CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 405 W. 3RD St.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Green at 6:00 p.m., who presided and Renee Cantin, City Clerk-Treasurer, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

B. INTRODUCTION

1. ROLL CALL

Upon calling the roll, the following Commissioners were reported present.

   Hon. Steve Green, Mayor
   Hon. Sandra Whitehead, Mayor Pro-Tem
   Hon. Kathy Clark, Commissioner
   Hon. Rolf Hechler, Commissioner
   Hon. Joshua Frankel, Commissioner

Also Present: Juan Fuentes, City Manager
              Renee Cantin, City Clerk-Treasurer

There being a quorum present, the Commission proceeded with the business at hand.

2. SILENT MEDITATION

Mayor Green expressed his sincere debt of gratitude and thanks to his fellow Commissioners for changing the meeting hour to 6:00 tonight. He appreciates that and is sorry for any inconvenience that might have caused the public. He then called for fifteen seconds of Silent Meditation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Green called for Mr. Bob Hupp to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Frankel moved to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Rule Applies)
Mayor Green called for Public Comment, noting those wishing to comment would get three minutes, may only approach the podium once, and any material for the Commission was to be left in the black box by the podium.

Hans Townsend, Chamber of Commerce and Desert View Inn addressed the Commission related to:
1) He presented the new Sierra County App produced by the Chamber for both iPhone and Android. Encouraged everyone to download it and provide feedback. Apps include Lodging; Dining; Outdoor Adventures; Events of the Month; a list of Businesses. We will see how many people download it and provide feedback as to what they may need to change.

Sazi Marri, MainStreet Truth or Consequences addressed the Commission related to:
1) Small Business Saturday coming up November 26th. They encouraged everybody to Shop Small and Shop Local. Anybody who spends $20 or more in a participating business, on that day will be entered into a drawing for some great prizes. You can sign up to be a participating business and also see where to go on the torcmainstreet.org website.
2) Also on November 26th starting at 7:00 p.m., the Deck of cards fundraiser Sneak Peak Party will be at Rio Bravo Fine Arts. All proceeds with benefit the Art Park. It's a unique Deck of Cards created by local artists. Each of the 54 Artists chose a card from a deck and have created an original art piece that will be available for Silent Auction that night. The cards will also be on sale at $12 each but that night they will be 2 for $20. Tickets for party will be $10. There will be food, drinks, and music. The art on the cards is amazing.
3) Old Fashioned Christmas is Friday, December 9th at 6:00 p.m. We are going to do the Light Parade again so they encourage everyone to start working their floats and get their cars all shined up and ready to show.
4) We participated at the first annual Drone Summit this year at the Spaceport. We sponsored a booth with the Chamber of Commerce and Geronimo Trails Scenic Byway. They provided massages and showed everyone what the County has to offer. They were really excited and she thinks we will get a lot of people who will come back to explore the area more.
5) She thanked everyone who made Downtown Trick or Treat, the Sock Hop, and Scoop the Loop, and the Veterans Day Car show possible. All of the participants, the volunteers, the partners, and the sponsors. They were all really fantastic events and couldn't have happened without everybody so they are really appreciative. And she thanked the Commission for being here also.

**D. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Commissioner Clark thanked Hans for putting the work into the App. That's very thoughtful. She mentioned to Sazi if she has to buy anymore candy next year, she is going to be broke. But she thanked them for Halloween.
Mayor Green commented to Mr. Townsend that he is glad to see he is able to present. And he added maybe you can teach an old dog new tricks. Because he understands the word app is not just looking for a job. And he realizes we have to keep up with the technology driven world and he appreciates that app which will be a major asset to our town and county.

Commissioner Frankel also thanked the Chamber for the creation of this App. He reached out to the citizens and encouraged them to post this app and share it with their fans. If you have time to check your email or play Pokémon, you should take the time to share this app.

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation of a Proclamation for Small Business Saturday on Saturday November 26, 2016. Steve Green, Mayor

Mayor Green read the proclamation and added this Saturday is Small Business’ Day and shouldn’t only be thought about during Holiday shopping, they should be thought about 12 months out of the year. We shouldn’t be playing favorites. We support the big box businesses, as well as, the small Mom & Pop businesses. He read some of the history of Small Business Saturday and said the bottom line is to keep the dollars in the City of Truth or Consequences.

2. Presentation of a Certificate of Appreciation to Bob Hupp. Steve Green, Mayor

Mayor Green started by telling a story about 2008 when the city got laptop computers and he was sent to Bob Hupp to learn about the computer. He made three mistakes and Bob kept his cool to teach him and he practices for a week and at the first meeting he turned it on and it froze and that was the end of his computer usage. He went on to explain the reason for the Certificate was because of his kind actions for the producer of the Foy Trent Dog Show which was in town last month to get his computer running. He presented the Certificate of Appreciation and City Manager Juan Fuentes presented him with a Service pin for his 10 years of service. City Manager Juan Fuentes thanked him for his service and part of what he has done is develop a Wi-Fi network giving the people in our community access to log on when they might not have had that opportunity.

Mr. Hupp mentioned he was making more working for the Dog Show than he did working for the city.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. City Commission Regular Minutes, October 25, 2016
2. Accounts Payable, October, 2016
3. First Quarter Lodger’s Tax Reports, FY 2016-2017
Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead moved to approve the Consent Calendar including the City Commission Regular Minutes for October 25, 2016; Accounts Payable for October 2016; and the First Quarter Lodger’s Tax Reports, FY 2016-2017. Commissioner Hechler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Public Hearing for the Approval of a Small Brewers License w/Patio Service, Application #1015754 for the Truth or Consequences Brewing Company located at 410 Broadway. Renee Cantin, Clerk-Treasurer

City Clerk Cantin presented the item and stated The Director of Alcohol and Gaming Division has given Preliminary Approval this Liquor License. The next step is the approval required by the Local Option District (City of Truth or Consequences). On February 9, 2016, the City Commission approved a waiver for this license because it is within 300 feet of the Methodist Church.

Proponents:
Mr. Szigeti said in the nine months since Mr. Masterson brought this idea the first time, he has talked to many people and not one he talked to has been opposed to this. It will be great for Truth or Consequences and great for downtown.

Mr. Klaus Whittet also wants to welcome Mr. Masterson and thinks it’s a great thing. At the same time, he would like to see more of these businesses come downtown because everyone will be supportive.

Sazi Marri stated as a business owner downtown and the President of the MainStreet Truth or Consequences, she cannot stress enough the importance of this business and the presence of this business. And how necessary and important this business will be to the economic vitality of this area as a whole.

No opponents.

John Masterson gave an update. His wife Marianne and he are excited to move this project forward. They are involved in a number of processes that take a long time, like licensing, technical diagrams, hiring contractors. Marianne is working on hiring three local contractors and from there it’s permitting, and structural work. Everybody has been very supportive and they are excited to move forward.

Mayor Green closed the public hearing.

H. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTION, & ZONING

1. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 14 16/17 Budget Adjustment. Melissa Torres, Finance Director

Finance Director Torres stated this adjustment is for the PDGRT Capital Outlay. As the Commission may recall we have had several discussions about the Date St. light and
the school zone. With this increase of $15,100 this will give us the capability to continue our goal to get this project completed and to pursue getting the RUT Fast Radar Speed Display Sign. Staff respectfully requests the Commission’s support and approval.

City Manager Fuentes recognized the Chief of Police and the Police Department for stepping up and finding the funding that can be used for this as a public safety manner.

Mayor Green thanked Commissioner Hechler for bringing this up and running with it. He helped with a presentation to the NMDOT. That is what makes this Commission so great, to take an interest and he ran with it. He asked if the $15,000 is our portion. Finance Director Torres confirmed that is correct. Mayor Green asked how much other entities have put in for this. Finance Director Torres said they did consult with the State Highway Department and the Schools and unfortunately with budget restraints this fiscal year, we were unable to obtain support on this.

