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

Monday, July 21, 2014

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, at the City Commission
Chambers of said City, on Monday the 21st day of July, 2014 at
5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Alvin Siffring, Member, and
Judy M. Harris acted as Secretary.

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

Alvin Siffring, Member
George Szigeti, Member
James Hunt, Member

Also Present:

Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Bill Slettom, ACM/CDD
Ed Williams, Safety Coordinator/Electric Division
Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Division
Traci Burnette, Sanitation Division
Jesus Salayandia, Water/Wastewater Director
Kori Jankowski, Utility Division
Judy M. Harris, City Clerk

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

Due to the lack of a Chairman and Vice Chairman; Member
Alvin Siffring ran the meeting.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Alvin Siffring, Member called for approval of the Agenda.

"George Szigeti moved approval of the Agenda as submitted."

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alvin Siffring, Member, called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, May 19, 2014.

"James Hunt moved approval of the minutes of the Public Regular meeting held Monday, May 19, 2014 as submitted."

Seconded by George Szigeti
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: There were no comments from the public.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Kori Jankowski, Utility Division, approached the podium and stated that the report presented to the Board each month, is a breakdown of everything that is purchased from WAPA, Sierra Electric Coop., and Tristate. Each month she will provide a summary that explains what was spent on Electric.

Juan Fuentes, City Manager, stated that one of the things he reported to the Commissioners during the Preliminary Budget and Final Budget is the drop in revenue for the Utilities. The drop is due to less power being purchased or sold.

Kori Jankowski is currently working on a monthly report that is a bit easier to understand. It will also show the information that shows when they have a decrease in Utilities.

George Szigeti asked that the report show the number of active utility customers.
Jesus Salayandia, Water/Wastewater Director, reviewed his report stating that the potable water equipment is in need of repairs. The last upgrade to the system was made in 1995. The total cost to repair the system will be approximately $25,000.00.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

Bill Sletton, ACM/CDD, stated that they are continuing to work with USDA on our application for Phase I, and we have received good news from them. It looks like we will be receiving a $3.6 million dollar grant which is a pretty significant chunk of the 4.5 million dollars that was requested. We have received the letter of concurrence from the USDA engineer agreeing to our engineering plan, and now we are waiting for the letter of conditions from USDA. The letter will tell us which procedures we need to follow in order to receive the grant. The process can take anywhere from 6 to 9 months, and then we will begin the engineering design for that project. We are looking at February or March for the PER to be finalized, and we will be seeing drafts in the meantime.

Ed Williams, Electric Division, stated that the Transmission Distribution Services has had different crews in town who are checking poles, taking readings on the lines, and taking GPS, to prepare for their study. They have until March 1st of 2015 to finalize the study.

Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Division, stated that Phase III of the poly-cart route is almost complete. The poly-carts have been delivered from Date Street, to Cougar Street, and from North of Smith St. to South of 3rd Street.

All metal dumpsters have been removed, except for a few in commercial areas. Our poly-cart truck needed some warranty work done so it is currently in Albuquerque. Our old poly-cart truck will be used until the new one is repaired.

Phase IV of the poly-cart route will hopefully start in August. 500 poly-carts will be ordered and it will take about 4-6 weeks for the carts to be shipped to our area. The route will be from Sierra Vista, to Barton, and 3rd Street up to Date Street.
APPOINTMENT/ RE- APPOINTMENT - ALVIN SIFFRING:                Seconded by George Szigeti
                                       Motion carried unanimously.

RE- ORGANIZATION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE- CHAIRMAN:   "George Szigeti made a motion to nominate Alvin Siffring as
                                                Chairman, of the Public Utility Advisory Board."
                                                Seconded by George Szigeti
                                                Motion carried unanimously.
                                                "James Hunt made a motion to nominate George Szigeti as
                                                Vice-Chairman, of the Public Utility Advisory Board."
                                                Seconded by Alvin Siffring
                                                Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD:          None.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:         Juan Fuentes, City Manager, acknowledged the resignation of
                               previous Chairman, Bill Jacka, and wanted to recognize his 10
                               years of service to the Public Utility Advisory Board.

ADJOURNMENT:  There being no further business to come before the Public Utility
               Advisory Board, Alvin Siffring, Chairman, declared the meeting
               adjourned.

APPROVAL:     PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of
               August, 2014, on motion duly made
               by Alvin Siffring, duly seconded
               by George Szigeti, and carried.

               Alvin Siffring, Chairman
               Public Utility Advisory Board