

CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Burbridge called the Meeting to order at 6:03 pm at the Aztec City Commission Room, City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec, NM.

II. INVOCATION

The Invocation was lead by City Attorney Larry Thrower

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Austin Randall

IV. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Sally Burbridge; Commissioner Austin Randall; Commissioner Katee McClure Mayor Pro-Tem Sherri Sipe; Commissioner Sheri Rogers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Joshua Ray; City Attorney Larry Thrower; City Clerk Karla Sayler; Project Manager Ed Kotyk (see attendance sheet)

V. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOVED by Commissioner Randall, SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Sipe to Approve the Agenda as Presented

All Voted Aye; Motion Passed Five to Zero

VI. CITIZEN RECOGNITION

None

VII. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Josh recognized the City team that is working on the Arterial project, Bill Watson, Kathy Lamb, Steven Saavadra and Larry Thrower for the work to meet the expectations of New Mexico Department of Transportation. Josh mentioned that without this team it would not be possible to get the arterial to fruition.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Sipe, SECONDED by Commissioner Randall to Approve the Consent Agenda

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes July 25, 2017
- B. Council of Governments Agreement

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

IX. ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

X. CITIZENS INPUT

None

XI. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2017-462 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3 Section 16-181 Electric Rates

Josh mentioned that tonight there are four items being presented to commission on four different utilities. He mentioned that this item is for electric rates. Delain George, Utility Director presented commission with a generic bill on what the proposed rates would look like for all utilities. There were questions on rates and wattage usage on all utility proposals. There was review of staff summaries and questions asked to staff which was summarized for commission. Data sheets were reviewed by commission and staff that were presented by Finance Director Kathy Lamb. The credit that customers have been receiving on electric for the past months will go away once these ordinances are approved. Mayor Burbridge mentioned that there is the question of do they still continue to subsidize water and waste water at the cost of electric utilities or do they take a more aggressive move and take them apart and make them each more self sustaining. She feels that it is something that commission has struggled with to give clear direction to staff and as appealing as it might sound to keep that extra power cost adjustment in there and not raise the other rates then the city is still subsidizing those other utilities and the city is not making a move to make them stand on their own and mentioned that herself she is not in favor of that. The outcome was that rates for water will see an increase of about \$5.65 per

month and waste water rates will increase by \$11.45 per month and solid waste will increase by \$2.45 per month. Electric rates should go down. Total utility bills can see an increase of \$20 to \$25 per month. The Mayor mentioned that the reason for utility increases are so that utility systems don't fail and people are without services and mentioned that it is a real concern if you don't properly maintain for and fund that maintenance and upkeep and sometimes expansion. She mentioned that there is a legitimate reason for the increases so that the city continues to provide good service to the citizens of the city.

MOVED by Commissioner Rogers, SECONDED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2017-462 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3 Section 16-181 Electric Rates

A Roll Call Was Taken: All Voted Aye; Motion Passed Five to Zero

B. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2017-463 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-201 Water Rates

MOVED by Commissioner Randall, SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Sipe to Approve Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2017-463 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3 Section 16-201 Water Rates

A Roll Call Was Taken: All Voted Aye; Motion Passed Five to Zero

C. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2017-464 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-191 WasteWater Rates

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Sipe, SECONDED by Commissioner Randall To Approve Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2017-464 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-191 WasteWater Rates

A Roll Call Was Taken: All Voted Aye; Motion Passed Five to Zero

D. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2017-465 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste Rates Including Recycling Center Operations

The discussion on recycling was determined that the city will continue to operate the recycle center as is for now and not add curbside recycling.

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Sipe, SECONDED by Commissioner Rogers to Approve Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2017-465 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste Rates Including Recycle Center Operation \$2.00 Per Month

effective January 2018 and Recycling Center Transition single stream at .35 cents per month effective January 2018

A Roll Call Was Taken; Motion Passed Five to Zero

XII. CITY MANAGER/COMMISSIONERS/ATTORNEY REPORTS

Josh mentioned that Aztec Municipal Schools is on board for Solar Rates.

Mayor Burbridge attended the Legislative Finance Committee Meeting held at San Juan College. She mentioned that on the agenda was the topic of the closing of the San Juan Generating Station and Coal Mine and the economic impacts it will have.

Mayor Pro-Tem Sipe thanked the Chief Heal, Sherri Gurule and the Police Department for another great National Night Out event. She mentioned that she attended a MPO meeting and it was mentioned that the Navajo Dam road has been taken off of the schedule for repairs due to not being a safety project. She mentioned that she will be attending the San Juan County night at Connie Mack on August 2, 2017. Mayor Pro-Tem read a message on Freedom.

Commissioner Rogers mentioned she attended the EDAB meeting. She thanked PD for the NNO event.

Commissioner Randall attended Lodgers Tax Meeting and mentioned that Highland Games have a funding request in. He mentioned how it's nice that the parks get used for so many different events and how busy they are. Commissioner Randall mentioned how awesome NNO event is.

Commissioner McClure thanked the PD for the NNO event as well. She thanked Steven Saavedra for helping with the donut contest and handing out t-shirts. She mentioned that the turn out seemed to be at least 1500 people.

Larry mentioned that he attended the Employee picnic.

XIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Heal thanked commission and staff and his employees and all the volunteers for the help at the NNO event.

XIV. CLOSED SESSION

Commission all voted aye and went into closed session pursuant to state law, section 10-15-1H (2) limited personnel matters, City Manager Evaluation at 6:57pm. Commission came out of closed session at 7:50pm with all voting aye and stating no

other items were discussed but limited personnel matters per state law section 10-15-1H(2) City Manager Evaluation.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

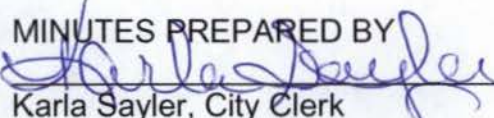
Moved by Mayor Burbridge, SECONDED by Commissioner Pro-Tem Sipe to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.



Mayor, Sally Burbridge

ATTEST:


Karla Saylor, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY


Karla Saylor, City Clerk

