

CITY OF AZTEC
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Victor Snover called the Meeting to order at 5:15 pm at the Aztec City Commission Room, City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec, NM.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Invocation (led by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry)
- 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 Rosalyn Fry; Commissioner Michael A. Padilla Sr.; Commissioner Mark Lewis; Commissioner Austin Randall

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: City Manager Paul Eckert; City Attorney Steve Murphy; Project Manager Ed Kotyk; City Clerk Karla Sayler (see attendance sheet)

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero

V. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Legal Service Agreement Changes

City Manager Paul Eckert read the staff summary from the agenda packet as follows:

City staff respectfully requests the Commission assignment of Legal Services Agreement to consultant Attorney Steve Murphy; or as an alternative, the Commission approve termination of Legal Services Agreement and direct staff to immediately begin the RFP process for legal services.

During the past month, the City of Aztec has relied upon consultant attorney Steve Murphy to assist with Commission meetings in addition to duties associated with prosecution of criminal cases. Mr. Steve Murphy and Mr. Tyson Gobble were previously part of the same law firm and both were named in the consultant agreement with the City to provide legal services. Both Tyson Gobble and Steve Murphy are consultants and are not City of Aztec employees.

Based upon the most recent legal input, the Commission may assign the contract to Steve Murphy. The current agreement runs through October 31, 2023, reviewable annually. As an alternative, the Commission can terminate the service agreement. Mr. Murphy has committed to assist the Commission under either option.

Mr. Eckert mentioned that there were two emails submitted after the agenda had been posted one from Tyson Gobble stating that he is ok to transfer his assignment to Steve Murphy for the City services as City Attorney and one from Attorney Ryan Lane stating he has reviewed the contract and mentioned that it is ok to assign Steve Murphy as City Attorney. Mayor Snover mentioned that we asked Ryan to look the contract over just to get a second opinion on the action to be taken. Commission thanked Mr. Murphy for continuing his services with the City.

MOVED By Commissioner Padilla, SECONDED By Mayor Snover to Approve Assignment of Legal Services Agreement to Consultant Attorney Steve Murphy

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Snover moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 pm SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis.





Mayor, Victor Snover

ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Karla Saylor, City Clerk