

**CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES
PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Public Utility Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico to be held in the City Commission Chambers, 405 W. Third, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 3:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dornbusch.

ROLL CALL:

Jeff Dornbusch, Chairman
Don Armijo, Vice-Chairman
Gil Avelar, Member
Chris Sisney, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Gary Whitehead, City Manager
Traci Alvarez, Assistant City Manager
Katy Martinez, Deputy Clerk
Carrie Gaston, Public Information Officer/Tourism Coordinator
Bo Easley, Electric Division Director
Sonya Renfro, Utility Office Manager

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Armijo made a motion to approve the agenda.
Member Avelar seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Regular meeting of July 21, 2025.

Member Sisney made a motion to approve the minutes.
Member Avelar seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: (3 Minute rule applies)

There were no comments at this time.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion/Update: Project Update Public Information.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez: I would like to introduce you to our new public information officer and tourism coordinator Carrie Gaston. She has been working hard with our City Manager, myself and the various departments to update our city website to ensure that everything is out there for the public. I'm

going to turn it over to her so she can show you what she has been doing and where you can find a lot of our information.

Carrie Gaston Public Information Officer/Tourism Coordinator: Reported the following

- Updated and changes made to the City of Truth or Consequences website. How to navigate through the website. The information that will be updated constantly on the website such as public notices from the city and other organizations that want to share information with the citizens.
- Getting information out quickly on the website to notify citizens of power outages and water shut offs.
- Social media engagement and platforms of social media the city is using such as Facebook, X formerly known as Twitter, Bluesky and YouTube. Wants social media post to be comprehensive that facts are being posted.
- City Connect news letter will be going out with bill as another way of keeping the citizens informed of things going on with the city. It will also be published in the Sentinel newspaper.
- Commission meetings will now be streamed on the city's YouTube channel.
- Utilities now has the ability to do text to pay.

5. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD:

There were no reports from the board at this time.

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Sonya Renfro Utility Office Manager: A few of the new things going on in the utility office is the text to pay as Carrie mentioned. We are also working on sending out text messages for outages of water or electric in certain areas. Red tags will now be sent out in the mail. We are hiring for a Customer Service Representative/Collection person.

Bo Easley Division Director: We received a Grant from DOT for an electric car charging station for \$643,000. We are putting a level 3 fast charging station. It will be one station but can charge 2 cars at once. It will be set up in between the city's administration annex building and Sierra Grande Lodge. Solar panels are back online.

Assistant City Manager Alvarez: We are at just at the end of our water and wastewater rate study. We are hoping to go in front of the commission in September with it. Once we know which day the presenters will be in town, we will let you guys know so you can plan to attend that meeting.

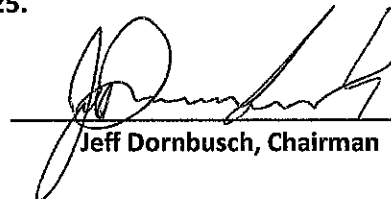
7. ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-Chairman Armijo made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Member Avelar seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 20th DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.



Jeff Dornbusch, Chairman