

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2005 7:00 P.M.
FAYAL TOWN HALL**

Chairman Bertucci called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **Motion by Damberg to approve the PUC meeting of November 8, 2005, second by Troutwine. With the correction of Kingston not Erjavec met with the engineer at Luoma's. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Campbell to approve the variance hearing of November 8, 2005 Ralph and Bev Laurich, second by Erjavec. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Damberg to approve the variance hearing of November 8, 2005 Robert Muhich, second by Erjavec. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

GUEST

None

CORRESPONDENCE

11-8-05 rc'd letter from MDH providing a copy of routine inspection of the community water supply. Placed on file.

11-10-05 rc'd letter from Russ Erkkila re: random checks. Placed on file.

Copy of letter sent to Brad Bodie 11-14-05.

11-18-05 rc'd letter from Brad Bodie re: trees. Send a reply stating we are in receipt of your letter. We will follow the plan.

Media Com rc'd franchise fee for the 3rd Quarter 2005 \$2,293.

New Century Cable rc'd franchise fee for the 3rd Quarter 2005 \$129.

OLD BUSINESS

Sparta Sewer: Copies of letters from RLK to Mayor of Gilbert, for review.

Chairman Kniefel updates the PUC.

Draft copy ref: proposed Wastewater collection Rate structure

- **Motion by Damberg to accept the Draft letter re: Gilbert/Sparta sewer, and let the committee continue to negotiate with the City of Gilbert, second by Erjavec. Opposed by Bertucci. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing new at this time.

SEWER

Dickson reports he replaced a bottom plate on one of the pumps for \$800, and an electrical problem on one of the lift stations. Nothing serious, telemetry is working again. All the leaves are off the trees.

8:35 Lee Aultman leaves the meeting.

Kniefel reports Becky Bone would like to appeal to the commission a \$50 fee she thought was a deposit. Discussion- they made a second connection to the sewer. It was made in the easement area. The only deposit is the \$500 which is now \$1000 for the excavation bond. She was told if the connection was made outside of the easement she would get her money back. The connection was made 2.5' from the mainline. During construction the \$50 fee was waived if you connected when the contractor was onsite.

- **Motion by Bertucci due to two inspections being made. Becky Bones \$50 application fee will not be refunded, service was provided for two hook-ups, second by Kingston. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

Campbell requests a letter be sent to Bone.

WATER

Nothing new at this time.

TREASURER REPORT

Delinquency report as of 11-23-05 -- \$21,130 was reviewed this report includes all late even one month due; most of them pay their bill. We received payment from the county for 2nd ½ 2005, delinquent utilities \$908. Many are not paying their taxes, some will go to tax forfeit, and one with the large balance is being sold. We assessed onto 2006 taxes for delinquent utilities \$8,783.14. Schedule of Forecasted cash flows for Water Company and Sewer Company for each of the three years ending December 31, 2008. Provided by Walker, Giroux, and Hahne certified public accountants. Water and Sewer Rates were discussed.

Fayal Water Company- Nothing in this report indicates a rate increase is needed for the water company for 2006, 12-31-06 our contract with Gilbert will be up.

- **Motion by Erjavec to recommend to the Town Board hold at \$24 for the water rate for the year 2006, second by Troutwine. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

Seasonal rate was reviewed, but not warranted at this time.

- **Motion by Campbell the sewer company is not in the position to provide a seasonal rate at this time, second by Damberg. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

Fayal Sewer Company-figures presented are reasonable and in general Campbell agrees with. According to the projections, if no increase it appears that all cash reserves will be used at the end of 2006. \$2 increase produces \$17,488 of additional revenue. Discussion continues. Motion by Bertucci to raise the sewer rates \$1, second by Erjavec. Discussion- Campbell believes if you raise it then it should go up by \$2. Bertucci withdraws his motion.

- **Motion by Campbell to increase the sewer rate by \$2 per month, second by Damberg. Discussion – we are under funding the depreciation & maintenance. Erjavec, last time we didn't follow the recommendations of accountant and we did fine. He feels it's too much. Opposed by Erjavec. Motion carried.**
- **Motion by Kingston if the rate is increased remind the negotiating committee to keep this in mind when deciding the new contract, second by Damberg. Unanimously approved. Motion carried.**

CABLE

Ryna and Jack attended the Town board meeting. Cable commission money is going to Virginia. They informed the commission the town of Fayal will not renew at the end of the fiscal year, June 06.

GAS

Nothing at this time.

STREET LIGHTS

The county will be looking into the light problem at the corner of the Short stop.

FYI

The next PUC meeting will be January 10, 2006 @ 7:00 pm.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY DAMBERG, SECOND BY KINGSTON .
ADJOURNED AT 9:25P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart
PUC Coordinator/Billing Clerk

