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

Monday, August 21, 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 21st day of August, 2006 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
Charles Hibler, Member
Bill Jacka, Member
James Hunt, Member

Absent Was/Were

Lola Polley, Vice Chairman

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.

"Charles Hibler moved that the Agenda be approved as submitted."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alvin Siffring called for review and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 17, 2006.

"Bill Jacka moved that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held July 17, 2006 be approved as submitted."

Seconded by Charles Hibler
Alvin Siffring abstained.
Motion carried.

ELEPHANT BUTTE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT: Chris Nobes, Building Inspector stated this item was presented last fall to the Planning & Zoning Board as well as this Board for review, at that time it was preliminary plans. He stated this takes a Special Use Permit for a treatment plant within the city limits even though it’s a T-1 Zone, Transition Zone, it’s of enough significance, and it takes a Special Use approval. It then went to the City Commission on September 12, 2005 and they approved it conditional upon reviewing the final plans. He stated they now have those plans and Rob Richardson the Engineer is here to answer any questions.

He stated that based on what this board feels after the presentation that they would make a recommendation to the City Commission to approve this Special Use Permit.
Mr. Richardson approached the board at which time discussion and review began of the final plans for the Elephant Butte Wastewater Treatment Plant.

He showed the board and explained where the primary access point to the treatment plant was from State Road 181.

Mr. Richardson stated that when they got the conditional approval the concern was access so he wanted to make sure he answered that question.

"James Hunt moved to accept the Elephant Butte Wastewater Treatment Plant Special Use Permit and submit it to the City Commission for their consideration."

Seconded by Bill Jacka
Motion carried unanimously.

WATER CONSERVATION STUDY:
Charles Hibler asked Scott Weber if he could provide a history of the wells, the depth of pumping. He stated this is what they have been keeping their eye on, because year by year the water table keeps getting lower. He stated this would be the key to the whole plan.

Mr. Siffring asked that this item remain on the agenda so they can continue to have discussion.

Discussion only. No action taken.

CONTRACT/ASH STREET REBUILD:
Gil Avelar stated they were not quite finished with 7th Street; they have a couple of things to finish. He stated they are out to the projects. He stated they haven't started the taps yet but they've got the main conductor up.

Discussion only. No action taken.

FINANCIAL REPORT:
Scott Weber handed out several reports on the different utilities at which time discussion began.

Discussion only. No action taken.

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

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion Carried Unanimously

APPROVAL:
PASSED AND APPROVED this 18 day of Sept., 2006, on motion duly made by Charles Hibler, seconded by James Hunt, and carried.

Alvin Siffring, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board