

CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday February 8, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

**I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. Invocation led by Pastor Daniel Boas
- B. United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner King
- C. New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner King

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Paul Eckert; City Attorney Steven Murphy; City Clerk Karla  
Saylor

**III. PRESENTATION**

NONE

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to approve the agenda; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem  
George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes January 25, 2022
- B. NMED Capital Grant Agreement SAP 21-F2357-STB for South Aztec Water System
- C. Volunteer Firefighter Annual PERA Report
- D. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Agreement for Library
- E. Economic Development Advisory Board Appointment

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to approve the Consent agenda with the exception of  
Item B for further discussion; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

**B. NMED Capital Grant Agreement SAP 21-F2357-STB for South Aztec Water System**

Mayor Pro-Tem George had questions as to what is going to be done with this grant. Public Works Director Steve Morse mentioned this is just a design project at this point since there is only \$200,000 for it. Mayor Padilla asked if we have the easements for the line, Steve Morse mentioned that it is the state's easement so we would have access to it without having to buy land. Mayor Pro-Tem inquired about the bladder tank cover project; Finance Director Anthony Bolling stated that there is \$350,000 of ARPA money allocated for that. It was mentioned that it will be good to have a good grant writer on staff, finance is currently hiring someone to be more focused on the grants.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to approve; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley to approve NMED Capital Grant Agreement SAP 21-F2357-STB for South Aztec Water System

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

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

NONE

**VIII. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Resolution 2022-1272 Authorizing The Use of Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds**

Finance Director Anthony Bolling stated that this resolution is to use some of the Funds that were allocated from the ARP to give the employees a onetime premium pay bonus in February. The city is going to give out the premium pay dependent on the hours worked and the time employed with the City. Depending on the hours and time worked from January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2022 will be the amount they receive. This will exclude Commission, City Manager and Volunteers. City Attorney Steve Murphy recommended tabling the resolution to make some changes to the language pertaining to the pay or make the amendments tonight and commission can make the decision to approve the resolution as amended.

The first motion that was made for this item was MOVED by Commissioner Randall; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley to approve Resolution 2022-1272 Authorizing the Use of Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds

The second motion was MOVED by Commissioner Randall to rescind his first motion; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley to rescind his motion Resolution 2022-1272 Authorizing the Use of Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds

Final motion that was made for this item was **MOVED** by Commissioner Crowley; **SECONDED** by Commissioner King to approve **AS AMENDED** With the City Attorneys' changes to the Resolution 2022-1272 Authorizing the Use of Coronavirus State and Local Recovery Funds

Four Voted Aye; Mayor Pro-Tem George Abstained; Motion passed Four to One

**B. Special Budget Adjustment Resolution 2022-1273**

Finance director Anthony Bolling stated that a budget authority to be given to staff to carry out the resolution.

The first motion **MOVED** by Commissioner Crowley; **SECONDED** by Commissioner Randall to approve Special Budget Adjustment Resolution 2022-1273

The seconded motion **MOVED** by Commissioner Crowley; **SECONDED** by Commissioner Randall to approve **AS AMENDED** Special Budget Adjustment Resolution 2022-1273

Four Voted Aye; Mayor Pro-Tem George Abstained; Motion passes Four to One

**C. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2022-520 Amending Chapter 2, Article V Advisory Boards, Division 5. Library Board**

Commissioner Crowley asked if the wording of service business should just be business, Angela Watkins stated that it should just say business.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Randall to approve Final Adoption of Ordinance 2022-520 Amending Chapter 2, Article V Advisory Boards, Division 5. Library Board **STRIKING** the Service Business from section 2-421 membership subsection 2; **SECONDED** by Commissioner King

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**IX. QUASI JUDICIAL HEARING**

NONE

**X. COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Mayor Pro-Tem and Steven Saavedra went to the Municipal League meeting in Santa Fe, he reported that there is a lot of grant money available from the state. They met with Representative Ryan Lane, Senator Neville, and some of the Governor's Staff.

Commissioner King and Commissioner Crowley had no report.

Commissioner Randall gave a fishing report for Tiger Pond and Riverside.

City Manager Paul Eckert read a plaque given by Aztec Moto-Cross thanking the city for their support.

Electric Director Denver DeWees reported that the theater sign is now fully operational.

General Services Director Jeff Blackburn mentioned the four projects they are going to be working on. They are finishing up the Animas River restoration project, they are in the revegetation portion now. They are finishing up on equipment maintenance in their shop; the biggest project they are working on now is the Animal Shelter tile flooring; they are working on a sediment 4 bay pond at Riverside Park and building inspections including inventory lists. He gave a report on future projects for the upcoming months.

Chief Heal thanked commission for the premium pay resolution that they approved.

#### XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

POTENTIAL FUTURE CITY COMMISSION ITEMS- (Appearing on the Agenda within 30-90 days):

Item	Meeting
Award Architecture Design for Senior Center Kitchen Remodel	March
South Aztec Water Line Design Firm Approval	March 8
NM 173 Waterline Relocation Construction Contractor Approval	March 8
New Commission Strategic Plan - Half Day Special Meeting	March 10
Bianco Arroyo Culvert Replacement Project Design Firm Approval	April 12
Bladder Tank Cover Design/Evacuation	April 26
McWilliams Rd Approval	April 26

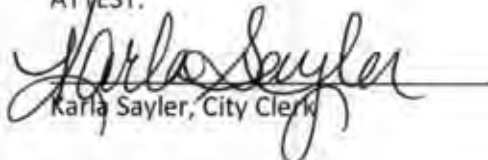
#### XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Padilla moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm



Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

ATTEST:

  
Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

  
Alisha Campbell, Administrative Assistant