

CITY OF AZTEC
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry called the Virtual Workshop to order at 5:24 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: (virtual) Mayor Pro-Tem Fry; Commissioner Randall; Commissioner, Mark Lewis; Commissioner Mike Padilla (in person)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Victor Snover

OTHERS PRESENT: Interim City Manager Ken George; Assistant Interim City Manager Steven Saavedra; IT Director Wallace Begay; City Clerk Karla Saylor

A. Discussion of Relief Study for the Animas River

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry opened the workshop for discussion on the a relief study for the animas river and turned it over to Commissioner Lewis. Commissioner Lewis mentioned that at the Water Commission meeting last week they discussed having a test run of release from Ridges Basin Reservoir because it has never been done before and there are different ideas about how much water will actually reach the City of Aztec and how much will get lost. He received a call from Aaron Chavez the Executive Director of the Water Commission asking if Aztec would like to take part in the study.

Assistant Interim City Manager Steven Saavedra explained that this test has been proposed because they want to obtain data to see what would happen if there is a call on water from Lake Nighthorse in the case of extreme drought. The water condition right now makes it conducive to try to collect data for a baseline. Mr. Chavez would like to know if the City has interest, there will be no cost but we would need to know where we would divert the water and where it would be stored.

Public Works Director Steve Morse explained that we currently don't have storage right and mentioned that both our reservoirs are full right now just in case another incident like Gold King Mine spill and we can't pump out of the river for an extended period of time. It will be a couple of years before we are able to rehab reservoir 1 and the cost will be around a million dollars. Steven Saavedra explained that we have submitted the request for funds as the #1 project for both the legislative side and the governor's side, so it will depend on what is available. There is no guarantee that they will do the study or not at this point.

Staff felt that this is an important test so we will know for future if we are ever in the need of water. Commission was interested in the test if it's possible.

II. ADJOURNMENT

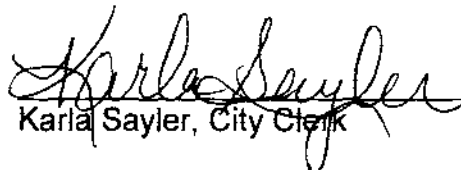
Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.





Mayor Victor Snover

ATTEST:



Karla Saylor, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



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