

CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
April 24, 2018

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Victor Snover called the Meeting to order at 6:02 pm at the Aztec City Commission Room, City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec, NM.

**II. INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Erin Treat, Durango Dharma Center

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Zach Pettijohn

**IV. NEW MEXICO PLEDGE**

The New Mexico Pledge was led by Zach Pettijohn

**V. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor Victor Snover; Mayor Pro-Tem Rosalyn Fry; Commissioner Austin Randall; Commissioner Mark Lewis

Members Absent: Commissioner Sherri Sipe

Others Present: City Attorney Larry Thrower; Administrative Assistant Sherlynn Morgan; Project Manager Ed Kotyk (see attendance sheet)

**VI. AGENDA APPROVAL**

MOVED by Commissioner Lewis to Approve the Agenda as given, SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry

All voted Aye: Motion passed four to zero

**VII. PRESENTATION**

**A. Boys and Girls Club Annual Report**

Mike Patch presented the annual report for the Boys and Girls Club. He mentioned that the Aztec Boys and Girls Club has been serving this Community for 45 years. He explained that their mission is to inspire and enable all youth. Last year they

served 421 members and 981 other children in the community. He mentioned that NM is ranked 49<sup>th</sup> in the overall wellbeing of children and 50<sup>th</sup> in education. He reported that 2 years ago San Juan County was named the fastest shrinking economy in the country by Wall Street 24/7 and last year they named us the 2<sup>nd</sup> worst place to raise children in the country. Mr. Patch explained that there is a real need here and the Boys and Girls Club helps combat that need with a summer reading program, offering homework help and other programs. They offer a safe supportive environment. Mr. Patch said that they appreciate all the help the City gives them every year and they are always looking for ways to improve.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry asked if they had ever done a gardening project. She felt like the children would benefit from growing their own foods. She also asked about the grants and the frustrations with corporations only funding Farmington. Mike explained that they have done a gardening project in the past and they would like to do it again. He also explained that the big box stores like to donate to the community where they are located. Mike explained that the partnership with the 3 clubs is working well and they earned \$5000 from the Mayor's Ball this year.

#### **VIII. CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

Community Development Director Steven Saavadra recognized McDonalds and presented them with a Spirit Award.

#### **IX. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Community Development Director Steven Saavadra recognized Bob Carman as the City Code Compliance Officer and thanked him for his service.

Interim City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned that Commissioner Sipe wanted him to recognize Public Works Street Sweeper Guy Mylan for going above and beyond.

#### **X. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes April 10, 2018
- B. Approval of Mayor's Signature on City Letterhead in Recognition of Military Enlistments
- C. Bid #2018-649 Reservoir #1 Rehabilitation Award
- D. FY19 Municipal Fire Protection Fund Distribution Application

MOVED by Commissioner Randall, SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry to Approve the Consent Agenda as given

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

#### **XI. ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**



None

## **XII. CITIZENS INPUT (3 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

Zack Pettijohn thanked the Commission for taking on the task of being Commissioners. He feels that the City is moving forward and that it looks good and moving in the right direction. He loves Aztec. As an educator he encouraged them to ask the tough questions.

## **XIII. BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2018-470 Amending Chapter 5 Animals**

Tina Roper Animal Shelter Director mentioned that she had a typo. She has had no comments from the public.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve the Final Adoption of Ordinance 2018-470 as amended Amending Chapter 5 - Animals, SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis

A Roll Call Vote was taken  
All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

### **B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2018-471 Amending Chapter 16, Article V. Animal Fees**

Tina Roper Animal Shelter Director mentioned that she has had no comments.

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry to Approve the Final Adoption of Ordinance 2018-471 Amending Chapter 16, Article V. Animal Fees, SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call Vote was taken  
All Voted Aye; Motion Passed Four to Zero

### **C. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2018-472 Amending Section 1-12-2-3 Specific Penalty Schedule for animal Fines**

Tina Roper Animal Shelter Director mentioned that she has had no comments.