Mayor Green wanted to say for the record that he’s disappointed that other entities could not find a few dollars to help us with this. Because we are the largest city and county seat, he thinks it’s unfair for the other communities and the county to look at us to foot the bill all the time. There are children who live in Elephant Butte, the County, and Williamsburg. He doesn’t see why they aren’t partnering with us. In the future he would like to see that we get some financial help. We can’t carry this water forever on our backs with no help.

Commissioner Clark thanked Commissioner Hechler and the Chief.

Commissioner Clark moved to approve Resolution No. 14 16/17 Budget Adjustment. Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Green also agreed the Chief is the best.

2. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 15 16/17 declaring 1308 Tin St. as an unsafe property. Robbie Travis, Building Inspector

Building Inspector Travis stated we brought this item to the last meeting to approve the Resolution declaring 1308 Tin St. as an unsafe structure. As he reported before, this property has been vacant for many years and the owners have not been able to bring it up to code or to keep it maintained. The neighbors have been complaining about rodents’ infestation for several years. We have sent letters to the owners for many years with no response. They have signed for the letters but have not contacted us. So we do recommend that we go ahead and start this process so we can do something with this property. He checked on the property taxes and they are behind three years and that’s another situation we will be discussing. This is the first step to see if we can get something moving with the owner and take action if we have to.
Commissioner Clark asked if he visited with Commissioner Hechler about the other contact. Building Inspector Travis confirmed they did discuss it. Commissioner Clark added that apparently it didn’t come through. Commissioner Hechler responded he appreciates the fact that Mr. Travis has done the work and this aspect. He had to dig a little further to see the history of these properties. There are well over a dozen of these properties and he feels it’s in the City’s best interest to move forward when we can.

Commissioner Clark asked if it’s in our better interest to let the county put it up for auction for not paying property taxes or for us to incur the expense of having to tear it down. Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead responded it would be one more year before it goes on the tax sale. So yes, the tax sale would be the most feasible. She talked to the owner’s husband and asked him to call her so they can work it out and he never did. It depends on what the issue is in that area and how bad it is.

Building Inspector Travis said we have had two other properties that went to a tax sale. And most of the time people get them and clean them up but there were two who got them from the tax sale and they didn’t do anything with them and we are having to go back and follow through with the new owners and condemn them again. So it depends on if we want to wait that long. Our goal was to get in touch with them and have them get it cleaned up.

Commissioner Clark asked if it’s possible to proceed and still hold out for a tax sale. Building Inspector Travis confirmed that is possible.

Mayor Green added of course if there is no takers on the tax sale, we are still left with the same problem. He asked Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead if it’s four years before it goes into the tax sale. Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead responded it’s after three years and they are just going into their third year. It won’t be reviewed for tax sale until next year. And of course when the state comes in and they are on the delinquent list, they try to work with them again to get the taxes paid and bring them current before they put them on the tax sale. It depends on how long we, as a city, want to wait to make this happen.

City Manager Fuentes added it is a double edge sword, that obviously we would incur an expense if we were to tear it down. If we don’t, and we wait for that year to lapse, then if someone buys it, we would have to go through the whole process again. His concerns if we were to adopt and approve the condemnation, we would have this action sitting there for an entire year. Is there a due process we would have to fulfill within that time period. He doesn’t know if it would be reasonable to say we adopted it a year ago and we are coming back and tearing it down. That would be a legal question. But again it’s up to the Commission. We have been directed to present cases to clean up properties. If we decide to hold off on this property, then we will just make a notation because as you can see from some of the pictures, they are not doing anything. We will continue to receive complaints in regards to the condition of that property. We want to make sure we are all fully aware it will be on hold until it’s sold if that is the will of the Commission.
Commissioner Hechler asked Building Inspector Travis if he knows what the value of the taxes is for the three years. Building Inspector Travis responded the taxes are $1,055.18. Commissioner Hechler stated the Commission needs to weigh that value against possible additional complaints from the people living next to this property who want some kind of relief.

