

CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
May 26, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Snover called the Meeting to order at 6:00 pm

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: (Members on web call) Mayor Snover; Mayor Pro-Tem Fry; Commissioner Austin Randall; Commissioner Mark Lewis; Commissioner Mike Padilla (In Person)

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Steve Mueller; City Attorney Tyson Gobble (virtual); City Clerk Karla Sayler (see attendance sheet)

IV. PROCLAMATION

NONE

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to approve the agenda as given with the exception of business item (G); SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis

A roll call was taken; All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes May 12, 2020
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes May 12, 2010
- C. Letter of Support for Northern Area Local Workforce Development Board
- D. City Clerk Record Destruction
- E. Resolution 2020-1187: Emergency Ban on Open Fires and Fireworks

Commissioner Padilla had a correction to the minutes from last meeting in his report section to change Naval Academy to any Academy.

MOVED by Commissioner Lewis to Approve the Consent Agenda as given with the corrections to the minutes SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry

A roll call was taken; All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero

VII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

None

VIII. CITIZENS INPUT (3 Minutes Maximum)

NONE

IX. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-502: Amending the Municipal Code of Aztec, New Mexico, Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverage

City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned that this refers to the Sunday Alcohol sales that was approved by the citizens at the March Election. He explained the chapter 4 relates directly to state statutes chapter 60, we will have a link in our code directly to the state statute so any future amendments by the state legislature would automatically be incorporated into our code. We have received no comments regarding this ordinance.

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry to Approve Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-502: Amending the Municipal Code of Aztec, New Mexico, Chapter 4, Alcoholic Beverage SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis

A Roll Call was taken all voted Aye; Motion passes 5 to 0

B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-503: Amending the Municipal Code of Aztec, New Mexico, Chapter 1, Section 12-2-2 Alcohol in Reference to Chapter 4

City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned that this refers to chapter 4 and it updates the fine schedule and we have not had any comment on this ordinance.

MOVED by Commissioner Lewis to Approve Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-503: Amending the Municipal Code of Aztec, New Mexico, Chapter 1, Section 12-2-2 Alcohol in reference to Chapter 4 SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was taken all voted Aye; Motion passes 5 to 0

C. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-504: Amending the Municipal Code of

Aztec, New Mexico, Chapter 16, to Establish Article XII Fee Schedule for Liquor License Fees

City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned that this refers to the fees that are in Chapter 16 which the City collects for the appropriate liquor license and to date we have not had any comment on this ordinance.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Final Adoption of Ordinance 2020-504: Amending the Municipal Code of Aztec, New Mexico, Chapter 16, to establish Article XII Fee Schedule for Liquor License Fees SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry

A Roll Call was taken all voted Aye; Motion passes 5 to 0

D. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2020-505: Amending Chapter 19 - Public Library

City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned that this refers to chapter 19 referring to the public library, and after a recent review by our Library Director, she wanted to make the changes mentioned.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2020-505: Amending Chapter 19 – Public Library SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis

A Roll Call was taken all voted Aye; Motion passes 5 to 0

E. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2020-506: Amending Chapter 16 - Fee Schedule

City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned that this refers to chapter 16 was looked at by the Library Director and she recommended changes and this is what the intent to adopt is referring to.

MOVED by Commissioner Lewis to Approve Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2020-506: Amending Chapter 16 – Fee Schedule SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry

A Roll Call was taken all voted Aye; Motion passes 5 to 0

F. Consider FY21 funding of MOU's for Aztec School District – School Resource Officers (District and High School)

City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned that we currently have two agreements in place currently that both expire July 31st of 2022 with the ability to review annually by June 15th which is what we're doing. He wanted to bring it before Commission for discussion with the pandemic it puts every in a budget situation. The way the SRO's work is we don't have one specific officer assigned to the high school or district and that is why we have a number of officers acting as SRO's at any time. The officers are brought to work at an overtime rate and currently the schools split 50/50 with the City.

There are a couple of options: continue as is, terminate the agreement and burden the schools for the entire cost, or come up with a different formula.

Mayor Snover mentioned that it is budgeted for already and if we have the resources to help we should help any way possible.

Chief Heal mentioned that it is a great program and the Police Department takes pride in the service they are able to give the schools with the program. They are able to get to know the students and it works out great. They pay all of the cost for the officers except for half of the overtime. It's an important program and to lose it would be devastating. He knows times and budgets are tough.

