

CITY OF AZTEC
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 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; Commissioner Austin Randall

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Steve Mueller; Finance Director Kathy Lamb; City Attorney Nicci Unsicker; David Fosdeck; Eli Pavlik; Project Manager Ed Kotyk; City Clerk Karla Saylor; see attached sign in sheet

A. Discussion on Solar Fees

- The Mayor opened the workshop with introductions. He mentioned that he spoke with Steve Mueller and Ken George on solar fees. Mayor Snover said that the purpose for having the workshop is to clear up some confusion. Ken George explained that we hired a firm to look at all of our utilities and they figured out what they cost to run and they helped us set rates for the utilities. With the solar rates we didn't have a rate therefore they gave us a recommendation of a fee and that is what we went with.
- Non Solar Customer base is \$21.25 plus the additional based on how much you use
- Solar Customer base is \$38 because they want access to the system in case they need power, plus what is used
- We have currently 3 residential and 2 commercial users that are on solar
- David Fosdeck explained the future of electric utilities is going to be different and feels that the service study we had done undervalues solar.
- The idea behind the fee is to prevent non solar customers from having to pay for system maintenance and operations.

- David Fosdeck and Eli Pavlik with Solar Barn Raising feel the \$38 dollars is excessive
- Electric Director Ken George explained that Aztec is pro-solar, and that the City implemented and installed our own solar farm before other utilities.
- Solar customers who do not wish to pay the fee have the option of going off the grid and using battery storage

II. ADJOURNMENT

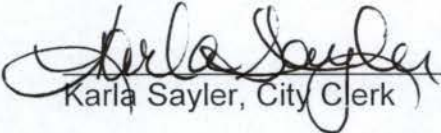
Moved by Mayor Snover to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.





Mayor, Victor C. Snover

ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Sherlynn Morgan, Administrative Assistant



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ATTENDANCE SHEET

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