Commissioner Frankel asked what the property value is on the same report. Building Inspector Travis said its $38,127.

Mayor Green asked Building Inspector Travis if the building is worth putting money into it to bring it up to code. Building Inspector Travis responded he doesn't think so. They haven't actually been inside the building, just taken pictures. It would take a lot of work to bring it up to code. Someone who is a handyman who may have the time to do it. If you get a professional contractor to do it, you're probably better to start over and get it done. It would take a lot of structural work to get it done. The other problem is because of our landfill situation, it would be a big expense. That would be $7,000-$8,000 right there.

Commissioner Frankel wanted to go on record adding the greenest house you can ever have is one you don't tear down in the first place. If there is somebody who is willing and able to fix this house up and you're able to keep it out of the landfill, he's really in favor of historical preservation. The offset of the carbon footprint and the environmental impact you can do for saving a house versus destroying it and bringing in a mobile or manufactured home is worse than one you can work with. He reiterated the greenest house you an ever have is one that's not torn down all the way.

Commissioner Clark asked what it costs to tear down. Building Inspector Travis said about $5,000. He added some of these lots are good for small or tiny houses that will bring the property value up. If you can buy the lot for under $10,000 something like that on their. There were two other properties that were sold on the tax sale, and now they were just sitting there.

Mayor Green asked if there's a possibility if there was a vote to demolish the building, that we can go in and salvage metal. Copper has jumped 30% in the last week because of the infrastructure. He's thinking is there any way our staff can go in and take the valuables we can sell from a recycling standpoint and then sell it. Then whatever is left they bulldoze. Building Inspector Travis responded we did that at a property on Third St., but it's so minimal that it is not worth it for city staff to spend the time. It saved two or $300 but the labor for staff is much more than that. You can find somebody who wanted to reclaim the wood to use it which might be a possibility to help them.

Mayor Green added he and Commissioner Hechler met with some people who were incredibly concerned about the appearance of the property. It takes a long time to make up for three years of inattentiveness. Buildings like that don't help neighbors, don't help our community, does not increase the value of a nice-looking home two doors down. It actually takes away from the home.
Commissioner Clark asked if this house was purchased or inherited. Building Inspector Travis said the original mom and dad owned it, and they transferred it to the daughter and the mom. He believes it was inherited to the daughter.

Mayor Green moved to approve Resolution No. 15 16/17 declaring 1308 Tin St. as an unsafe property. Which will start a process and to consider recycling any materials that are easy to get to, to mitigate some of the cost. Commissioner Hechler seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk.

Motion failed by a vote of 2-2-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead and Commissioner Frankel voted nay and Commissioner Clark abstained.

Mayor Green said he doesn't think it's fair to staff to have all of this energy but into something. He asked City Clerk Cantin to put this on the December 13th meeting. And hopefully at that time, we will have a yes or no vote and we can put this item to bed. It does not serve anybody to deadlock as far as he's concerned.

3. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 19 16/17 declaring 612 E. 2nd St. as an unsafe property. Robbie Travis, Building Inspector

Building Inspector Travis said this property has been vacant for the last several years. The owners have not been able to bring it up to code or keep it maintained. The neighbors have complained about the property, that it is a nuisance and vagrants are coming in and out. They had to call the police about a month ago and secure the property. The police officer went in the property to secure it when he got upstairs he thought he was going to fall through to the bottom floor, and went back out. We attempted to contact the owners and they have not responded in any way. So staff would recommend the same thing on this property to approve the resolution to condemn it. Checked on the taxes, and they are two years behind and coming up on a third year. It's a two-story structure so it's a bigger structure and will cost a little more money to demo this one.

Mayor Green asked if this has any city utilities. Building Inspector Travis responded no sir.

