

CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
March 10, 2020

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Snover called the Meeting to order at 6:01 pm at the Aztec City Commission Room, City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec, NM.

**II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. Invocation (led by Commissioner Sipe)
- B. United States Pledge of Allegiance (led by Commissioner Randall)
- C. New Mexico pledge of Allegiance (led by Commissioner Randall)

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Steve Mueller; City Attorney Tyson Gobble;  
Project Manager Ed Kotyk; Admin. Assist. Sherlynn Morgan  
(see attendance sheet)

**IV. PROCLAMATION**

Census Week 2020 Person Counts

Mayor Snover read the proclamation.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

MOVED by Commissioner Lewis to approve the agenda as given; SECONDED  
by Commissioner Randall

All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes February 25, 2020
- B. Law Enforcement Protection Fund Grant
- C. Solid Waste Collection Services Agreement Amendment One

D. FY20 Youth Conservation Corps Service Agreement

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

All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero

**VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

NONE

**VIII. PRESENTATIONS**

Kyle Lincoln – Citizen Recognition:

Chief Heal introduced Mr. Lincoln and explained that the AED machine was needed over at MVD for a customer that was down. Chief Heal explained that Kyle had the person on the ground with his airway open and had done some chest compressions and because of his actions we have the Aztec citizen still with us. Chief Heal presented Kyle Lincoln with a Life Saving Award from the Police Department.

San Juan County CASA – Amy O'Neill:

Amy O'Neill the Program Director for the San Juan County CASA program mentioned that they are recruiting for a training program. She explained that a trained volunteer is a person who advocates for a child in foster care to get to a safe and permanent home. This program was started in Seattle Washington in the 70's. It is now in all 50 states. It was started by our Chief Judge Karen Townsend when she was on the board of Directors for Child Haven in 1998. The CASA volunteer gives the child a voice in all aspects of their care.

**IX. CITIZENS INPUT (3 Minutes Maximum)**

NONE

**X. BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-500 Amending Chapter 16, Section 16-211  
Solid Waste

City Manager Steve Mueller explained that the intent to adopt was done on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He explained that we have had a few comments from social media and phone contacts. They were opposed to closing the recycle station at the General Services yard, and others wanted more than 1 time a month pick up.

MOVED by Commissioner Sipe to Approve Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-500 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis

A Roll Call was taken; All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero

B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-501 Amending Chapter 2-Administration, Division 6 Municipal Judge

City Manager Steve Mueller explained that this is to clarify language that might have been unclear as to when the change would occur. We have not received any comments.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-501 Amending Chapter 2-Administration, Division 6 Municipal Judge SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry

A Roll Call was taken; All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero

C. FY 20 Funding Request Four Corners Economic Development (4CED)

City Manager Steve Mueller explained that in the fall we received a request from 4CED semi-annually, making it \$20,000 for the year. This was brought before Commission in the fall with a request of \$10,000 and Commission approved \$2500. We just received the new request for \$10,000 so we need Commission to make a decision on how much they would like to approve for 4CED for the remained of the year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry recommended that they approve \$7500. Commissioner Sipe appreciated the presentation at the last meeting it answered a lot of questions. She feels that it is important to keep a connection with 4CED and she agrees with Mayor Pro-Tem with the \$7500. Commissioner Randall liked the presentation and the idea of uniting everyone and thinks the \$7500 is fair. Commissioner Lewis also liked the idea of keeping at \$10,000 for the year. Mayor Snover mentioned that he is not opposed to the \$7500. He does have concerns, there is not an agreement between 4CED and the City and they just receive an invoice expecting a certain amount.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve FY 20 Funding Request Four Corners Economic Development (4CED) in the amount of \$7500 SECONDED by Commissioner Sipe

A Roll Call was taken; All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero

#### D. Aztec Chamber of Commerce Funding Request

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry recused herself. Commissioner Fry did the presentation and funding request for the Chamber. She explained how they decided to do the piano project. This is popular across the country, it combines art and music and invites people to play the piano. They will have 4 pianos in Aztec. This does have expenses. They have several people who are excited to paint pianos. They will be located at the plaza, 550, the little flower shop, boys and girls club. They will be out between May and October so waterproof covers need to be purchased to protect these pianos. They will need money for tuning, shade structures and other things as well. Sandy Waybourne said they were excited to see how this goes.

MOVED by Commissioner Lewis to Approve Aztec Chamber of Commerce Funding Request in the amount of \$2700 and request that a project report be provided to the City by November 2020 SECONDED by Commissioner Sipe

A Roll Call was taken; All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero

#### XI. QUASI JUDICIAL HEARINGS (Land Use)

NONE

#### XII. COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Manager Steve Mueller gave a shout out to Karla, Louisa and Sherlynn for the hard work during voting. He also mentioned that we would have a special meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup> to swear in our new Commissioner and say farewell to our outgoing Commissioner. He mentioned that Tina Roper has her rescue trailer out in the parking lot if anyone wants to check it out.

City Attorney Tyson Gobble mentioned that he wanted to echo what Mr. Mueller said about the voting, he was also impressed with the turn out that we had. He congratulated the winners, and he mentioned that he is working on the Sunday alcohol sales. He attended the Mayor's Ball and it was a wonderful event for a good cause. He mentioned that the Mayor did a good job representing the City of Aztec with his opening comments. He mentioned that he is a guardian for the child abuse and neglect courts and he encouraged people to become CASA volunteer.

Commissioner Lewis mentioned he attended the San Juan Water Commission meeting last week. They approved the budget it is \$24,000 less than last year. Very little snow pack, they will not be pumping into Lake Nighthorse this year.

Commissioner Sipe mentioned that sees quite a few cars at the Tiger Pond. Thanked everyone who ran for election and for the voter turnout. She congratulated the

winners. She has EDAB next Thursday and the district meeting is in Gallup on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

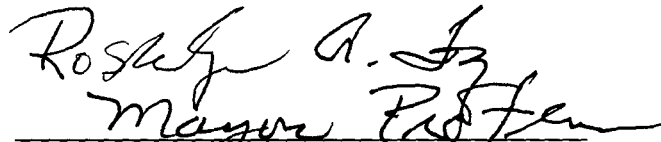
Commissioner Randall mentioned he attended the Mayor's Ball it was a lot of fun. He felt that the election had a great turn out, he appreciates all the support. He mentioned that Tiger Park and Riverside Park have been stocked with trout.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry also attended the Mayors Ball. She attended the San Juan County Partnerships Finance meeting this week. She went to the Chamber meeting this morning and is impressed with all the things they are trying to get started.

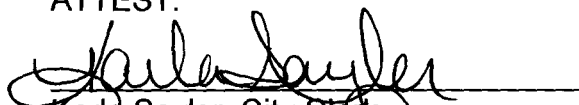
Mayor Snover mentioned he attended the Mayor's Ball and he thanked Mr. Gobble for his kind words. He said it is always a pleasure and honor to represent the City. He congratulated the winners of the election. He will be out of town on the 24<sup>th</sup> so Mayor Pro-Tem will be running the meeting. He reminded people that Spring break will be next week. NMML organized a conference call with NM Department of Health and there are still no cases of Covid-19 in NM and we have started to receive testing kits for around the state.

### XIII. ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Snover moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm SECONDED by  
Commissioner Sipe

  
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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