

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016**

The Mayor and the City Commission of the City of Truth or Consequences in the County of Sierra, and State of New Mexico met in Regular Session in full conformity with the law and ordinances of said Commission in the Commission Chambers of said City on June 28, 2016 with the meeting starting at 9:02 A.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Green, who presided and Renee Cantin, City Clerk-Treasurer, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

B. INTRODUCTION

1. ROLL CALL

Upon calling the roll, the following Commissioners were reported present.

Hon. Steve Green, Mayor
Hon. Sandra Whitehead, Mayor Pro-Tem
Hon. Rolf Hechler, Commissioner
Hon. Joshua Frankel, Commissioner

Absent: Hon. Kathy Clark, Commissioner

Also Present: Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Renee Cantin, City Clerk-Treasurer

There being a quorum present, the Commission proceeded with the business at hand.

2. SILENT MEDITATION

Mayor Green asked Commissioner Frankel to lead us in Silent Meditation.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Green called for Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Frankel moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Hechler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 Minute Rule Applies)

Mayor Green called for Public Comment, noting those wishing to comment would get three minutes, please state your name, and any material for the Commission was to be left in the black box by the podium.

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Audon Trujillo, 503 West 3rd St. addressed the Commission related to:

- 1) Follow the Sun Tours lease extension. He stated the letter received in the packet was received one day before the lease was to expire. Today we are talking about a lease that has expired. He has worked in contracting for many years and has never heard of a contract being modified after the end date. It is not permissible in contracting at the Federal level. The state level, he's not sure, he's seen that happen here a number of times and he hasn't said anything but it doesn't seem to amount to much. The contract required a 30 day notice from the Lessee and you have one day. There is no language in the new contract related to what the lease amount will be. The original lease said that the second year you would look at the prior first year utility bill and look at the difference for this year to see if there should be an increase to the lease.
- 2) Its time the LBJ Center be returned to use. Since February of 2015 it has no longer been used for the Residents but rather it's been used for tourism. He asked them to consider it.
- 3) Work objectives of the City Manager still need to be set. Basically all contracts, and leases, and grants and their modifications should be completed in a timely manner. Four or five days after a contract expires is not a timely manner. In March 28th Executive Session, you were to have evaluated the City Manager prior to the budget meetings. That did not happen. The minutes state, no action was taken on this closed Executive Topic. However, he has learned in fact they decided not to formally evaluate the City Manager because only 3 of 5 Commissioner's had any knowledge of what his work was. It's unsystematic and it's got to change. He will sent his comments to the Clerk in an email.

Linda DeMarino, MainStreet Truth or Consequences addressed the Commission related to:

- 1) We got word our MainStreet is now a Nationally Accredited Organization which is very exciting. It took a lot of hard work by a lot of great people to get us where we are.
- 2) Submitted the Great Blocks Grant Application yesterday. They are hopeful for that.
- 3) Working with PALS for the Bark for your Park Application as well.
- 4) They started working on their goals for the year and she went to the National Conference in Milwaukee where she attended a session for AARP Livable Communities and she's working on how that could apply to our Senior population. Not just for our community but the city as well. We went through some of the points of what a livable community is and tried to figure out how that applies to our Senior Population. If you create a livable community it becomes a selling point to help people see this might be a great place to retire to. There are only one or two communities from New Mexico on their. It might be a good thing to look toward and might help us fill some of our vacant houses. She just wanted to put that out there.

Sophia Peron addressed the Commission related to:

- 1) She reacted to Ms. DeMarino's statement about making this a livable community. It was a livable community awhile back and it has become a Ghost Town. There is nothing that has improved about the livability. She just drove up here and crossed the new pavement on 3rd Street and she came from Birch and the condemned properties. There is a difference between Birch St. and 3rd St. of about 3 foot high and it could take the bottom of your car out any day. And she's sure it will take plenty of people's cars out. Just like the rest of the streets in this town, all of which are crumbling and falling

apart. All of which are bad for seniors who can't walk, where there's no sidewalks, no handicapped parking, no nothing. No senior wants to be here they want to die and move up to the best real estate in town, Vista Memory Gardens. We already have our place there and I hope it's not near you people. The place is coming apart.