Commissioner Hechler asked if we incur any responsibility or liability for not taking action on a property like this. Or where does that fall

Mayor Green read that's an interesting question knowing a derelict building, someone does it bolster the floor: do they have a legal right to sue the city. Commissioner Hechler worries it's an attractive nuisance. It's going to cater to those people, who want to find a place to sleep at night or kids to vandalize, he's worried about that. Perhaps if we postpone this also, we can find something out. Commissioner Frankel said maybe we need to secure the building in some way. Commissioner Clark wondered if that was legal to do that.
Mayor Green asked them to make a motion that would task staff to get with legal to pose the questions that have been brought up tonight and put this back on the agenda for the December 13 meeting as well.

Commissioner Clark asked Police Chief Alirez if one of his officers went to the building? Police Chief Alirez confirmed that is correct and it appears there were vagrants in there.

Commissioner Clark asked if we could get these two buildings secured. Police Chief Alirez said they routinely do so when it becomes a public safety hazard. That has not occurred for a long time because of the liability associated with the danger like that, they can’t just leave it unsecured so people can walk back in.

Building Inspector Travis said that is one of the issues, Capt. Morgan closed the door, and now they are going in the Windows. Commissioner Clark asked if we can get these two buildings secured so there is no liability.

City Manager Fuentes cautioned the Commission, the item on the agenda is to pass a resolution declaring the building as unsafe. The question about whether we can secure the property will have to be something we will have to ask legal. He will be more comfortable consulting with legal first, the reason being he would be entering private property. He would hate for us to have a liability exposure by going into someone’s property without formal commission action. Unless it was a fire or some other incident to secure it. Before we go into houses because we feel vagrants are in there, he would caution the commission to get legal advice first. Police Chief Alirez agreed City Manager Fuentes is correct, they cannot just go into private property whether it’s abandoned or not. They were there because they received a call for some kind of crime in progress but other than that you just can’t to a residence for the purpose of securing it.

Building Inspector Travis also wanted to bring up, we get a lot of these and want to board them up and leave them. And he discourages that because, they just leave them, and that’s another issue. He asked them to keep that in mind.

Commissioner Frankel said we are looking at other properties to condemn. Have we looked at the second floor of our Golf Course Club House and we need to look at our own buildings. He asked if it’s condemned or off-limits? Building Inspector Travis responded he has not addressed that building. Commissioner Frankel added his point is for we step up and take care of citizen’s properties, we need to lead by example on some of our own properties as well.

Mayor Green said although that’s not visible from the street or in a neighborhood. And he doesn’t feel it’s a fair comparison. He doesn’t believe it’s comparable because we haven’t received complaints of rats running around our building.
Commissioner Hechler requested Resolution 19 16/17 612 E. 2nd St. be placed on next month’s agenda and to task staff to determine liability issues if we don’t deal with those properties or those issues with the city. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 16 16/17 approving a grant with the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) for the Water Conservation Plan; the Planning Grant Agreement; and Certificate of Grantee. Traci Burnette, Grant/Projects Coordinator

Grants Projects Coordinator Burnette presented as the Commission knows our Water Conservation Plan has been approved by the Office of the State Engineer, the PUAB Board and the City Commission. The documents you have before you in your final packet is the final action that is required by the intimate they are the planning Grant for execution of the Resolution and all of the documents will allow us to submit for 100% reimbursement of the expended funds for our Water Conservation Plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead moved to approve Resolution No. 16 16/17 approving a grant with the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) for the Water Conservation Plan; the Planning Grant Agreement; and Certificate of Grantee. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 18 16/17 authorizing the submission of a Loan Application to Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) for Interim Financing for Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2B and Lift Station Improvements. Traci Burnette, Grant/Projects Coordinator

Grants Projects Coordinator Burnette said within your packet you have the letter of conditions. We are required to submit all of the construction design plans to USDA for review and approval for the project before they reward our funds for phase 2B and lift stations. So the interim loan financing is for the payment to Smith Engineering to proceed with the design plans, as well as, any legal we are required to have for submission of our documents to USDA. Once we work into the closing process of the loan, they will reimburse for the RCAC loan and pay that off. The resolution is for permission to submit the paperwork.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead moved to approve Resolution No. 18 16/17 authorizing the submission of a Loan Application to Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) for Interim Financing for Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 2B and Lift Station Improvements. Commissioner Frankel seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Green added they were out there for the Ground Breaking and it was great work by all that were involved in this project and USDA has been by our side through all of it.
I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: Approval a Small Brewers License w/Patio Service, Application #1015754 for the Truth or Consequences Brewing Company located at 410 Broadway. Renee Cantin, City Clerk-Treasurer

City Clerk Cantin stated she has nothing further to add and staff is recommending approval.

