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GCET BOC Minutes December 10, 2024

Meeting Called to Order: 6:06pm
Location: GCET Conference Room & Hybrid
Present at 324 Main: Tim Farrell, David Russell, Jen Stromsten, Pamela Goodwin
Also Present: Mayor Desorgher, Finance Director Nembirkow, John Lunt, William St. Denis, Fern Smith

Topics

- Mayor reviewed her meeting with DOR
 - DOR indicated to the Mayor that they wanted to see all Enterprise Funds including GCET to raise rates to increase revenue
 - Mayor and Finance Director left for another meeting
- Minutes reviewed and unanimously accepted at 6:22pm
- Public Comment opened at 6:22pm
 - No Speakers
- New Business
 - Rate Increase discussion
 - Planned increase of 7%
 - Will start on 1/1/2025
 - TV rate dependent on content. GM says he expects content costs to rise significantly
 - Commissioner Stromsten suggested instituting 2% rate increase per year
 - Predictable
 - Commissioner Farrell asked how other MLPs handle increases
 - Commissioner Goodwin expressed interest in a 3 to 5 year budget plan
 - Commissioner Farrell says DR generally recommends a 4% earnings retention for Water and Sewer, same for GCET?
- Old Business
 - North Build
 - Comcast has begun work
 - IFB responses received and under review
 - GAP Grant update
 - First monthly meeting with MBI
 - Setting up reporting systems

- Commissioner Stromsten reminded everyone that reporting for grants is extensive and complex
- Residential Retrofit Update
 - Engineering and Design phase is complete
 - Operations Manager expressed concern that the City no longer has a dedicated Procurement Officer
 - Grant will require additional procurement work
 - Commissioner Goodwin asked GM to come to the Weldon to meet with residents
 - GM needs to talk to Schochet first, but can come after that
 - Commissioner Stromsten suggested meeting with the Weldon residents every 90 days.
- Next meeting Date set for 1/14/25 at GCET Conference Room 6pm.
 - Setting dates of 2nd Tuesday of the month at GCET 6pm for future meetings pending availability

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Stromsten, Seconded by Commissioner Farrell. – Vote in favor was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm