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March 29, 2021

Public Utility Commission of Texas Filing Clerk P.O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Re:

CCN Application for Sale, Transfer, or Merger of a Retail Public Utility Monthly Status of Sale Report – March 2021 Madera Valley WSC, CCN No. 10240 Town of Pecos City, CCN No. 10945 Docket No. 50122 Reeves County, Texas

Dear Gentlemen:

Status Reports from January were missed due to COVID infections of key parties managing this agreement requiring quarantine of those individuals and their families for the month of January. Work started on the February 2021 update before the crippling freeze griped Texas and severely impacted the water systems of the parties involved. Activities related to this transfer will continue to be delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the crippling freeze.

To date the applicants have completed the following:

- 1. The Town of Pecos City has made Payment to the Madera Valley WSC as required by the contract.
- 2. Madrera Valley has collected the water service records of the accounts to be transferred.
- 3. The Town of Pecos City approved the contract for engineering services related to the construction of the improvements necessary for the transfer at their January 14, 2021 City Council Meeting. (Minutes Attached)
- 4. The Town of Pecos City has extended new water lines that are not connected to the Madera WSC system into the transfer area and is actively providing service to new customers.

Currently the engineering contract is being executed and soon plans will be prepared and sent to the TCEQ for review and approval. Existing Madera customers will not be transferred until the TCEQ approves the disconnection/interconnection plans and construction contracts are let.

Sincerely,

James Busby, P.E.

cc:

Mr. Seth Sorenson, Town of Pecos City Mr. Craig Huelster, Madera Valley WSC



DK.

The City Council of the Town of Pecos city met for the Regular City Council Meeting in Council Chambers 115 W. 3rd Street, Pecos, TX 79772 on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 5:30 PM with the following present:

Valerie Trujillo Member Arthur Orona Member Veronica Baca Member Conrad Saldana Member

Gerald Tellez Jr. Mayor Pro-Tem

David Flores Mayor

Item A. Call to Order

Item B. Invocation

Item C. Pledge of Allegiance

Item D. Public Comments

Kristen Irey, Deputy City Manager, announced the retirement of Mrs. Emma Alvarez and thanked her for her years of dedication to the Town of Pecos City. Mrs. Irey announced that the "Pecos Alerts" program would begin on Friday, January 15, 2021 and encourage all residents to enroll in the program to recieve that latest updates. Mrs. Irey stated to enroll residents can either call City Hall, 432-445-2421, or visit the City's website at pecostx.gov.

Syra Nichols, City Secretary, announced that she is actively accepting applications for a place on the ballot for the May 1, 2021 General Election. Applications will be accepted Monday-Friday from Wednesday, January 13th through Friday, February 12, 2021 for anyone interested in throwing their name in the hat for Council Seats 2.3 or 5.

Arthur Orona, Councilman Seat 4, asked that in spite of recent events across the county that residents be respectful of one another despite their political and religious views.

Conrado Saldana, Councilman Seat 1, supported Councilman Oronas statements and encouraged the community to be respectful.

Donnie McKinney, Environmental Services Director, stated that there are four (4) roll offs set out around town for residents to utilize for residential dumping. Mr. McKinney informed the Council that due to mechanical issues there is only one dump truck in use for the entire town and advised the Council that the new dump trucks will be delivered and in use mid-February.

David Flores, Mayor, asked that residents take COVID seriously and encouraged anyone willing to to

get vaccinated. Mr. Flores went on to assure the community that Pecos will bounce back from its current dip in sales tax revenue and will get back on track to progressing forward.

D.1 Employee Retirement Recognition - Kristen Irey, Deputy City Manager

Item E. Consent Agenda

On motion by Gerald Tellez Jr. and seconded by Conrad Saldana, the council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

- E.1 Approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting
- E.2 Approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 P4BEDC Board Meeting
- **E.3** Approve the Expenditure Report
- **E.4** Approve the PD Call Report

Item F. Non-Consent

F.1 **UPDATE Pecos Legislative Agenda Update - Roland Gutierrez, State Senator** – Roland Gutierrez, State Senator, advised the Council that he would like to remain transparent with the community and plans on attending meetings quarterly for updates from the State. Senator Gutierrez did state that COVID vaccines would be given out to communities very soon and encouraged vaccines get pushed out as fast as possible to show that there is a need for the vaccinations for continued supply.

Senator Gutierrez went on to state a new bill was presented to no longer allow entities to hire lobbyist to represent them at the Capital. Mr. Gutierrez went on to encourage Council and staff to voice their concerns to legislation before they make a decision on the bill. There was also a bill presented to allow money generated in communities to go back to be utilized in those communities for development.

