Monday, June 18, 2007

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 18th day of June, 2007 at 5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Alvin Siffring, Chairman and Hazel F. Peterson acted as Secretary.

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

Alvin Siffring, Chairman
Lola Polley, Vice Chairman
Charles Hibler, Member
James Hunt, Member
Bill Jacka, Member

Also Present:
Jaime Aguilera, City Manager
Jerry Stagner, Commissioner
Bernadine Garcia, Utility Office Manager
Gil Avelar, Electric Superintendent
Hazel F. Peterson, Deputy City Clerk II

Absent Was/Were:

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.

"Charles Hibler moved to approve the Agenda as submitted."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alvin Siffring, Chairman called for review and approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, May 21, 2007.

"Bill Jacka moved to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, April 16, 2007 as corrected."

Seconded by Lola Polley
Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER TERM EXPIRATION: Alvin Siffring explained that because of the vacancy that has occurred this board member is not constrained to have any particular background in order to serve on this board. He stated there are three people that have the particular background required are on the board at this point, but no one has shown any interest in serving at this time. He stated they would continue to look for someone and hopefully it won't be very long before that person is found.

"Lola Polley moved to honor Charles Hibler for his devotion in the service he has given the Public Utility Advisory Board."
Commissioner Jerry Stagner approached the podium and stated that on behalf of Mayor Montgomery who couldn’t attend the meeting and the City Commission he wanted to thank Charles Hibler for serving for the six plus years that he has served. He stated he has given the City Commission a lot of expertise in the electrical area and they really appreciate it and want to thank him for his service.

Jaime Aguilera, City Manager approached the podium and stated that Charlie probably knows more about electricity than anybody else in Truth or Consequences if not the greater area and he has been invaluable in helping the City run that department especially with some of the Managers that have come and gone.

He stated he really wants to thank Charlie because of the help that he gave the City when they renewed the contract with Tri State. That was a very complicated contract, very long formulas that he can’t even describe, and Charlie helped them muddle through all those issues that they had with Tri State. He helped them hire the engineer that helped them get that done, and if Charlie had done nothing else, just getting the city that renewed contract with Tri State was an incredible feat.

Mr. Aguilera stated he wanted to personally thank Charlie for helping him out with that, and as the City Manager he wants to thank him because the whole city benefited from that, and he hopes they can still call him every now and then and say “help” and he knows Charlie is going to be around.

Charlie Hibler stated he thanked everyone for their confidence and he will be around.

Discussion ensued.

“James Hunt moved to recommend to the City Commission that they consider making Charles Hibler an ex-officio member of the Public Utility Advisory Board.”

Seconded by Lola Polley
Motion carried unanimously.

WATER CONSERVATION STUDY:

Discussion only, no action taken.

CONTRACT/ASH STREET REBUILD:

Gill Avelar approached the podium and stated they got the switches in and they are operable. He stated they negotiated the jumpers that were cutout and not put back in, and one was not ever put up. He stated they are going to pay the City to do it, and they can use that as a training system for some of their newest recruits.

He stated they went over the whole system and they were pretty happy with what they saw and they were happy to leave.

Discussion ensued, no action taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Bernadine Garcia, Utility Office Manager approached the podium and reviewed the Electric Utility Operating Report at which time discussion ensued.

Discussion only, 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 16 day of July, 2007, on motion duly made by , seconded by , and carried.

Alvin Siffring, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board