsonage has a service pole coming in from Tin Street. He stated basically there are three electrical services.

Mr. Nobes stated the issue right now is that the water and sewer appear to be tapped into the main churches services so if this board did wish to approve this it certainly should have to be conditional upon the house obtaining its own sewer and water tap.

Discussion ensued.

"Al Wilkinson moved approval of the Summary Replat submitted by St. John’s Lutheran Church with the condition they obtain separate services for sewer and water for the lot that houses the doublewide parsonage."

Seconded by Mike Potia
Motion carried with Members Siffring, Hunt, Potia & Wilkinson voting aye.

CONSERVATION STUDY:

Al Wilkinson stated it is unprecedented that all of the scientific types have spoken with a unified voice about the global climate change situation and he wanted to bring that to the attention of this board since at the last meeting there was discussion on the move by the public utility department in Gainesville, Florida where they developed a program to integrate portable solar collectors. He stated it’s time to start this conversation because coal fired power plants which provide seventy-five percent of our power here are going to be drastically effected by new legislation and he thinks we need to realize that and begin to take action or at least start the conversation.

Discussion ensued.

Alvin Siffring read a clip in a newspaper from Ogallala, Nebraska. He stated he has been studying wind energy and that part of the world, on the governmental level are trying to decide what kind of regulations they should make to control this such as setbacks and that kind of thing if you have a wind energy tower and the economics of the whole thing.

He stated a neighbor of his has a cell phone tower on their farm and they got permission to put anemometers up there and check the wind and has been logging that for the last couple of years. He stated they have decided that’s an interesting proposal, but they know how many hours of wind they have. He stated that at this point they’re saying it doesn’t pay, but in the same issue there is an article stated they’re having conferences on wind energy in the area and they found out they were quite a bit ahead of the curve.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Alvin Siffring stated he got a call from Berna Garcia where she stated she would not be attending the meeting due to illness.

The members reviewed the reports submitted.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Advisory Board Alvin Siffring, Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVAL: PASSED AND APPROVED this 15 day of June, 2009, on motion duly made by ____________, seconded by ____________, and carried.

Alvin Siffring, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board