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 City Commission Chambers of said City, on Monday the 19th day of August, 2013 at 5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman and Angela A. Torres acted as Secretary.

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

Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman
Alvin Siffring, Member
James Hunt, Member
George Szigeti, Member

Also Present:

Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Bill Slettom, Assistant City Manager
Gil Avelar, Electric Division Director
Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director
Ed Williams, Safety Coordinator/Electric Division
Angela A. Torres, Deputy City Clerk

Absent Was/Were:

Bill Jacka, Chairman

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman called for approval of the Agenda.

"Alvin Siffring moved approval of the Agenda as submitted."

Seconded by George Szigeti
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman, called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, July 15, 2013.

George Szigeti noticed some errors on page 2 of the minutes. Paragraph 1, Construction & Debris should be changed to Construction & Demolition, and under the “Water Per/Asset Management” on the portion that states “One of them is the submission of letting us to precede items.”
The sentence should be re-worded to say “One of them is the notice to proceed item,” and the last error was on the portion where it states his average utility bill in April is around $300.00-$330.00 he was referring to kilowatt hours.

“James Hunt moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, July 15, 2013 with the changes listed above.”

Seconded by George Szigeti
Motion carried unanimously.

None.

Gil Avelar, Electric Division Director, stated that on the 13th of this month the Net Metering documents were submitted to Dumas Slade by Ed Williams. The process was supposed to start 3 weeks after they received the task order, and 2 weeks after which they would come down to meet with us.

George Szigeti asked what the timeline looked like, and if something would be submitted at the next meeting.

Gil Avelar, Electric Division Director, stated yes.

There being no further discussion regarding Net Metering, the Board moved onto the next item on the agenda.

Bill Sletton, CDD/Assistant City Manager, stated that a revised scope of work to has been submitted to the USDA for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. A phase one scope of work has also been submitted to replace our chlorination system from using gas, and switching to a UV light system, changing out the aerators, and installing the new belt sludge press. With all fees and Gross Receipts Tax it comes out to a 4.5 million dollar project. We are waiting to see how much of that will be in the form of a grant, and how much we will be expected to take out as a loan. As we get closer to starting this project we are going to have to look into a loan to finance the engineering portion of it. We will also be looking into a loan to get us to that point, which would then be reimbursed as part of the grant proceeds from USDA.

Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director, reviewed the Solid Waste poly-cart ordinance with the Board stating that one of the areas they have been working on is the collection of the poly-carts, which are going to run us approximately $53.00 - $60.00 per poly-cart. We are going to be working off of a CES contract through MCT Constructions out of Albuquerque. They will supply all of the poly-carts, and that will include 500 poly-carts with hot stamps. We just have to come up with some type of emblem to put on there for now. The freight and the poly-carts are going to run us about $28,000.00. The next thing we are looking into is a side-load trash truck which is two different year models. One is a 2012 auto-cart chasse with a Nu-Way, 31 cubic yard, automatic side-load which is a demo that has miles on it but the working hours are very low on it. That model is going for $239,000.00. The 2014 model will run us $263,000.00.
If we go with the demo we will be able to purchase an additional 500 poly-carts for a second phase, for a different area. The vehicles can collect anywhere from 700-1000 poly-carts per day, and the truck itself is sufficient to service the whole City on a weekly basis. Mr. Carrillo and Staff visited the City of Santa Fe, and the City of Albuquerque's Solid Waste Department. They also went to the Waste Management Facility to look at vehicles and they recommended the Nu-Way Systems because they are a lot less trouble free for working, they are easy to maintain, and easier to control. The truck itself can also be purchased through a CES Contract, which is with Clark Trucking. The third part that they are working on is the poly-cart ordinances, and the amendment of the solid waste ordinances. They have been working with the ordinances from the City of Aztec, the City of Santa Fe, the Village of Los Lunas, and the City of Belen. They picked those four places because they were the closest ones to the system that we are going to be using as far as dumpsters, pickups, commercial pickups, and they have the poly-carts on route. Their ordinance is very clear on how they do their pick-ups, and poly-carts. The poly-cart ordinance is specifically for the poly-carts, and that is something new in this this area that's being added into our ordinances as far as amending the ordinances for the other parts of the dumpsters. The areas that they are looking at are going to be from Arrowhead Dr., down Riverside, and all the way to the Rodeo Arena area. Then they will cross to other side of the river. The residents on the other side of the river do not have poly-cart, or dumpster service at this point in time, but we may be able to provide them with this automatic system. If there are enough poly-carts left then they will go down Main Street, and all of the way down to Kruger St. and Riverside.

Alvin Siffring asked how the poly-cart truck differs from regular dump trucks.

Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director stated that the truck has an arm that is specifically designed to pick up poly-carts. They cannot pick up dumpsters, but the arm can reach up to 12ft. So for instance if a car is parked in the way the arm can reach across and pick it up from the sidewalk. The fingers on the mechanism are like your thumb and finger together. So it's a lot more flexible than the one we have right now. The one we have right now is bulky, and you have to have your poly-carts almost 5ft. away from each other for it to work.

Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman asked what the time line was for the poly-carts.

Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director, stated they are looking into the paper work for the poly-carts and the trucks, and the ordinance still needs to be passed through the City Manager.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager, reviewed the Silver City Solar Farm tour with the Board stating that one of the items that they are waiting on is to hear word from Sierra Electric Coop. From his understanding they met last Friday so he is hoping to hear back from them to see if they are in agreement to amend our existing Power Purchase Agreement. Under the current agreement we cannot allow a 3rd party to come in and install a Solar System like Silver City has. Their system is owned and operated by Affordable Solar, and they charge a fixed amount for 20 years to Silver City. In order for us to be able to do a similar type of project, then we would definitely need to have that agreement amended with Sierra Electric Coop.
George Szigeti stated that it was a very interesting tour and the discussion that they had was very informative.

Alvin Siffring asked if our relationship with Sierra Electric Coop will be affected if the Wal-Mart Solar Project goes through.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager, stated that they will not be affected because the project is governed between the City and the Customer.

**COMMENTS FROM STAFF:** Juan Fuentes, City Manager stated that on September 4th or 5th he would like to have a Special Meeting to consider the request from Wal-Mart and the request from Mr. Szigeti on the agenda so that we can start the ball rolling on this interconnect agreement for residential and commercial.

Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman suggested the September 4th for the Special Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Advisory Board Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

**APPROVAL:** PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of 2013, on motion duly made by Mike Potia, seconded by James Hunt, and carried.

(Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board)