

CITY OF AZTEC
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Snover called the Workshop to order at 5:18 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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Randall

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Steve Mueller; Finance Director Kathy Lamb; City Attorney Nicci Unsicker; Community Development Director Steven Saavedra; Project Manager Ed Kotyk; City Clerk Karla Sayler; see attached sign in sheet

A. Discussion of Animal Control/Community Development Ordinances

City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned that staff has had discussion over animal ordinances. He introduced Tina Roper Animal Shelter Director and Steven Saavedra Community Development Director.

Steve mentioned that there will be discussion on dogs riding in the back of a truck and how the ordinances will need to be changed. Tina mentioned that she does not have the authority to pull people over to give citations so this is not an ordinance she can enforce. Chief Heal mentioned that this will be something that will have to be done through the police department and will need to be added to the police ordinance. Commissioner Sipe stated that we live in a rural area and is not in favor of this to become an ordinance. Citizen Diana Mesch mentioned that she thinks the police department needs to focus on more important things than dogs in the back of the truck.

There was discussion on adequate protection for dogs and cats in certain types of weather. Tina feels this will be hard to regulate and enforce, it will be up to people to call in, and that this can possibly be added under the inhumane treatment of the animal ordinance. She mentioned that the Animal Shelter does welfare checks anytime they get a call about inhumane treatment of an animal.

There was discussion on Chickens, Ducks and Turkeys and the zoning, right now you can only have chickens in an area that is zoned for chickens and it does not specify

a female chicken or rooster. Steven mentioned that he can work with Commission on coming up with a set of rules for the ordinance and zoning and that these ordinances will be revisited at a later date.

II. ADJOURNMENT


Moved by Mayor Snover to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.





Mayor, Victor C. Snover

ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Sherlynn Morgan, Administrative Assistant

