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 15th day of October 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
George Szigeti, Member

Also Present:

Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Linda Lanham, Finance Director
Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director
Gil Avelar, Electric Superintendent
Julian Garcia, Water Department Supervisor
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.

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

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Bill Jacka, Chairman called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, September 17, 2012.

"Mike Potia moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, September 17, 2012 as submitted."

Seconded by Mike Potia
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.
WATER/WASTE
WATER RATES
ORDINANCE:

Julian Garcia, Water Department Supervisor reviewed the Water/Waste Water rates with Board noting that they are trying to increase the rates because the current rates have been in effect since 1991 and the cost of the service is more than the price that they are charging for services.

Discussion ensued regarding the Water and Wastewater tap fees.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager informed the Board that if they wish to proceed with the Proposed Ordinance, City Staff will take it to the City Commission the first meeting in November for publication for first reading. That will give staff time to do additional research on the Water/Wastewater fees. It will then go back on the December 19th Public Utility agenda for one final review before the City Commission adopts it.

"James Hunt moved that the Board accept the Water/Wastewater connection fees for the City of Truth or Consequences."

Seconded by George Szigeti
Motion carried unanimously

COMMERCIAL
SEPERATION
RATES:

Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director reviewed the Commercial Separation Rates with the Board and stated that the separation fee method was created so residents can pay for the separation to be done.

Mr. Carrillo shared his concerns regarding Commercial customers mixing MSW with Construction materials at the landfill.

George Szigeti suggested to Mr. Carrillo that a definition of a mixed load be added into the Ordinance.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager stated that once they transfer over to the Collection Center the Environment Department is going to allow them to accept C&D only at the Landfill, so it is important that we start emphasizing to the public that they need to start separating the waste before it is taken to the landfill.

Discussion ensued.

"George Szigeti moved that they forward Ordinance 25-09/10 to the City Commission with the correction of typos, definition of terms, and the refining of the fees for the tires."

Seconded by Mike Potia
Motion carried unanimously

LOADING &
TARPPING
RESTRICTIONS:

Leonard Carrillo, Sanitation Director reviewed the Vehicle Loading and Tarpping Restrictions with the Board noting that there have been residents traveling through town without the load being tied down waste is flying onto the roads.

City Ordinance section 11-42 – Truck Loads Causing, states:

No person shall drive or move any truck or other vehicle within the City unless such vehicle is so constructed or loaded as to prevent any load or contents of litter from being blown or deposited upon any street, alley, or other private public place.

Mr. Carrillo would like to change the wording in that section to:
No individuals, business or private company shall transport any loads within the City limits or property without the load being tarpped or covered to prevent the contents of litter or loose debris from blowing or falling onto roadways, highways or private property. As per New Mexico State Management Regulations 20.9.2-20.9.10 NMAC.

The Board noticed two spelling errors in the proposed ordinance. Paragraph 9, Soild should be changed to solid and un-tarpped should be un-tarpped.

"Mike Potia moved to amend article I, Section 11-42 with Mr. Carrillo’s changes and with the two spelling corrections."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously

COLLECTION FEES: Juan Fuentes City Manager reviewed the collection fees ordinance with the Board.

"Mike Potia moved to send Ordinance Amending Chapter 11, Article I, Section 11-10 to the City Commission."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously

CONSERVATION STUDY: The Board and City Staff had brief discussion regarding Solar Power and Solar Panels.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Linda Lanham, Finance Director reviewed the financial report with the Board.

The Board asked that Bill Slettom, Community Development Director present the Drought Contingency Plan at the next meeting.

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 19th day of November, 2012, on motion duly made by ___, seconded by ___, and carried.

Bill Jacka, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board