

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

DECEMBER 12th, 2023

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present were Commissioners Chris Erickson, Dave Hamalainen, Eugene O'Brien and Ed Vest. Member absent were Amy Jackson. Guest was Gina Brascugli.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of November 14th, 2023, made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Dave Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS- Brascugli likes the 6:00 start time, asks how did it happen so she can broach the Town Board. Vest mentioned it was Amy Jackson's idea and O'Brien commented he liked it better at this time, along with everyone else.

Comments made it's a nice time so you still have part of your evening left.

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Report – Vest questioned if its growing or stayed the same? Clerk Coldagelli added that a couple disconnects were sent out and are now paid. Guest Brascugli asked if there is a cold weather rule for water shut off and Clerk Coldagelli commented no. There was not, and to her knowledge, water has only been shut off one time for a delinquent balance.

Water/Wastewater Reports – Hamalainen inquired as to which vault was full of water? Clerk Coldagelli replied it was by Pine Drive & Cedar Island Drive. Not sure who actually is responsible for it, Fayal or Eveleth There is a cover on the vault. Clerk Coldagelli stated the person was asking if ground water was getting into the water supply, but it is not. O'Brien commends Rick for his continual vigilance on the I&I, and feels he does a great job.

Rate Increase – Clerk Coldagelli informed us of the rate increase Gilbert Clerk Zallar sent her on Nov. 30th, effective Jan. 1, 2024. No time to make any changes on our billing to residents but Chris Erickson made comment that no action to be taken, but questioning the increase and what was behind it? Since it's so insignificant, .005 per 100 gallons, will not be raising our residents. The last rate increase from Gilbert was sent to us with incorrect amounts, so waiting to see if this one is correct. We will view the City of Gilbert minutes when they are posted. Currently no action is to be taken.

OLD BUSINESS

St. Mary's Lake Development – Clerk Coldagelli finished her part of the application, forwarded it back to the Engineer with more information needed. When received and completed she will send it to IRRB.

EPA Lead and Copper Survey – 60 of 220 residents have not responded yet. Clerk Coldagelli will work with Hiti to help finish and submit by August 2024.

Sewer Camera and Locator – Clerk Coldagelli is still waiting on some paperwork required by the safety coordinator to apply for an OSHA safety grant. Hoping by Thursday this will be completed. She spoke with the company and they are sending her a new quote that will be good until January 1st, 2024. Perhaps if there isn't much of a price change, the price will stay the same, if we aren't approved for the grant. O'Brien asked if we needed to wait for the grant or can we just purchase the camera, but Clerk Coldagelli informed us, we will have to wait for the grant to be approved. The grant could pay up to \$10,000 of the equipment.

Smith Property –Vest commented that MN Power is not buying this property now. Not sure if County Board approved it, but the property owners still want it re-zoned.

Term Expirations –

- **Motion to not change any board positions for the new term, made by Eugene O'Brien and supported by Dave Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Coldagelli received a call from City of Eveleth Public Works Director Jerry Rosati, asking how many customers Fayal has as Eveleth will be increasing their water rates. Did not give any more details than that.

Treasurer's Report – Fayal Water Company- beginning balance was \$34,303.97. Revenues were \$6,533.05 and expenditures were \$5,646.48. Ending cash balance was \$36,138.45 and depreciation not in the CD was \$3,969.90.

Fayal Sewer Company- beginning balance was \$137,986.13. Revenues were \$54,708.02 and expenditures were \$50,750.22. Ending cash balance was \$146,992.06 Depreciation CD was \$193,096.76 and PUC Truck Depreciation CD was \$35,807.76.

PUC- beginning balance was \$2,127.64. Revenues were \$2,804.81 and expenditures were \$2,748.90, for an ending cash balance of \$2,183.55

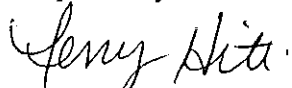
- **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien, and supported by Dave Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

Next PUC meeting to be held on January 9th, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

- **Motion to adjourn made by Chairmen Ed Vest, and supported by Eugene O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 6:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry Hiti
PUC Billing Coordinator

Approved 1/9/2024