PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO

Monday June 19th, 2006

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 19th of May A.D., 2006 at 5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Alvin Siffring, Chairman and Virginia Womack acted as Secretary by recording the business at hand.

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:

Scott Weber, Utility Office Manager
Gil Avelar, Line Supervisor

Absent Was/Were

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

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

"James Hunt moved that the Agenda be approved as submitted."

Seconded by Bill Jacka
Motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alvin Siffring called for review and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 15th, 2006.

"Bill Jacka moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held May 15th, 2006 be approved as submitted."

Seconded by Charles Hibler
Motion carried unanimously

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS: Alvin Siffring informed the board that they had three terms up for reappointment.

Alvin Siffring asked Ron Huff to talk to the board about why he would like to serve as a member.

Ron Huff: I want to get involved with the way my city runs and my community operates. Short from running for a city commission spot which I can’t because I’m a city employee. However I can sit on all the city advisory boards.

Charles Hibler: Its going to be my recommendation that we keep
the present board and Ron it is for this reason. At the present time we are involved in some rate increase from our power supplier and contracts and the people who are serving now are familiar with what's going on and the personnel really appreciate you applying for the job.

"James Hunt made a motion to reappoint Alvin Siffring, Bill Jacka and Lola Polly to the Public Utility Advisory Board for another term."

Seconded by Charles Hibler
Motion carried unanimously

T OR C WATER SUPPLY

Alvin Siffring asked the board members if they had any input on the city water supply.

Charles Hibler presented the board with a report about the city wells. The report compares 2003 and up to January of 2006. The important thing is the depth of the pumping, which indicates the water supply.

Jaime Aguilera: The city has drilled several test wells and have come up empty. One of the questions that I have never gotten resolved is why they were... Apparently, they were not deep drillings. Does anybody know why he didn't go deeper.

Alvin Siffring: There is some data available up at city hall somewhere.

Jaime Aguilera: The other information I was given is there was two wells. One in Cuchillo Dam area that we own and one south of the airport that seems to produce a lot of water. That has been offered to us as part of the racetrack development. Therefore, we are looking at other sources of water.

The problem there is getting the water back into the city. On the one hand and on the other, the city is growing north not south.

Charles Hibler: We might want to think about a water increase to force a little conservation and take some of the burden off the electric system.

Jaime Aguilera: I would like this board to work on more water conservation. We need to send out more literature to home owners, offer some free goodies like low flow shower taps, low flow toilets or adjust peoples toilets to reduce the flow. There's a lot of things we can do to reduce water use.

Alvin Siffring: I would like you to continue to leave the water supply on the agenda.

Discussion ensued no action taken.

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REBUILD:

Gil Avelar: They're moving right along. They have energized two of the three phases on 7th street to 7200 and they are now switching over the transformers, going alley by alley, and picking up 7th street. It is slow going but they are doing it.

Discussion ensued no action taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jaime Aguilera, City Manager explained to the board about what was happening in the Utility Department regarding the employees. Jaime told the board they would have to excuse the department for not having the reports. This will take Scott more then one reporting period to get up to speed.
The board briefly discussed the finances.

Discussion only, no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

"Charles Hibler made a motion to adjourn the meeting."

Seconded by Lola Polley
Motion Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL:

PASSED AND APPROVED this 17 day of July, 2006, on motion duly made by James Hunt, seconded by Charles Hibler, and carried.

Alvin W. Siffing, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board
Lola Polley Vice-Chairman