

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

December 10th, 2024

The regular meeting of the Fayal Public Utilities Commission was called to order at 6:05 PM by Chairman Ed Vest. Members present were Commissioners Eugene O'Brien, Chris Erickson, Dave Hamalainen, Ed Vest, Amy Jackson, and Recording Secretary Terry Hiti

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of November 12th, 2024, made by Commissioner Hamalainen, supported by Commissioner O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.**

SCHEDULED GUESTS- None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Reports – Vest commented that they come and go. Some stay on the list and some don't.

November Water/Wastewater Report – Vest made mention that it sounds like Rick is helping out a bit with the Maintenance crew. No callouts this month. O'Brien would like to thank Rick for his diligence and going over and beyond his pay duties to get the job done.

OLD BUSINESS

Self-Read Water Meter Survey- Vest asked about the survey numbers and when do we call the results. Erickson commented we call them now as it's been two months. Erickson also wants Hiti to send a letter with the next billing to the water customers letting them know how the vote came in. Currently the count is 49-Yes and 70 – No. Fayal will not be pursuing the self-read meters at this time. It can be revisited in the future.

- **Motion to make a recommendation to the Town Board that we do not install the self-read meters at this time, made by Commissioner Erickson, supported by Commissioner Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

Pager Discussion- There has been nine call outs since January 2024. Commissioner Erickson explained the reason for the inquiry was it is Union negotiations for raising the pay. Jackson does not believe the Office Staff should be required to be "on call" as they are not properly trained and it is unsafe. Discussion was made on how much time is paid and when an actual call out is made.

Commission Terms- Commissioner Erickson asked what the rules are in continuing your term? Do you have to sit out a month before getting re-instated?

- **Chairmen Vest makes a motion to re-instate Commissioner Chris Erickson, when the proper date is resolved, supported by Commissioner O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.**

Channel 12 discussion -Commissioner O'Brien brought forward how many programs/shows actually ran for Fayal and what exactly Channel 12 does for Fayal. The report showed two flower shows back in 2017 were the last programs/shows that ran. Jackson asked about a CG Promo and O'Brien said that the station manager commented the CG Promo was old so he removed it, but never replaced it. Jackson inquired as to why our Fayal's meeting time and dates aren't on there, apparently the station manager told O'Brien that someone needs to give him that information, although O'Brien states he and Tamaro had mentioned on many occasions the activities happening in Fayal that could be on Channel 12, many are published elsewhere, such as Hometown Focus. Vest commented that Channel 12 is now Channel 13, according to Mediacom. Discussion continued as to how many opportunities there is to be videoed out here and none of which is happening. O'Brien said Fayal is not getting anything for the money we are paying them, and Channel 12 is proposing to raise the rates for 2025. Jackson commented that if Fayal has to stay in this contract, then Channel 12 needs to step up and start providing their service. The contract reads Fayal has to give a one-year notice of termination. Discussion on the franchise fee/payment was made. Fayal cannot pay more fees than what the franchise payment is to Fayal.

Treasurer's Report

- **Motion to approve the November Treasurer's Report made by Commissioner O'Brien, supported by Commissioner Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

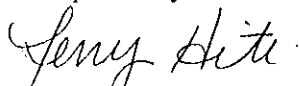
Commissioner Erickson commented that the cash flow is positive and Fayal is actually making some interest monies on the excess funds in the Money Market accounts.

Next PUC meeting to be held on Jan.14th, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

- **Motion to adjourn, made by Chairmen Vest, supported by Commissioner Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,



Terry Hiti

Deputy Clerk/PUC Billing Coordinator

Approved Jan. 14th 2025