2) Mainstreet. Ms. DeMarino owns a building that use to be a business called Little Sprout. The sign is still up and the business has been gone for years. As is every other business in town. When MainStreet started we had myriads of businesses close, everything except four thrift stores she doesn't need to name. When you are considering adding money to the MainStreet program she said they have not improved our town, they made it worse. She has spoken to elderly people who said this town is for tourists, it's not for the community any more.

George Szigeti, 913 Spruce Street addressed the Commission related to:

1) He was not planning on speaking today but after hearing her negative rant, he had to stand up and say he's talked to many people regularly who have come to visit the town who have all had a favorable impression. He has a former coworker who was visiting and is actively pursuing purchasing a house here. He has another retired coworker who would be looking at a house if he had not have just purchased one a couple of years ago. When he was working others came here to visit who wanted to move here but had family in St. Louis. He doesn't know where this gross negativity comes from but we have a good solid community here, an improving hospital, the real estate market is starting to come back. We have a city with a solid plan for improving infrastructure, limited only by the funding that's available. This town is not dying, it's starting to grow. The Healing Waters Plaza is one of the indications of that. He cannot express his disgust at the constant negative rants we get from Ms. Peron. He praised the Commission and staff on the work they have done. He thinks we are going places and there are good things happening here. Stop listening to negative and start looking at the positive.

Mayor Green read an email sent by Patricia Woodsen on the following:

1) She would like to know if it would be possible to have her alley dumpster back. She lives in the original town site with a lot of elderly who cannot haul there stuff to the recycle center. She is concerned about our town becoming unfriendly to elders and people without driving ability. She suggests in order to make her dumpster look better, she would like to paint it artistically and perhaps other artists would like to paint a dumpster near their home. Make it a choice for people instead of just poly carts. She lives on 5th & Birch and the dumpster behind Mr. Tafoya's house is much needed. Our town should not make it more difficult for the Elderly and disabled who can handle a walk to the dumpster but have difficulty with the poly cart. Mayor Green said he will give City Manager Juan Fuentes the email to turn it over to Sanitation Director Alvarez.

D. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Frankel addressed the comments on Tourism affecting our Residents. Having worked in restaurants over the last 20 years and getting to meet tens of thousands of visitor's to our town, he wanted to point out, He says almost all Residents start out as Visitor's Guests, and Tourists. They may have come here first on a hotel reservation but many ended up buying a home in our community. So the tourists aren't

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just pass through guests you will never see again. They obviously liked it enough to buy a piece of it and make it their own. So don't shoo the tourists away, there's a lot more to them than a one night stay.

Commissioner Hechler addressed Mr. Audon Trujillo, he has completed a portion of the evaluation process for the City Manager. It's a recommendation he will make to the Commission during his Commission Report. He will be asking them to comment on the information he will provide and they can move forward in the future.

Mayor Green made a comment on Mr. Klaus Whitterns comments at the last Commission Meeting. He happens to agree with him and feels it was a valid point. For those who did not attend that meeting, the point was we had public comment on our agenda for a presentation which was then followed by a discussion/action item. This did not allow the public to participate before any vote was taken. With consult he will do it in the future and hopes anyone who holds the gavel will consider following the same. Where we have presentations that are on the agenda and preceding a discussion/action item we will be voting on, where we will allow the public to participate in that discussion. That would only apply to presentations that are on the agenda that include a discussion/action item to be voted on the same meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Public Utility Advisory Board Minutes, May 16, 2016
2. Public Arts Advisory Board Minutes, May 16, 2016
3. Accounts Payable for May 2016
4. Extension of Lease for Follow the Sun (FTS) Tours to September 30, 2016.

Commissioner Hechler moved to approve the Public Utility Advisory Board Minutes, for May 16, 2016; Public Arts Advisory Board Minutes, for May 16, 2016; Accounts Payable for May 2016; and The Extension of Lease for Follow the Sun (FTS) Tours to September 30, 2016 as requested with the stipulation that the City Manager Fuentes confirm with the City Attorney that we are legal in approving the extension even though it was submitted one day before expiration. Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

F. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTION, & ZONING

1. Discussion/Action: For Publication, Ordinance No. 672 amending the Uniform Traffic Ordinance, Section 12-7-9.2. Renee Cantin, City Clerk