School Superintendent Kirk Carpenter echoed what Chief Heal said and he knows with the expenses they recognize what the City does and they don't take that for granted. He mentioned that the relationships that are built between the students and the officers pays dividends and he appreciates the relationship between the school district and the city and at the same time he understands what the City wants to do with the budget. They will do whatever to keep the program going this is a program that they can't do without.

Commissioner Padilla feels like this is a good program and he is glad to hear that it is in the schools budget also.

Commissioner Randall mentioned that he would like to see us proceed with what we have been doing and wish we could do more and he definitely doesn't want to see cutbacks.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry and Commissioner Lewis also felt it is important.

MOVED by Commissioner Padilla to Approve FY21 funding of MOU's for Aztec School District – School Resource Officers (District and High School) SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis

A Roll Call was taken all voted Aye; Motion passes 5 to 0

G. FY21 Preliminary Budget Approval (**PULLED**)

X. QUASI JUDICIAL HEARINGS (Land Use)

NONE

XI. COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORTS

City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned that we are monitoring the drought conditions, we are currently at stage 1 which is voluntary compliance and if we see a

need to move to stage 2 they will let everyone know. The Budget workshop that was scheduled for tonight will be rescheduled for Monday, June 1st at 5:15 with a special meeting after to approve the preliminary budget and get that submitted.

Commissioner Padilla attended the EDAB board meeting it was very informative. He was excited to hear that the barbecue building on Ash Street will be occupied with a long time lease by USDA .

Commissioner Randall asked that since we passed the fire restrictions that on the main page of the website that we have listed very clearly what is and what isn't allowed; he doesn't want there to be any question on what's allowed. He attended the LTAB meeting last Monday and one of the big concerns was the letter that Commission approved to send to the State about readdressing the statute on what lodger's tax can be used for; this was construed as being a bailout for the hotel industry and no other businesses. He apologized and explained it at the meeting. LTAB was also upset because the letter didn't go before them first. He told them that it was not a bailout it was just a letter asking them to look at loosening up the lodger's tax statute on how money can be spent. He mentioned that we need to be sensitive and mindful to the other industries and business owners because everyone is very touch right now and in a hard place.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry mentioned she attended San Juan County Partnership and they have transitioned into a new director her name is Anna Kreski. They have been able to tap into some of the funding that the Federal Government made available to support their prevention programs. She attended the MPO technical committee meeting and it was informative and helpful. She will attend the MPO policy committee on Thursday. She attended EDAB; lots of concerns about business being affected by the pandemic. Sandy Waybourn made the presentation on our piano project and the 1st piano will be placed this week by Soaps on Main.

Mayor Snover mentioned that he attended a 4CED executive board meeting last week and was able to get reacquainted with some folks. He has an ECHO board meeting tomorrow evening at 5:30. He congratulated the graduating class of 2020, it's been an emotional couple of years topped off with a very unconventional graduation ceremony and they are going to have an interesting story to tell their kids. They are very resilient kids and they are going to come out as better young adults from this experience. He thanked the City and School District for all the support. He thanked City staff for plugging away and doing extraordinary things in challenging times and they are keeping the City services going and also mindful of budget and all the things with the health order and he told City Manager Steve Mueller that he appreciates his leadership through all of this.


Chief Heal mentioned that the graduation went wonderful and it was fun honoring the graduates and it was definitely unique and they will remember it forever.

General Services Director Jeff Blackburn mentioned that he will reach out to Laci Phillips and get the posters of the graduates to her. Also over the weekend someone turned the power off at Riverside Park so if you get calls about how the Park is looking, they are working on that.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

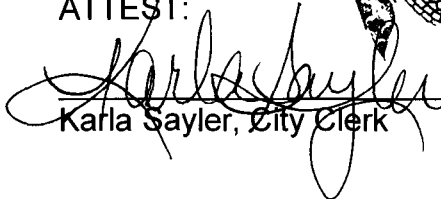
Mayor Snover moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 pm **SECONDED** by Commissioner Lewis





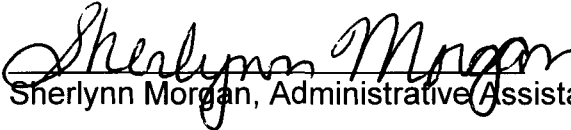
Mayor, Victor Snover

ATTEST:



Karla Saylor, City Clerk

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