

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2006 7:00 P.M.  
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

**Public Hearing for Curtis Thompson held first.**

Chairman Bertucci called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

**ROLL** present were: Bertucci, Campbell, M. Erjavec & Damberg. Town Board Chairman Kniefel. W/WWO Dickson and recording secretary Stewart. Absent – Aultman, Troutwine & Pernu.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

- **Motion by Damberg to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 14, 2006 second by Erjavec. Motion carried unanimously.**

**GUEST**

Chairman Kniefel nothing at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Delinquency report reviewed and placed on file.

Billing Register summary report placed on file.

Rc'd 2<sup>nd</sup> half of tax apportionment. 3 customers made payment on the delinquent utilities; one of the properties was sold.

Clerk Sersha placed new delinquent utilities on 2007 tax role.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Luoma sewer- the agreement has been signed by Kniefel and we are waiting for it to be returned with Luoma's signature.

Bill O'Neal rc'd a variance for the small house on his property. He had an ad in the paper and we were informed he has a renter now.

- **Motion by Campbell to send a letter to O'Neal's saying we understand he has a renter. According to our previous understanding this is not allowed with a variance exemption. Please notify us as soon as possible. Second by Damberg.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

Campbell asks if the as built are all here, yes they are.

**NEW BUSINESS**

We received notice of new water and sewer rates from Sam Aluni, Gilbert City attorney. They will be imposed by Gilbert, as of Dec 15, 06. They are planning to increase the rates to \$4.45 per thousand for water and \$3.90 per thousand gallons for sewer.

According to our agreement our rates are in effect until December 31, 2006 and we have a 60 day notice of a rate increase. The letter was rc'd on Dec 11, 2006. The Eveleth water plan was too costly to install.

- **Motion by Damberg to have Chairman Kniefel reply to the letter from Aluni. Stating we are in receipt of your letter and our current agreement states a 60 day notice is required prior to any rate change. Second by Bertucci.**
- **Motion carried unanimously.**

Using the figures provided the \$.40 increase for sewer will be an average of \$1.60 per household. We have not been invited to the meetings. Kniefel states we will recalculate the bills and pay at the current rate.

Discussion about the Quad city joint venture with water and sewer

We received a letter of resignation from Commissioner Lee Aultman. Effective immediately. We will post for the opening on the Public Utility Commission.

**SEWER**

W/WWO Dickson reports the pump has been repaired and installed in lift station A-1. We will use the other one as a spare; the impeller will be repaired.

Lights at the lift stations are being replaced with a better quality light. Hopefully, they will last longer.

**WATER**

Nothing to report.

**TREASURER**

Campbell reports on the financial status. (See attached) The sewer company has a PFA payment coming in Feb.

**CABLE**

Bertucci reports the DSL does not go south of the Ely Lake Short Stop.

**GAS**

Nothing to report.

**STREET LIGHTS**

Nothing to report.

**Motion by Campbell to adjourn the meeting, second by Damberg.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart  
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk