

**PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 4, 2006**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**405 Paseo De Oñate, Española**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers with the following present:

Chair	Alice Lucero
Councilors	Alfred J. Herrera Cecilia Lujan
City Manager	Jeff Condrey
City Clerk's Office	Veronica Martinez
Staff	Marvin Martinez David Bustos Louis Lujan Carl Archuleta

Councilor Lucero called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**Councilor Herrera made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilor Lujan seconded the motion; it passed with a 3/0 vote.**

**Molzen Corbin Status Report**

Del Archuleta and Doug Albin, of Molzen Corbin & Associates (MCA), were present to give an update on the projects pending for the City. They informed the committee on active projects, projects recently completed and projects placed on hold or not started. Discussion took place regarding the funding for these projects and what steps needed to be taken to proceed with projects not started or placed on hold.

It was reported that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion was scheduled to begin on April 17, 2006.

The update on Wells 1 and 2 was reported on, and MCA stated that the project is scheduled for completion in May 2006. They also reported that a change order needed to be approved in order for the project to be completed. The approval of the change order was placed on the City Council Agenda for April 10, 2006.

The San Juan Pueblo Sewer Connection Project is on hold pending approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Pueblo.

Recently completed was the Pacheco/Lamb Water and Sewer project, completed November 3, 2005, paid for with GRT funds.

Also recently completed were the Subdivision Regulations, which were delivered to the City in December 2005. Councilor Lucero requested copies for the new administration. MCA reported that pending final review and/or changes by the City, the regulations could be adopted by Ordinance.

The Main Street Reconstruction Project was completed and accepted by NMDOT. MCA will provide the electronic files to the NMDOT upon receipt of payment from the City.

Projects placed on hold were the Drought Contingency Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and the Arsenic Abatement PER, which were presented to council on July 19, 2005. These items were placed on the agenda for the May 8, 2006 Council meeting. The Santa Clara Easement project is also on hold pending direction to MCA from the City.

The East Sanchez Street Sewer project to repair an existing sewer line was placed on hold pending an easement from the property owner, Gus Romero. The estimated cost is approximately \$80,000 to complete this project.

The El Llano Road Water Improvement project was placed on hold December 21, 2004; the design survey and the preliminary design are complete. The cost of this project is approximately \$450,000, to be paid with GRT funds.

The US 285/84 and NM 106 Water Improvement project to provide a loop to a dead-end line on NM 76 was placed on hold on December 21, 2004; the design survey and the preliminary design are complete. The cost of the project is approximately \$500,000.

The New City Hall project was requested to build a City Hall near the bond house. The project was put on hold pending review of funding. A draft program has been provided to the City for review.

### **Water Services Report**

Marvin Martinez addressed the Water Conservation Ordinance. He stated that there are several parts of the ordinance that are either unclear, need updating, or provide for “loop-holes” and suggested that a sub-committee be formed to address revision of the ordinance. Councilor Herrera suggested that Mr. Martinez work on a fee structure as part of the revision, and issues concerning fire protection and implementation and enforcement of fees and collection procedures be addressed as well. A sub-committee was created for this purpose.

Marvin Martinez also reported that though we had intentions of purchasing water from Agua Sana, we would no longer be able to because they are having arsenic contamination issues that are worse than ours, and we would essentially be further contaminating our water by supplementing it with theirs.

### **Wastewater Services Report**

Louis Lujan gave an update on the EPA Compliance Schedule, and Jeff Condrey reported that he would be in touch with Cindy Mohler from MCA regarding the grant money.

Louis Lujan addressed the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project. Mr. Lujan reported that the project was scheduled to begin April 17, 2006, scheduled to be completed about November 2007. Discussion was held regarding the impact to the surrounding residents, but beyond the initial mobilization of the equipment to begin, there should not be much disturbance to the community, Mr. Lujan indicated.

Councilor Lucero asked Mr. Lujan if there was anything to be done about the odor at the WWTP. Mr. Lujan indicated that a large factor in the matter was the weather, and indicated that they do take measures to prevent odor as much as possible.

**Councilor Herrera made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Lujan, the motion passed with a 3/0 vote.**

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED MAY 2, 2006.

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