City Clerk Cantin stated this ordinance is sent from the Municipal League after each Legislative Session to include an update to the Uniform Traffic Ordinance. It is used closely by the Police Department during their daily duties. Attached you will find the letter from the City Attorney with his recommendation on the changes. Before you we have the Ordinance for first publication and the Chief is also here to answer any questions you may have.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead moved to approve Ordinance No. 672 for publication amending the Uniform Traffic Ordinance, Section 12-7-9.2. Commissioner Frankel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion/Action: For Publication, Ordinance No. 673 amending Section 7-211 of the City Code related to Lodgers Tax. Steve Green, Mayor

Mayor Green presented the item. At the last two Commission meetings we have heard a steady drumbeat where sometimes they are given a cash award, and don't have the money to front the payment for reimbursement for the city. Before we have that discussion to decide how to handle it, he would like to recommend we look at changing the ordinance to make it possible to allow another organization to administer the program. He is suggesting inserting "or their designee" after the Governing Body. So amending it, it would say, "*The Governing Body or their designee shall administer the lodgers' tax monies collected.*" This only refers to that piece of the pie that we award the Non-Profits. He would like to look into putting that part into another organizations hands. He referred to the partnerships with the organizations and the pain they spoke of in not begin able to front the money. He would like to give the recipients a little bit of wiggle room and work with City Manager Juan Fuentes to take the burden off of the city. And also help the recipients not have to worry about where they will get the money to pay for the ads. It has caused a grief amount of work with the staff.

Commissioner Frankel always kind of envisioned once Lodger's Tax increased, and it was a big deal eight years ago when we crossed the \$100,000 threshold and it's significantly grown since then. Built-in to the collection there are several monies that are taken off the top. Out of all of the funds collected, 1% comes off the top for Public Art; 10% goes to an Administrative Fee. He has always envisioned that when those funds increased, that would be a job where we would create a position to administer those funds. Getting a non-profit to do it for a little chunk of the change doesn't really do that.

Commissioner Hechler asked questions about the designee and if they would be responsible for submitting the applications and packets to the Commission for approval. He understands that one of the huge problems are incomplete packets and that could create a problem. If we get the bills late, or they are incomplete, would you say this designee would take that on, or how would you envision that?

City Manager Fuentes responded we are looking at a Non-Profit Organization who may have the capability and resources to be able to administer these monies. Where we are able to allocate the funding. For Example if it's \$32,000 or \$46,000, they would be the ones paying the bills, the city would not pay the bills. We would have a legal agreement prepared by our legal counsel to be able to allocate those funds to that organizations. They in turn would have to administer them according to the guidelines of Lodger's Tax and the guidelines the Commission would like to adopt. The organizations would go to that entity when requesting payment of the bills rather than coming to the city. Because as the city, we have to comply with the procurement code, we need documentation for everything that is submitted and a Non-Profit may have more flexibility. Commissioner Hechler said he would support that and thanked City Manager Juan Fuentes.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead is in agreement with the comments that were made.

Mayor Green responded to Commissioner Frankel's point. He doesn't think there isn't anyone who wouldn't want to create more jobs if we could. But he thinks a reasonable salary, plus the benefits, he doesn't believe 10% off the top right now is enough to make that a worthwhile job. If you look at the work involved, you will see it's not a full time position at this time. So we need to look at what else that person would be tasked to do. If Commissioner Frankel is suggesting we might use funds for this, those go to help a person right now who is administering that and she is on overload with work. But to take this off her shoulders would give her more opportunity to deal with what she should deal with rather than some of the demands the citizens who have received Lodger's Tax put on that staff member. He has seen civility left at the door and rudeness which he will not stand for. In the future, that might be a viable option and something to take a look at. He just doesn't think right now there is enough there to justify that. We would take away from an existing position to create a new position that might be a five hour a week position at best. Now is not the time to start creating new positions, now is the time to be as smart as possible.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead moved to approve Ordinance No. 673 for publication amending Section 7-211 of the City Code related to Lodgers Tax. Commissioner Hechler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 32 15/16 requesting Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Juan Fuentes, City Manager

