

Aztec City Commission – Workshop

Monday, May 16, 2022; 5:00 pm
City Hall 201 West Chaco Street Aztec NM 87410

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A. Padilla called the workshop to order at 5:03 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

Members Present: Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.; Mayor Pro-Tem Ken George; Commissioner Colby King; and Commissioner Jim Crowley;

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: City Manager Paul Eckert; City Clerk Karla Saylor

Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Workshop

City Manager Paul Eckert thanked Commission for their output in this year's budget process. Mayor Pro-Tem Ken George requested that they review the Joint Utility Fund and go over the cash balances. There were some questions asked that were reviewed in dollar amounts with revenues and expenses and there was a question of a negative amount in the fund budget. Finance Director Anthony Bolling and commission reviewed the expenditures, capital outlay, and purchases in the Electric Department budget also discussing the total costs in the water distribution, water treatment and sewer budgets. Mayor Pro-Tem asked how they are going to deal with the deficit spending. There were three different amounts that were not adding up and Mayor Pro-Tem asked Tony what out of the Joint Utility is going to be the projected revenues and what the total amount is going to be spent out of the balance of the revenues. There was discussion on how they could separate the funds but at this time it is not possible. There was discussion about raising rates in water and sewer over a 5-year period. Mayor Pro-Tem is requesting that Tony bring commission a balanced budget. Paul said he highly regrets the inaccuracies, and he thinks that there is more to discuss and asked if commission would like to have another workshop to allow Tony to reconcile the discrepancies in funds. Commissioner Randall expressed some frustration with the budget process and some of the items that are not being presented clearly in the budget book. He also mentioned that he would like to see what we can do with some of our departments to increase and cover costs for operations. Commissioner King mentioned that the focus is to get a true budget out there with good numbers. Commission agreed to meet on Thursday and Friday for workshops at 5:00pm to complete the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. Padilla, Sr.".

Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karla Sayler".
Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Karla Sayler, City Clerk

