

CITY OF AZTEC
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
January 29, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Snover called the Workshop to order at 6:00 pm at the Aztec City Commission Room, City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec, NM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Victor Snover; Mayor Pro-Tem Fry; Commissioner Sherri Sipe; Commissioner, Mark Lewis; Commissioner Randall

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Steve Mueller; Finance Director Kathy Lamb; Project Manager Ed Kotyk; City Clerk Karla Sayler

A. RFP 2019-672 Municipal Solid Waste Services Award to Waste Management of New Mexico Agreement Discussion


Mayor Snover mentioned that this was a discussion only and no action will be taken on this item. Finance Director Kathy Lamb explained that the new contract will begin on March 1, 2019 with Waste Management of New Mexico. The first bill to the City will be in April for March services. This contract will replace the old contract with Transit Waste and will be for four years with the city having the option to renew at that time. Kathy mentioned recycling because the proposal did ask for curb side recycling. Dan Darnell with Waste Management explained that they can start curbside at any point it does not have to be effective immediately.

Mayor Snover asked how much room they had to change the frequency for adding curb side and trash pickup because curb side is something people expect. Commissioner Randall mentioned that he wanted the best trash service and deal for the citizens. Dan Darnell mentioned that trash service has to be provided at a minimum of once a week according to state statute and he recommended recycling every other week. He also mentioned that the citizens of Aztec would be able to use the landfill up to 6 times a year at no charge. Mayor Snover mentioned that since we are starting a new contract we should do both trash and recycle. Mayor Snover said the added convenience of curbside recycling may be enough to spur recycling within the city. Commissioner Sipe mentioned that it would be an additional cost to do both, she is not against recycling but worried about doing it now because of increases in GRT and utility rates. She feels that the area is facing economic uncertainties with the planned closure of the San Juan Generating Station and its associated San Juan Mine. She is concerned that residents on fixed incomes may struggle to pay their bills if curbside recycling is added. City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned that if we go to curb side then we need to transition away from the single stream down at the general services yard. Steve Mueller explained that they will need to have a decision about this at the

next commission meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Fry mentioned that she is interested in recycling but she hates to see this increase all at once. Delain George mentioned that just for thought that this doubles the amount of carts in the street on pickup day. Dan Darnell explained that they can do a campaign and see if residents want recycle. Mayor Snover mentioned that we have to start somewhere even if we only do recycling once a month. Dan Darnell will get numbers on recycling for commission to review before they make a decision.


II. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Snover to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.



Mayor, Victor C. Snover

ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Sherlynn Morgan, Administrative Assistant

