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 day of November, 2012 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
Linda Lanham, Finance Director
Julian Garcia, Water Department Supervisor
Gil Avelar, Electric Superintendent
Angela A. Torres, Deputy City Clerk

Absent Was/Were:
Bill Jacka, Chairman

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 with the removal of item #5."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, October 15, 2012.

"George Szigeti moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, October 15, 2012 with a correction made on page 2, paragraph 1, of the minutes, where it states "reviewed the Water/Waste Water rates," it should be changed to "reviewed connection fee's."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

WATER/WASTE WATER RATES ORDINANCE: Juan Fuentes, City Manager stated, the presented ordinance went to the City Commission, and was published. He wants to bring back the ordinance a final time before it is sent to the City Commission for final adoption.

Alvin Siffring had concerns regarding page 2 of the proposed ordinance, where it states “the Advisory Board wanted proposed; not enough.” Mr. Siffring asked City Staff to clarify.

Julian Garcia, Water Department Supervisor responded, when he previously brought the proposed Waste Water rates before the Public Utility Advisory Board for approval, it was suggested by the Board that the rates be changed from the initial $235.00 fee to a $275.00 fee. Mr. Garcia stated that $275.00 is not enough money to cover the cost of service.

George Szigeti stated he believes the proposed prices are reasonable.

“James Hunt moved to approve the proposed Water/Wastewater rates Ordinance, and send it to the City Commission.”

Seconded by George Szigeti
Motion carried unanimously.

CONSERVATION STUDY: None.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Linda Lanham reviewed the Static Well Water Report with the Board.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager stated the City contracted with Smith Engineering to do the Waste Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Engineering Report, and it has been completed. He invited the Board to attend the next City Commission meeting. There will be a Work Session held and they will share the first quarterly report at the meeting.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager noted that Ameresco; which is one of the bidders that submitted for the Solar Farm is doing a site visit on Wednesday morning at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
Discussion ensued with no action taken.

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 11th day of December 2012, on motion duly made by , Alvin Siffring, seconded by , Julian Garcia, and carried.

Mike Potia, Vice-Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board