

The City Council of the City of Trinidad, Colorado met in Special Session on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 following work session at 1:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall pursuant to the following call:

CITY OF TRINIDAD
TRINIDAD, COLORADO

SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trinidad, Colorado, on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall

The following items are on file for consideration of City Council:

- 1) Public hearing for consideration of an ordinance repealing and re-enacting § 12-12 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Trinidad, Colorado, for the purpose of restructuring rates for electric service, power, and energy
 - a) Second reading of an ordinance repealing and re-enacting § 12-12 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Trinidad, Colorado, for the purpose of restructuring rates for electric service, power, and energy

The meeting was called to order at 3:25 p.m.

Roll call was taken.

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| There were present: | Mayor | Baca Gonzalez, presiding |
| | Councilmembers | Bolton, Bonato, Mattie, Miles, Shew, Velasquez |
| Also present: | Acting City Manager | Acre |
| | City Attorney | Downs |
| | City Clerk | Garrett |

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Public hearing for consideration of an ordinance repealing and re-enacting § 12-12 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Trinidad, Colorado, for the purpose of restructuring rates for electric service, power, and energy. Mayor Baca Gonzalez reminded Council that first reading was held at a special meeting on January 8, 2013. She declared the public hearing opened and called for comments from the audience. There were none. Acting City Manager Acre pointed to the cover memo he provided. He explained that between first reading and this meeting for second reading he had a couple of people, Rose Blatnik and former Power & Light Superintendent Dave Brunelli, check the mathematical calculations. He said they did find that there had been an error in the calculations and it has been corrected. He said he asked Phil Euler to attend today's meeting however he was unavailable. He said with the revised rates in the ordinance before Council, Ms. Blatnik is comfortable that they will cover all of the City's costs. He explained that the difference between the original rates and the ones being considered on second reading yield a 1.6% reduction instead of a 1.7% reduction in the Residential Rate Class and a 2.2% reduction versus a 1.9% reduction in the General Service Class. His understanding is that what Mr. Euler is trying to do is slowly bring the rates to where they are covering their cost of service. The residential rates have been subsidized by some of the other rates in the past and we are trying to balance that out. An example of trying to cover our cost is the customer service rate going from \$8.50 to \$9.00. The slight increase in the base cost is slowly getting the rates to where they should be. Mr. Euler says the City's cost is really about \$10.50. This should create a balance slowly over time rather than all at once. There being no further comments the hearing was closed.

Second reading of an ordinance repealing and re-enacting § 12-12 of Article 2 of Chapter 12 of the Code of the City of Trinidad, Colorado, for the purpose of restructuring rates for electric service, power, and energy. The ordinance title was read aloud. A motion to approve the ordinance on second reading was made by Councilmember Shew and seconded by Councilmember Velasquez. Roll call was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 1935

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND RE-ENACTING § 12-12 OF ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TRINIDAD, COLORADO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESTRUCTURING RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE, POWER, AND ENERGY

There being no further business, Councilmember Shew moved to adjourn the special meeting and Councilmember Velasquez seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote and the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

BERNADETTE BACA GONZALEZ,
Mayor

AUDRA GARRETT, City Clerk