City Manager Fuentes handed out a revised worksheet and presented the changes in the budget that are being requested. The revised page adds one more and makes changes to one of them. The first amendment is to the General Fund, we are proposing an increase of \$35,000 as opposed to the \$60,000 in the original worksheet. The increase is due to the Year-to-date activities in Legal Fees. And Sierra Vista Hospital GRT, we estimate those expenses, we are paying final bills this week and will exceed the approved budget. We want to make sure those amounts are approved for the budget. Next in the Golf Course Fund we are increasing the overall expenditure line item by \$41,000, due to the year-to-date activity in the budgeted amount. As you may recall, we change the way the contract was structured from the previous years. We have been receiving more revenue so part of the expenses will be covered by that additional revenue, but we are about \$9,000 which still needs to be transferred from the General Fund to cover that difference. In the General Fund to the Joint Utility, we are proposing an increase of \$30,000 which is only a cash flow for the end of the year bills. This was for the Healing Waters Plaza, we do have the funding with the MainStreet Grant which will be reimbursed back to the city after the end of the Fiscal Year, because everything happened towards the end of the Fiscal Year. The cut off dates for reimbursement have past so we have to budget for this payment for this year. So the \$30,000 will go in this year and we will get it back next year. Item No. 5 will be the Golf Course Transfers in which will go from \$85,000 to \$94,000; the CI General Fund had a transfer amount of \$450,000 and we will increase it by the \$30,000 and it will come back next year.

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Next are some of the end of year transfers which cover the necessary expenditures and we will have all of our budgets within the amounts approved by the Commission.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead moved to approve Resolution No. 32 15/16 requesting Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as presented by City Manager Juan Fuentes. Commissioner Frankel seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion/Action: Resolution No. 33 15/16 approving participation in the program of the South Central Council of Governments (SCCOG) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Juan Fuentes, City Manager

City Clerk Cantin stated you have before you the annual renewal of the South Central Council of Governments (SCCOG) for participation in the program for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. City Manager Juan Fuentes added in one of the Commission meetings you already designated Mayor Green as the representative and Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead as the Alternate. City Clerk Cantin also corrected the time frame on one of the documents was written as 2015-2016 and the correct time frame is 2016-2017 as the other information already states.

Mayor Green added he spoke to Mr. Armijo who is the Executive Director and he will be taking the position of Treasurer of the board which he gladly accepted. He will be sharing that pen with Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead and will get her on the signature card also.

Commissioner Frankel moved to approve Resolution No. 33 15/16 approving participation in the program of the South Central Council of Governments (SCCOG) for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Mayor Green seconded the motion. Roll call was taken by the Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: Additional subrecipient grant allocation – MainStreet Truth or Consequences. Juan Fuentes, City Manager

Mayor Green apologized he left this off of the last meeting and turned it over to City Manager Juan Fuentes.

City Manager Fuentes reported the city has an agreement with MainStreet Truth or Consequences and has agreed to fund them in previous years for \$30,000. This year the request is to fund them for \$35,000 as recommended by the NM MainStreet Program. These funds are provided by the Lodger's Tax Fund. It was part of the packet for all of the funding requests that was submitted to the Commission and was an oversight on our part. However, the funding is available and in place. It's just a formality and the recommendation is for approving the allocation to MainStreet Truth or Consequences for the amount of \$35,000.

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Commissioner Frankel said in the packet we received for this, any portion that was left out was tagged or in red so for MainStreet tagged in red it had "proof of non-profit status was correct" but it also had no financial statement provided. He asked if that was all current. City Manager Juan Fuentes said he is not sure if that has been provided.

Linda DeMarino said it just asks if you got an audit and we didn't get an audit so it was left blank. Commissioner Frankel asked if everything was submitted correctly. Ms. DeMarino said yes, it was submitted correctly the first time.

Mayor Green thinks the relationship between the city and MainStreet is almost a contractual relationship that is required by the state for MainStreet even to exist, is a bit different for a Non-Profit and Subrecipient there is no mandate that we give them money or that they ask for the money. This is mandated by the state for MainStreet to be in a relationship with a municipality.

City Manager Fuentes confirmed that is correct. The City through the MainStreet Truth or Consequences also participates in the State MainStreet program which they have funding available for certain projects which we have for the Healing Waters Plaza and we want to be able to maintain that relationship with MainStreet Truth or Consequences and the State. In the future, there will be additional opportunities for funding and this is one of their requirements that communities support their local MainStreet Programs.

