

TOWN MEETING/ PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, July 1, 2019

5:45 pm

Municipal Building
513 Williams Avenue
Estancia, NM 87016

MINUTES

HEARING:

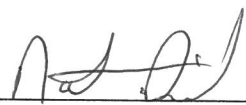
- 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 5:48 pm.
- 2.0 Roll Call was taken:
 - Trustee Lovato- Present
 - Trustee Sedillo- Present
 - Trustee Chavez- Absent
 - Trustee Hall- Present
 - Mayor Dial- Present
- 3.0 Approval of Public Hearing Agenda- Action Item
ACTION TAKEN: Trustee Hall made a motion to approve the Public Hearing agenda. Trustee Sedillo seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 4.0 Discussion of proposed Amendments to Chapter ix of the Town Ordinance - specifically amending 9-1-5 Billing Date: Due Date: Late Charge, 9-1-6 Collection of Unpaid and Overdue Charges, and 9-1-7 Discontinuance of Service – Information Only
Clerk Michelle Jones presented proposed changes to Chapter IX of the Town Ordinance, which specifically pertains to utility billing. In summary, the Clerk's Office is proposing that the Town change their due dates and utility shut off dates to mirror EMW Gas. The Clerk's office is proposing to change the due date for utility bills from the 20th of each month to the 15th. They are proposing changing the shut off date for delinquent accounts from 10 business days after the 20th to the 24th of each month. Trustee Hall said that he disagreed with this change and also strongly disagrees with the current 25% late penalty fee. Trustee Sedillo suggested a late fee penalty of 1.5%- the same as EMW gas. Trustee Hall said that if the late fee penalty were reduced from 25% to 1.5%, he would be ok with the change of the bill due date. The rest of the board agreed to changing the bill due date to the 15th, the late penalty charge to 1.5%, and the

disconnect date to the 25th of each month. There was discussion about the change making billing more efficient for the Clerk's office as well as more understandable for our customers. All agreed that the 1.5% penalty change would be a plus for our customers. The board agreed to enact this change with the October billing- this will allow time for our customers to prepare for the new due dates.

Adjournment of Public Hearing

ACTION TAKEN- Trustee Hall made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Trustee Lovato seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:33 pm.

Approved: 

Date: 7/15/19

Attest: 

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