

TOWN MEETING/ PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, June 24, 2024

5:30 pm

Municipal Building
513 Williams Avenue
Estancia, NM 87016

Join Zoom Meeting

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MINUTES

HEARING:

1.0 The Hearing was called to order at 5:34pm

2.0 Roll Call was taken:

Trustee Lovato – arrived late

Trustee May- Present

Trustee Sanchez- Present

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 June 24, 2024 Public Hearing Agenda. Trustee Sanchez seconded the motion. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

4.0 Discussion of FY26-30 ICIP- Discussion Only

Clerk Michelle Jones presented the Board with copies of the Town's current ICIP. The Trustees carefully reviewed the ICIP and discussed project priorities. All agreed that the ICIP is a critical tool that will help us identify our priority projects that we are going to pursue State and Federal funding for. After much discussion the Board agreed to the following projects and rankings:

1. Water Distribution System Improvements
2. Road and Streetlight repair and maintenance
3. Public Safety Vehicles
4. Town Vehicles

- 5. Arthur Park and Lake and Pool Improvements
- 6. Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements
- 7. Estancia Airport Improvements
- 8. Town Hall and Community Center Improvements
- 9. Flood Mitigation
- 10. Regional Animal Control

There was no public comment about this item.

NO ACTION, DISCUSSION ONLY

5.0 Discussion of Proposed Ordinance Change to Utility Disconnect process and fees- Discussion Only Clerk Jones presented the following proposed Ordinance Change. She said that this change is suggested to reduce the amount of Utility Disconnects at the end of each month. A higher disconnect and reconnect fee will hopefully encourage more of our residents to pay their utility bill on time. This is not a change meant to increase revenue; it is a change meant to increase compliance.

1. **CURRENT:** 9-1-6(A): Each utility service charge levied pursuant to this chapter shall be a lien therewith and if the same is not paid within sixty (60) days after it shall become due and payable, the Clerk/Treasurer shall certify such unpaid rates or charges as a notice of lien upon the property served. Such notice of lien shall be filed with the County Clerk with a copy mailed to the property owner. The charges thus filed shall become a lien upon the real property served and shall be collected in the same manner as though they were part of property taxes.

NEW: 9-1-6(A): Each utility service charge levied pursuant to this chapter shall be a lien therewith and if the same is not paid within *Thirty (30) days* after it shall become due and payable, the Clerk/Treasurer shall certify such unpaid rates or charges as a notice of lien upon the property served. Such notice of lien shall be filed with the County Clerk with a copy mailed to the property owner. The charges thus filed shall become a lien upon the real property served and shall be collected in the same manner as though they were part of property taxes.

2. **CURRENT:** 9-1-7: In addition to the remedy provided in 9-1-6 above, the Town may, **WITHOUT NOTICE**, discontinue utility services to any premises for which charges are delinquent after the 24th of the month by 5:30 p.m., including the shutting off of water services from the Town water system. Services shall not be resumed, nor water supply turned on again until all delinquent charges have been paid in full, including interest, plus a charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) for turning on the water supply.

NEW: 9-1-7: In addition to the remedy provided in 9-1-6 above, the Town may, **WITHOUT NOTICE**, discontinue utility services to any premises for which charges are delinquent after the 24th of the month by 5:30 p.m., including the shutting off of water services from the Town water system. Services shall not be resumed, nor water supply turned on again until all delinquent charges have been paid in full, including interest *at 12%*, *plus a disconnect fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) and a reconnect fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00)* for turning on the water supply.

The Board reviewed this recommendation and will consider this amendment. There was no public comment concerning this item. **NO ACTION, DISCUSSION ONLY**

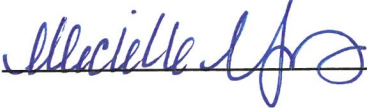
6.0 Adjournment of Public Hearing

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 6:16 pm.

Approved: 

Date: 7/1/2024

Attest: 

Date: 7/1/2024