Mayor Green moved to approve the additional subrecipient grant allocation – MainStreet Truth or Consequences in the amount of \$35,000 to be taken out of the Lodger's Tax Fund. Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0-1. Commissioner Frankel abstained.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion/Action: Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Williamsburg for Solid Waste Services. Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Director

Sanitation Director Alvarez said Williamsburg is requesting trash services and you have the Memorandum before you to put that into place.

Mayor Green asked if his department has enough personnel and equipment to service the entire City of T or C that will hopefully have their polycarts and with the addition of the Village of Williamsburg. Can we handle that the way your Department exists today?

Sanitation Director Alvarez said yes, they are capable to provide that service to them. It's an additional 300 customers and 29 Commercial. He will really need to get a new side loader dumpster truck because his fleet is aging and they are very old. They are looking at October for that request.

Mayor Green said at the Gas Station at Michigan and S. Broadway, they have a dumpster that says New Mexico Waste or something. So the Residential and Commercial would be discontinuing their service and we would be getting their

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Residential and Commercial service, plus the cardboard containers and everything we put out there. Sanitation Director Alvarez confirmed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Village of Williamsburg for Solid Waste Services as presented by Sanitation Director Alvarez. Commissioner Hechler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion/Action: Authorization to re-invest balance amount of maturing Certificates of Deposits for the R & R Water and Pledge State Accounts.
Juan Fuentes, City Manager

City Manager Fuentes stated these are annual Certificates of Deposit that mature annually. We have three CD's for the R & R Sewer estimating at \$143,566, R & R stands for Replace and Repair. We have one for R & R Water for \$126,863 and for Pledge State, our Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$586,918. Staff is recommending renewing the Certificates of Deposit we have with First Savings Bank.

Mayor Green added he wished we could get more interest.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead moved to approve the authorization to re-invest balance amount of maturing Certificates of Deposits for the R & R; Water and Pledge State Accounts. Commissioner Hechler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion/Action: Matthew 25 Subrecipient Grant 4th Quarter Invoice.
Steve Green

Mayor Green said he was contacted by some representatives of Matthew 25 who missed the time frame to submit their 4th Quarter Report and Invoice. They were turned down by City Hall because they were late. City Hall let them know there is an option, they can go to the Commission to bring the issue. He asked a representative to come forward and share what has happened with the untimely passing of Susie Swope and why they find themselves in this position today.

Annie Whitney, she and her Husband have been volunteering with the organization for about four years. She has been the grant writer because that is her area of expertise. Their organization was run by a very strong Director who managed a lot of things. They had a very good Director with Susie Swope but she was not very good at delegating. When she was killed at the end of April they didn't have any knowledge of some of the things she needed to get done, including the grant contract with the city. She was good at letting her know when something needed to happen. And it was her own faulty memory from last year and not having to pay attention to other deadlines. She didn't have the actual contract in front of her showing it was due in June. She mentioned the Commission will probably be seeing her next month because for the same reason, they didn't get their grant in on time. She assured them this was the perfect storm of everything happening including the accident, people picking the mail up, and all kinds of things have happened. But they have kept their doors open and the

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Thursday after the Tuesday when Susie died, the doors were open and people were fed. Which was their job and that's what they do. It was unfortunate that the ball was dropped at the administrative end. They ask for the Commission's forbearance and would like to say right now, they already have some policies in place so this doesn't happen again. She asked for the forbearance from the Commission and asked them to consider this request.

Commissioner Frankel had the opportunity to volunteer with them last Thursday, and 20% of our Town is receiving assistance. Ms. Whitney corrected him saying it is actually 18.5%. It's a remarkable feat they are able to achieve. At Walmart if the food is misshaped, they get rid of it. The food they receive is about to be thrown away and is perfectly good to feed families who need it. Last year in America, we spent \$218 Billion disposing of spoiled food. That equals an area agriculturally, the size of Canada. We took the entire continent of Canada to grow food and throw it away. To support an entity like this, we are not talking about events and fun and stuff. We are talking about sustenance and life.

Mayor Green would like to say he admires and respects Commissioner Frankel's passion and caring for our citizens and it was eloquently said. He also added Bullocks also gives food to their organization. Our Town, our City would be a different place if it weren't for organizations like this. He knows for a fact that a lot of the Board Members reach into their own pockets to help that initiative. He knows how many refrigerators that place has and the electricity has to be paid, the rent has to be paid. He gave his kudos and eternal thanks to the board to the staff and to all of the good works they do.

Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead commented thanked them for their comments and the work they do. She added for the record there were other organizations that came forward and also missed the deadline that came back and were not awarded the funding. She wants to make sure it is said it is a process they put in place and they need to try to follow it. What they do for one, they need to do for all.

Mayor Green moved to approve to continue to support for Matthew 25 and approve the Subrecipient Grant 4th Quarter Invoice in the amount of \$1,500. Commissioner Frankel seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Green stated he understands they have a new Executive Director for Matthew 25, Dawn Jenson. He asked her to stand up so the Commission can see her. He said they wish you well. And reminded her to set her timers to the right date to get things in on time.

I. REPORTS

1. City Manager –

Introduced Melissa Torres, the New Finance Director. Finance Director Torres addressed the Commission and let them know she has an open door policy and is there for them if they have any questions.

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City Manager Juan Fuentes went on to say Staff is working on gathering the information on the YESCO as requested by the Commission. And will wait until the first meeting in August when Commissioner Clark will be here to comment and participate in person. This is a very important project the Commission will need to consider together.

He reported on the Policy Committee Meeting outcomes related to the Hold Harmless and other items. And announced the City Clerk and Police Chief also attended other committees at the same time. He was mainly at the Finance and Policy Committee. The Hold Harmless will continue to be an issue for all of communities. The State has a deficit of \$400+ million dollars. They will be looking at where they can capture additional revenue and always Hold Harmless comes up. There have been communities who have passed the Hold Harmless GRT and they are already getting that money in addition to the state money. They do fear that might be the "low hanging fruit". We did not impose the GRT, but we still get that money from the state. Hopefully communities under 10,000 have a little more time before they consider going after that. However, because of the state budget situation, there are concerns about the state credit being reduced. That obviously trickles down to communities who have to go out and get loans from New Mexico Finance Authority and so forth. So it still impacts us anyway. Even though their budget was based on \$37 per barrel, and it's selling at \$47, productions statewide per barrel is down. So they are laying off people which still has an impact on the states revenue stream. Other things discussed was the ongoing battle with obtaining information with Taxation & Revenue. Again, tied into the Hold Harmless and the Taxation & Revenue making adjustments to payments of the GRT. When there is a discrepancy in the GRT from last month, it's really hard to tell why, because we don't have access to that information, Some communities are having to battle in Court over this issue of accessing certain types of information. Also discussed was the increase of the Business Registration Fees from \$35 to \$100, but in addition they also talked about how we can enforce businesses who are not paying their GRT. Because that is our main revenue stream for the General Fund. It's created an adversarial relationship between the Counties, Cities, and some of the State Agencies.

He reported the Steel Pole at Cedar will be completed by the end of this week. It's going to be a stand-alone structure. The Healing Waters Plaza shade structure should be coming in the first week of July, if not the second. So our staff will install that, and they are currently working on installing all of the lights. The project will hopefully be completed by the end of the July or early August. And finally, they will be working on the final budget to get it approved at the second meeting in July to be submitted to the state.

2. City Attorney - None.

3. City Commission

Commissioner Hechler competed the initial new evaluation process for the City Manager. He distributed the possible new document and asked the Commission to review them and get them back to him by the next meeting so he can incorporate them into the final evaluation process. Mayor Green thanked him for taking this duty off his shoulders knowing his lack of skills with a computer. He added he would like to start

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the process sooner rather than later. Commissioner Hechler said he will be emailing a copy to Commissioner Clark.

Mayor Green said at the last meeting he asked City Manager Fuentes to come up with some kind of a process for the use of the Healing Waters Plaza. With that it has brought to his attention with the horrific Orlando event, his wife spearheaded a memorial in the plaza at the West Wall of the Lee Belle Johnson Center. It got out on the computer and it was just heartfelt and gave you hope that this community reached out with understanding and sympathy in what happened in Orlando. However, he would like to put this on the agenda for a discussion at our next meeting to determine a fair and reasonable amount of time for leaving these memorials in the park. Eventually if we don't address it, it goes on and on and we lose control of the park.

J. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hechler moved to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. **Mayor Pro-Tem Whitehead** seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Passed and Approved this 26th day of July, 2016.


Steven Green, Mayor

ATTEST:


Renee L. Cantin, EMC, City Clerk