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

Monday, December 21, 2015  

Action Minutes  

REGULAR MEETING  
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, in the City Commission Chambers of said City, on Monday the 21st day of December 2015 at 5:30 P.M.  

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by George Szigeti, Chairman, and Priscilla Fuentes acted as Secretary.  

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

George Szigeti, Chairman  
Jeff Dornbusch, Vice-Chairman  
Alvin Siffing, Member  

Absent:  
Jan Bennett, Member  

Also Present:  
Juan Fuentes, City Manager  
Renee Cantin, City Clerk  
Christina Bruch, Electric Administrative Assistant  
Traci Burnette, Water/Wastewater Administrative Assistant  
Priscilla Fuentes, Clerk 1  

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: George Szigeti, Chairman, called for approval of the Agenda.
“Alvin Siffring, moved approval of the Agenda as submitted.”

Seconded by Jeff Dornbusch
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

George Szigeti, Chairman, called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, November 16, 2015.

“Alvin Siffring moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, November 16, 2015 as submitted.”

Seconded by Jeff Dornbusch
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

USAGE OF GRAY WATER:

Discussion/Action: Usage of Gray Water – Jeff Dornbusch:

Jeff Dornbusch proposed that the City take up an addition of Gray Water to their Water Conservation Plan noting that the use of Gray Water for irrigation residential landscapes has been the benefit of conserving potable water, and reducing the amount of wastewater needing treatment. Gray Water makes up 1/3 to 2/3 of residential wastewater stream Gray Water is the water that contains little to no solids. This waste stream comes from water use from bathing, showering, personal hygiene such as hand washing and tooth brushing and laundry. Black Water is from commodes, kitchen sinks, dish washers, and therefore contains high amounts of solids and is not eligible. Homeowners who use Gray Water for watering outside plants and/or gardens conserve potable water, and save the City from unnecessary treating this waste stream.

Alvin Siffring stated that he believes that it would be fairly expensive to retrofit a lot of them.

Jeff Dornbusch noted that it is something the City should at least consider.
Chairman George Szigeti noted that sending this item to the company who is handling the water conservation plan would be the appropriate thing to do at this point and time.

City Manager Juan Fuentes noted that he will forward the item to the engineers who are in charge of the Water Conservation Plan.

"Chairman George Szigeti moved that they forward the proposal to the Engineers who are preparing the Water Conservation Study."

Seconded by Jeff Dornbusch
Motion carried unanimously.

**ELECTRIC RATE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

**Discussion/Action: Electric Rate for Economic Development**

**George Szigeti, Chairman:**

George Szigeti, Chairman suggested that they look into the Electric Rate for Economic Development and make it less restrictive.

"George Szigeti, Chairman moved that he will take the information to Steve Green and Kathy Clark to see if we can incorporate this to LEDA."

Seconded by Jeff Dornbusch
Motion carried unanimously.

**ORD. AMENDING CHAPTER 14:**

**Discussion/Action: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Article II, Section 14-30, Access to Property Inspection**

**Christina Bruch, Electric Admin. Assistant & Traci Burnette, Water/Wastewater Admin. Assistant:**

Traci Burnette, Water/Wastewater Admin Assistant, and Christina Bruch, Electric Division Admin Assistant reviewed the amended ordinance with the Board.

Chairman George Szigeti noted that the ordinance should reflect that the moving of meters or equipment would need to be done at the customer's expense.

"George Szigeti, Chairman moved that the ordinance be forwarded to the City Commission for consideration."

Seconded by Alvin Siffing
Motion carried unanimously.
PUAB VACANCY:

Discussion/Action: Public Utility Advisory Board Vacancy:

Chairman George Szigeti noted that he received a resignation letter from Board member Jan Bennett. Mr. Bennett is resigning due to health issues, which means we now have two vacancies on the Board.

Ron Pacourek and Grant Montgomery gave the board brief overview of their qualifications.

"Alvin Siffring moved that they submit the names of the two applicants to the City Commission for appointment to the Public Utility Advisory Board."

Seconded by Jeff Dornbusch
Motion carried unanimously.

FALL CLEANUP:

Discussion/Update: Fall Cleanup - Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Director:

The Board briefly discussed the success of the Fall Cleanup Day.

SOLID WASTE DEPT. UPDATE:

Discussion/Update: Solid Waste Department ; Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Director

No report was given.

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Discussion/Update: Electric Department - Boaz Easley, Electric Division Director:

Christina Bruch Electric Division Admin Assistant introduced herself to the Board gave a brief overview of the operations in the Electric Department.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

WATER/WASTE WATER DEPT. UPDATE:

Discussion/Update: Water/Wastewater Department - Jesus Salayandia, Water/Wastewater Director

Traci Burnett, Water/Wastewater Admin Assistant, gave a brief overview of the operations in the Water and Wastewater Department.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.
Chairman George Szigeti announced that the next PUAB meeting will be held Tuesday, January 19, 2016 and the February meeting will be held February 16, 2016.

Traci Burnette Water/Wastewater Admin Assistant noted that a water leak was reported on 6th Street.

There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Advisory Board, George Szigeti, Chairman, declared the meeting adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of January 2016, on motion duly made by ___, seconded by ___, and carried.

George Szigeti, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board