Commissioner Clark moved to approve a Small Brewers License w/Patio Service, Application #1015754 for the Truth or Consequences Brewing Company located at 410 Broadway. Commissioner Frankel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


Central Purchasing Officer Wood stated we had the bid opening for the rebid on September 12, 2016 at 2 PM. We received two bids for this project. A recommendation is being made by Delta Consultants our Airport Engineers, to award the bid for Schedule 1 to CSW Contractors for $343,257, for the site work at the airport. And to award Schedule 1 to D & H United Fueling Solutions for $375,000.

Commissioner Clark cannot remember the original reason we re-bid this project. But she believes it was because we didn’t get bids within a certain amount of dollars. Central Purchasing Officer Wood responded we didn’t have the funding. Commissioner Clark asked if this was within the finding that we have. Central Purchasing Officer Wood confirmed that is correct.

Mayor Green said for Schedule 2, Alternate 2 it shows the award to D & H for $375,000 and he shows CSW Contractors for $189,000. Central Purchasing Officer Wood said that was an error on their part. If you look at the bid above it, it was the same bid and they put it twice. Mayor Green asked how much money the city has to come up with for this project. Central Purchasing Officer Wood believes the city portion is about 5%. Mayor Green added that would be about $35,000.

Mayor Green asked if this passes tonight how soon would the construction start. Central Purchasing Officer Wood responded this should have been awarded at the time we receive the grant. She is thinking it’s ready to go once it’s approved they will sign contracts and they can start on the project.

Mayor Green moved to approve the award of ITB 16-17-002 to Re-bid Award to Construct Aviation Fuel Farm to CSW Contractors in the amount of $343,257 and Schedule 2, Alternate 2 to D & H United Fueling Solutions in the amount of $375,000. Commissioner Hechler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Discussion/Action: Requesting information from the County Assessor's Office pertaining to buildings located in the MainStreet District of Truth or Consequences. Steve Green, Mayor

Mayor Green met with the Mayor of Gallup, they have what is called the BID which is a Business Improvement District. We don't have one, but we do have a MainStreet Master Plan. However, we do have a MRA, which is a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area. He got with Linda DeMarino and they met with the County Assessor, and what they asked for is the value of the property tax in the MainStreet District, how much money is generated from those buildings. Once we have that number we can find out how much the County keeps for property tax. And that's their portion to decide what to do with. The State portion, we could not get a dime out of them because of the situation there right now. Gallup put a three year moratorium on the County portion of the Property Taxes. Why would someone come into our community by a billing for $100,000 and get $100,000 to fix it up. They wanted to be an investment building but it's empty. Month after month they are paying interest on the loan to fix it up in the tax assessor comes along and nails them for improving the business. He reiterated in Gallup have a three year moratorium on the County portion. This gives people the opportunity to invest in buildings without being punished and an opportunity to generate some of that money back. They went to Mr. Whitney on August 20 for just fact-finding to find out what the value is of the property taxes that are collected. Whether it's a BID or a TID that is money we can use downtown. The property taxes are increased the County gets the benefit from that. He wants to find out how much tax is generated by the County, how much stays in the County, and maybe we can form some kind of association between the City and the County that every dollar we put in for infrastructure in that area is matched by a dollar back by the county. At the end of the day will have more value in the building and we would get our fair share. He and Mrs. DeMarino gave Mr. Whitney a map of the MainStreet District and we asked for a response but have not received one in three months. He asked for input from the Commission. Do they think it's a worthwhile venture to find out where it leads us or should he go home and forget about it? Is it a reasonable idea to find out where it would take us and #2) should the city make the request of Mr. Whitney?