- F.2 PROCLAMATION Proclaiming January 2021 School Board Recognition Month David Flores, Mayor David Flores, Mayor, proclaimed January 2021 School Board Recognition Month and thanked Mr. Brent Jaco, PBT-ISD Superintendent, and the school board for their efforts for the Pecos Community and its students. No action taken.
- F.3 PRESENTATION 4th Quarter Pecos Economic Development Corporation Activity Ken Winkles, PEDC Director Ken Winkles, P4BEDC Director, gave an update of all the activities and conversations that have taken place in his office in the 2020 4th Quarter. Mr. Winkles did mention that although activity is down 27% for the quarter, he has been busy

with the new Meadowbrook Subdivision and new retail projects. Mr. Winkles also advised the Council that he helped Reeves County to give out \$88,000 to eleven of the sixteen applicants for the COVID Business Relief Fund.

Mr. Winkles also advised the Council that the EDC has renewed their lease to utilize the test track as it continues to be actively used by multiple big and small brand companies. There is also a plan to develop a City park in the Meadowbrook Subdivision in the future.

No action taken.

- F.4 **UPDATE City Attorney activity report Rod Ponton, City Attorney** Rod Ponton, City Attorney, advised the Council that he has been actively working on the following projects on behalf of the community:
 - Electric Line Easements with Colgate Energy
 - Emergency Waterline Easements with First Keystone
 - Electric Line Easement with TNMP
 - Road Easements with Diamondback Energy
 - Ram Kunwar VS TOPC Court Case

No action taken.

- F.5 DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-01-01R a resolution to approve the Calculation of Employee Holiday Pay Kristen Irey, Deputy City Manager On motion by Arthur Orona and seconded by Conrad Saldana, the council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 21-01-01R.
- F.6 UPDATE/DISCUSSION Software module updates to Incode10- Charles Lino Finance
 Director Charles Lino, Finance Director, advised the Council that the Finance and Utilities
 Department are in the process of training to convert to the Incode 10 software. Mr. Lino
 assured the Council that the software change would be for the best interest of the organization
 for accountability. No action taken.
- F.7 UPDATE Utility Billing issues update Charles Lino, Finance Director Charles Lino, Finance Director, update the Council on the progress of the new Zenner meters and the billing incident that took place at the end of the 2020 year. Mr. Lino advised the Council that the ball was dropped and meter readings were not uploaded and bills were not sent out for the month of December- early January. Mr. Lino assured the Council that it has been taken care of and the Finance staff along with himself are currently being trained to ensure that the issue will never happen again. No action taken.

F.8 DISCUSS/CONSIDER ORDINANCE 21-01-01 an ordinance to create the Keep Pecos

Beautiful Advisory Board that will be known as the Pecos Perpetual Pride, 1st Reading

- Oscar Ornelas; Community Engagement Specialist

On motion by Arthur Orona and seconded by Gerald Tellez Jr., the council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 21-01-01, 1st Reading.

F.9 DISCUSS Review of bylaws for the Keep Pecos Beautiful Advisory Board also known as Pecos Perpetual Pride - Oscar Ornelas, Community Engagement Specialist - Oscar Ornelas, Community Engagement Specialist, asked that the Council review the bylaws and advise him of any possible changes they would like to make before he request approval on a final script. No action taken.

F.10 DISCUSS/CONSIDER RESOLUTION 21-01-02R a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Burgess & Niple, Inc. in the amount of \$ 30,000 for mapping, design, and construction oversight of Madera Valley-TOPC Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) transfer - Donnie McKinney, Environmental Services Director

On motion by Conrad Saldana and seconded by Valerie Trujillo, the council voted

unanimously to approve Resolution 21-01-02R.

F.11 DISCUSS/CONSIDER ORDINANCE 20-12-01 Adopting the 2020 Comprehensive Plan,

2nd Reading - Seth Sorensen, City Manager

On motion by Conrad Saldana and seconded by Valerie Trujillo, the council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 20-12-01, 2nd Reading.

F.12 DISCUSS/CONSIDER ORDINANCE 20-12-02 Creating a Private Use of Public Spaces

(PUPS) Policy, 2nd Reading - Seth Sorensen, City Manager

On motion by Conrad Saldana and seconded by Arthur Orona, the council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance 20-12-02, 2nd Reading.

Did not enter Executive Session.

Executive Session under Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071, 551.072 551.074, 551.087

- 1. Consultation with Attorney
- 2. Personnel Matters
- 3. Real Estate Negotiations
- 4. Economic Development

Open Executive Session under Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071, 551.072 551.074, 551.087

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No executive session.

Item G. Discuss Items for Next City Council Agenda – City Council

Item H. Adjournment

7:44 PM

David Flores, Mayor

Attest:

Syra Nichols, City Secretary