MOVED by Commissioner Lewis to Approve the Final Adoption of Ordinance 2018-472 Amending Section 1-12-2-3 Specific Penalty Schedule for Animal Fines, SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry.

A Roll Call Vote was taken  
All Voted Aye; Motion Passed Four to Zero

#### **XIV. LAND USE HEARING**

Mayor Snover read the land use script for the following land use items and asked if there were any challenges, conflicts of interest or ex-parte communications there were none. He swore all participants in and proceeded to the hearing.

- A. VAR 18-01 A Variance to Exceed the Height Requirements of 12-Feet for the Storage of a Recreational Vehicle Carport and to Build an Accessory Structure in a Vacant Lot Abutting Residence at 421 Animas Street, Aztec, NM

Steven Saavadra Community Development Director summarized the staff summary. He explained that when they did some research most RV's are taller than 12 ft. he also mentioned that there are several structures around town that were either permitted without checking the restrictions or were placed illegally. Mayor Snover asked if maybe the Ordinance needs to be looked at and Steven said that it should be reviewed to make sure we have consistency.

Daniel Lawson asked for the variance in order to protect his investment and to improve the line of traffic.

Mayor Snover closed the hearing to testimony.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Petition VAR 18-01, a request from Daniel Lawson, for a variance to exceed the height requirements of 12-feet for the storage of a recreational vehicle carport and to build an accessory structure in a vacant lot abutting residence at 421 Animas Street, Aztec, NM, Tax ID# R0001200 and accepting findings of fact 1-6, SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis.

A Roll Call Vote was taken;  
All Voted Aye; Motion Passed Four to Zero

#### **XV. CITY MANAGER/COMMISSIONERS/ATTORNEY REPORTS**

Interim City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned that he attended the COG meeting last week and they are closer to an Agreement with the City of Farmington to become the umbrella of the MPO and they would then have an office in a City of



Farmington building. He mentioned that there would be a drought prep workshop on May 15<sup>th</sup> at Magee Park.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry mentioned that she had attended the Four Corners Damage Prevention meeting.

Commissioner Lewis reported that he attended a meeting with representative with FEMA out of Albuquerque and they were discussing the new system to discern and fine tune the flood plain zones and this could be beneficial to citizens.

Mayor Snover mentioned he attended and enjoyed Chiefs Coffee. He attended the San Juan Safe Schools Task Force. He also visited ECHO Preschool here in town and he really enjoyed it and had a great time, he wished he would have gone sooner. Mayor Snover also mentioned that his wife works at StarBucks and they are helping out with food donations to ECHO food bank. He will be hosting a Meet the Mayor on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Commission Room and everyone is invited.

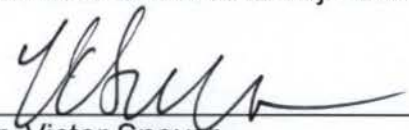
## XVI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Heal reported that Chiefs Coffee had a good turn out with parents and students, they had great ideas. He mentioned that he has a meeting with the Senator Heinrich on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Aztec Police Department.

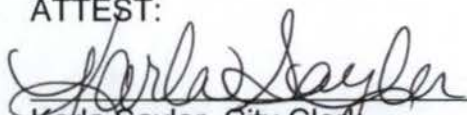
Electric Director Ken George mentioned the Employee Association Potluck on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## XVII. ADJOURNMENT

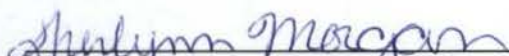
Moved by Mayor Snover, SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Victor Snover

ATTEST:

  
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Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

  
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Sherlynn Morgan, Administrative Assistant



COMMISSION

Meeting

ATTENDANCE SHEET

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NAME	Address or Affiliation
Mike Patch	311 S. Ash
Carlton Arce	COA
Hannah Grover	Daily Times
Ken George	706 French Drive Aztec
Tina Roper	COA
Delany Lopez	COA
Mike Hall	COA