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Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Members of Torrey Town Council held a Public Hearing regarding the Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax; on **Wednesday the 06th day of March 2024** at 6:30 pm at the Torrey Town Office located at 75 E 100 No. Note the agenda may be accelerated or line items may be discussed in any order. The agenda was be as follows:

Welcome, Mayor Mickey Wright, 6:30PM

The public hearing opened at 6:30PM

Agenda:

Public Hearing for the Municipal Energy Sales and Use Tax:

1. Transportation Tax
2. Energy Tax
3. Telecommunication Tax

Mayor Wright began by explaining the taxes being proposed and the uses for each tax.

Mayor Wright mentioned that he is in conversation with the Utah Division of Transportation regarding the safety concerns that have been observed along highway 24. Torrey is asking for a reduced or variable speed limit and pedestrian flashing lights on Highway 24 going through Torrey during the tourist season from April 1st to Thanksgiving.

Brock Jackson explained that the Telecommunications tax and the municipal Energy tax are often referred to as franchise taxes for utilities using the town right of way. The highway tax is called a transportation tax but is levied as a sales and use tax up to .3% on transactions. This tax must be used for transportation and street related expenditures. All three taxes are used to manage the town and provide services.

Public Comment:

Pat Kearney asked where or if the public will see these taxes. Mayor Wright explained that Garkane and South-Central will collect the sales tax and they will appropriate .3% back to Torrey. It could potentially be shown as a larger amount of sales tax from those entities if they choose to pass it through. Bicknell and Lyman have already passed the taxes.

Brock added that the highway tax would be passed to consumers as a sales tax on sales and service transactions. If the Town were to pass these taxes Torrey will notify the Utah Tax

Commission and the Tax Commission would then collect the funds and distribute the appropriate amount back to Torrey.

Public asked, "Does it cover room rate/sales tax?" Pat explained that the transient room tax is a separate tax according to our materials received from Utah. Discussion continued regarding sales tax for hotel rooms.

No further public comments.

Pat Kearney made a motion that we close the Public Hearing at 6:53PM. Pearl Thorndal-Stewart seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.