

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

FAYAL TOWN HALL

MARCH 18th, 2025

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 Chris Erickson, Eugene O'Brien, Ed Vest, Dave Hamalainen, and Secretary Terry Hiti. Members absent were Commissioner Amy Jackson. Guests were Town Board Chairman Tony Tammaro and Supervisor Mike Erjavec.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Motion to approve the Regular PUC Meeting Minutes of February 11th, 2025, made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Chris Erickson. Motion carried unanimously.**

GUESTS- None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Delinquency Report – Vest commented it looks better than normal. Tammaro asked what is the charge for the certification process, Hiti answered \$200.00. Tammaro asked if we can charge \$500.00? Hiti replied she will find that out. Discussion followed as how much court cost is, how long it takes to get the money from the taxes, and how Fayal cannot collect anymore penalties once they have been certified.

February Water/Wastewater Report – Commissioner O'Brien asked how much the phase monitors cost? Hiti will find that out.

OLD BUSINESS

a. **Bylaws Discussion** – The bylaws are updated and ready to send to the Town Board.

- **Motion to approve the By-Laws, which now reads the expiration terms of PUC Commissioners, will end December of the expiration year, made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Dave Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

b. **Eveleth/Fayal Channel 12** – The PUC recommended that the Board send a letter of termination to the Cable Commission. Discussion regarding the assets. Commissioner O'Brien asked the Cable Board to do an inventory, and everything there is obsolete, so the only loss would be our percentage of the cash asset. which he figures is about 10,000.00. Discussion went on to point out that Eveleth and the school, Rock Ridge, are the only entities left and the school does not pay any money, they provide the location for the meetings. Fayal has less than a 100 people that subscribe to Mediacom. The Cable Commission wanted to bill Fayal \$4000.00 a quarter and we only receive about \$2,500.00 a quarter as reimbursement from Mediacom. Discussion went on to say Fayal has not had any new programming on Channel 12 for years., only 2 community programs since 2018.

- **Motion to recommend to the Town Board that a letter of termination be sent to the Cable/Channel 12 as soon as possible, made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Dave Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**

c. **New/Updated Mediacom Agreement** -The Town Board approved the updated agreement with Mediacom and that needs to be renewed every five years. The agreement is not exclusive.

d. **Loan to Fire Department** – Town Board approved the loan with a 4.5% interest rate.

e. **Sewer Rate Change** – It was agreed to table the discussion on the sewer rate change until we hear from Gilbert and have a better sense of any rate changes, they may proceed with.

NEW BUSINESS – No new business

TREASURER REPORT

FWC December 2024 – Beginning Balance \$32,516.67, Revenues \$7,801.10, Expenditures \$11,027.18 ending Cash Balance of \$36,697.64

FSC December 2024 - *Beginning Balance \$171,308.17 Revenues \$76,136.47 Expenditures \$97,773.97 Ending Cash Balance of \$158,033.54 Depreciation 4M \$210,509.89, PUC Truck Depreciation 4M \$39,036.83 Assessment Savings 4M \$318,554.11, Sewer Access Charges 4M \$79,341.69, Maintenance Contingency 4M \$42,731.46, and Sewer Company 4M \$153,930.73*

PUC December 2024: *Beginning Balance \$2,262.17, Revenues \$73.62 Expenditures \$32.12, Ending Balance \$-83.27*

FWC January 2025: *Beginning Balance \$36,697.64, Revenues \$7,001.75. Expenditures \$7,493.97 ending Cash Balance of \$36,204.23 Depreciation not in 4M \$360.90*

FSC January 2025: *Beginning Balance \$158,033.54 Revenues \$71,759.82 Expenditures \$58,544.41 Ending Cash Balance of \$173,983.46 Depreciation 4M \$211,188.55 PUC Truck Depreciation 4M \$39,162.68 Assessment Savings 4M \$319,581.12, Sewer Access Charges 4M \$79,597.48, Maintenance Contingency 4M \$42,869.22, and Sewer Company 4M \$154,426.99.*

PUC January 2025: *Beginning Balance \$-83.27, Revenues \$0.00 Expenditures \$36.06, Ending Balance \$-119.33*

FWC February: *Beginning Balance \$36,697.64, Revenues \$7,733.89. Expenditures \$6,721.94 ending Cash Balance of \$37,434.20. Depreciation not in 4M \$721.80*

FSC February: *Beginning Balance \$158,033.54 Revenues \$62,435.70 Expenditures \$54,068.10 Ending Cash Balance of \$181,236.28 Depreciation 4M \$211,798.08 PUC Truck Depreciation 4M \$39,275.71 Assessment Savings 4M \$320,503.50, Sewer Access Charges 4M \$79,827.21, Maintenance Contingency 4M \$42,992.95, and Sewer Company 4M \$154,872.69.*

PUC February: *Beginning Balance \$-83.27, Revenues \$2,598.14 Expenditures \$0.00, Ending Balance \$2,478.81.*

- **Motion to approve the Treasurers report, made by Commissioner Eugene O'Brien and supported by Commissioner Dave Hamalainen. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Motion to adjourn, made by Commissioner Dave Hamalainen and supported by Eugene O'Brien. Motion carried unanimously.**

Chairman Ed Vest adjourned meeting at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Approved April 9th, 2025

Terry Hiti


Fayal Deputy Clerk/Billing Coordinator