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 April, 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
Alvin Siffring, Member
James Hunt, Member

Also Present:

Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Charlie Friberg, Building Inspector
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.

"James Hunt 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 Regular meeting held Monday, March 19, 2012.

"Alvin Siffring moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, March 19, 2012 as submitted."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION- PRICES FOR WATER & SEWER TAPS: Juan Fuentes, City Manager reviewed a draft resolution; setting water & wastewater connection fees, noting that the resolution is in favor of increasing the charges as presented.
City Manager, Fuentes stated the item is up for discussion, and if the Board has any recommended suggestions they can discuss those at this time, if not he would like to proceed, and bring it back at the next meeting for adoption of this resolution. (Complete copy attached hereto and made a part hereof).

Juan Fuentes, City Manager stated it has been 20 years since the City looked at the fees and recommended the fees be revisited every 5 years.

No action was taken on this item.

DISCUSSION/ENERGY BUY BACK PROGRAM:
Gil Avelar, Electric Superintendent stated they would have to have a system study and engineering done before they rush into the program.

Bill Jacka, Chairman asked Mr. Avelar if he had any indication on what the engineering and study would cost.

Gil Avelar, Electric Superintendent stated it would cost approximately $8,000.00 – $10,000.00 for the engineering and study.

Mr. Avelar contacted WH Pacific and they are willing to help the City with the energy buy-back program.

“Mike Potia moved that Mr. Gil Avelar research the cost of what the engineering would cost the City.”

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION/ACTION-SUMMARY PLAT-CRAIG WARWICK:
Summary Plat for 352 Riverside Dr. - Applicant is Craig Warwick.

Charlie Friberg, Building Inspector went over the Summary Plat with the Board, stating that the main purpose of the application is to divide the property. Mr. Warwick has two separate residences on his property, and would like to sell one lot. The Water and Sewer department have checked the availability of water on Riverside, and signed off.

Bill Jacka, Chairman stated he only saw one electrical pole in the center of the property and asked if the one pole is going to service both properties.

Charlie Friberg, Building Inspector noted that the residence on the east side of the property is serviced by a different meter.

“Alvin Siffring moved approval of the Summary Plat pending Planning & Zoning’s approval with the buildings in question.”

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:
Mr. George Szigeti had comments regarding the energy buy-back program.
FINANCIAL REPORT: Juan Fuentes, City Manager, and Gil Avelar, Electric Superintendent discussed a Meter Tampering Policy with the Board. (Complete copy attached hereto and made a part hereof).

Bill Jacka, Chairman suggested they include in the proposed policy, to recover court costs.

"Mike Potia moved that City Manager Fuentes, move forward by adding a penalty with an amendment of adding court costs."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Electric and Water Utility Operating Report for the month of March 2012.

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 21st day of May 2012, on motion duly made by Mike Potia, seconded by James Hunt, and carried.

Bill Jacka, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board