Commissioner Clark responded so all you are asking for is the value of the properties that are listed downtown? Mayor Green said it's just the taxes that are collected but only in the MainStreet District.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead requested permission to go visit with Mr. Whitney to see what information that they can provide. Mayor Green made one suggestion that she get with Linda DiMarino who was at that meeting as well. Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead will do that.

Commissioner Clark added we have Artie made a couple steps to encourage businesses to come into our community and this is a perfect piggy back to the steps we are trying to make. She thinks it's brilliant to make that effort, if there's a possibility to freeze them for a year or two.
Mr. Szigeti said he might save them all a little trouble, you can look up that information on the internet, and he would be willing to look those up. They have a list of those were charged and it would be easy to calculate. It would just be a matter of going through the records one at a time and tallying and up. He would be more than willing to work on that for them.

Commissioner Clark moved to approve accepting the generous offer of Mr. George Szigety to look up the assessed values from the County Assessor's Office provided he is given the information from MainStreet. Commissioner Frankel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Clark really appreciates the offer by Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead to stand in for that. She really appreciates that. Mayor Green apologized to her he should have spoke to her first about that item.

J. REPORTS
   a. City Manager

1) Golf Course finally received their Liquor License.
2) There will be an invitation in your box concerning Girl Scouts Ceremony for the Water Fountain Project at the Louis Armijo Sports Complex. If you are intending to attend clerk's office will post a potential form notice.
3) T-Ball Field, Rotary has received the benches. That project is almost complete as well.
4) We have a new Parks & Recreation Manager, Gloria Franke who started on Monday. We are happy to have her on board. One of her priorities is to evaluate parks that we have. And some of the quality-of-life projects we have in mind including the bike trails.

   b. City Commission

Commissioner Frankel said since our last meeting we received a lot of rain. We set a good chunk of rain which brings up drainage and storm water and water harvesting. He has familiarized himself with Van Clothier's report. He Plans to reach out Van Clothier to meet with him.

Mayor Green wished his fellow Commissioners, City Manager, City Clerk-Treasurer, all Staff and the Citizens and most Healthy and Very Happy Thanksgiving.

2) Thanked MainStreet for Halloween and the Car Show. It was just great. Just to give an idea of how powerful that car show is; Rods & Rides Magazine had a Salute to those keep us free. Veterans Day Car Show Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. That's the type of publicity and articles that we want. Last year they had 189 participants even after the hailstorm we had. He thanked the Chief, he had never really seen him in action. He thought he was a politician, working the crowd, but he
noticed the respect that he was given by the younger generation, our high school kids that came over to greet him was awesome. That was community relations at its utmost. Was just so pleased that he not only wears the uniform but it says T or C Police Department on it.

3) Solid Waste Department partnering with the Bountiful Alliance had a yard sale and took in over $723 which will stay in the community for education and promoting recycling.

4) This was the sixth year the New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance came in the town, there were 89 Riders, 789 males, and 11 Females. It was a three-day event which means 89 people slept here for two nights at least. He thanked all those involved in pulling off a successful event.

5) Last SCCOG meeting in Socorro they had State Sen. Mary Papen and Representative Don Tripp who is the Speaker of the House who attended. He talked about the finances situation in the state. Still $100 million dollars in the bucket. Senator Papen said there will be zero capital outlay in 2017. There will be more cuts in programs. They will push for tax increase but the governor has vowed to will be no increase in taxes. They were talking about a gas tax increase but he reminded them last year a two cent increase did not come out of committees. Small Cities Assistance and hold harmless seems to be redlined where it is and they will not dip into those funds anymore.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead moved to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Passed and Approved this 13th day of December, 2016.**

[Signature]

Steven Green, Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]

Reneé L. Cantin, CMC, City Clerk