

CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday September 27, 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

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation led by Chief Michael Heal  
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth George  
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth George

**ROLL CALL**

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

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: Acting City Manager Jeff Blackburn; City Clerk Karla Sayler

**PRESENTATION**

Presentation of New Police Officers

Chief Heal introduced the new Police Officers Nick Diaz and Ben McCune and thanked the Commission for the pay raises for Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve with the exception of the Quasai Judicial Hearing being pulled; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Workshop Minutes September 13, 2022
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022
- C. Authorizing Participation Agreement with San Juan County for Pictometry License Agreement

- D. Document Destruction
- E. Resolution 2022-1308 Municipal Surplus
- F. Senior Center Memorandum of Understanding
- G. Approval of Planning and Zoning Board Members
- H. Resolution 2022-1309 Amending the Governing Body Meetings and Public Notice Requirements
- I. Public Works Department Vehicle Purchase
- J. Police Department Vehicle Purchase
- K. Souder Miller Associates Contract for Engineering of South Aztec Water Line
- L. City Lobbyist Contract

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Consent Agenda with the exception of item K further discussion; SECONDED by Commissioner King

#### **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **Souder Miller Associates Contract for Engineering of South Aztec Water Line**

Commissioner Crowley made comments on the contract that it resembled an open-ended contract and suggested including wording such as "so not to exceed \$59,999".

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley approve the Engineering Services to Souder Miller in an amount not to exceed \$59,999; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye; Motion Passed Five to Zero

#### **CITIZENS INPUT**

**NONE**

#### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

##### **A. City of Aztec Pay Plan**

Finance Director Anthony Bolling explained to Commission that the plan is exactly what was discussed in the workshop. The top line for the adjustments would be just under \$100,000 dollars and will take effect November 1,2022.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to Approve City of Aztec Pay Plan; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye; Motion Passed Five to Zero

B. Special Budget Resolution 2022-1307

Anthony Bolling provided Commission with a breakout of the request for the Special Budget Resolution. The City received a Title III Grant from the City of Farmington and with the ARPA funding it came in about \$50,000 dollars above budgeted estimates.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Special Budget Resolution 2022-1307;  
SECONDED by Commissioner King

Roll Call Was Taken All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

C. Law Enforcement Fund Grant Agreement

Chief Michael Heal explained the grant that was approved by the Governor that could provide the city of Aztec with an additional four officers at \$75,000 per officer per year. The total amount that was awarded to the city of Aztec was \$525,000 dollars. Commission was provided a copy of basic information showing the breakdown in which the salaries will be paid including the City portion.

The commission had questions concerning the obligation and liability of the City if the salary isn't expended by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Anthony Bolling explained that he believes if it is not expended the City would just not receive those funds.

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to APPROVE Law Enforcement Fund Grant Agreement;  
SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

Roll Call Was Taken Commissioner Randall, Commissioner King and Mayor Padilla Voted Aye Commissioner Crowley and Mayor Pro-Tem George Voted Nay: Motion Passed Three to Two

**QUASI JUDICIAL HEARING**

- A. A Variance Request to Reduce the Setbacks for an Accessory Structure for Property Located at 501 French Drive

Pulled from agenda

**COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Anthony Bolling reported that the GRT for the month of September was \$553,725.86, gas tax was \$94,411.94, and compensating tax was \$20,233.66 which is 10% above the budgeted amounts and 5.73% above last year and \$19,016.26 came from the sale of cannabis.

Mayor Padilla stated that he is working with a committee who are trying to secure funding for a project from Hwy. 173 to Navajo Dam. He asked Commission to approve a Resolution of support, with the County being named the fiscal agent. He thanked staff for the hard work getting a Planning and Zoning Board put together. He also discussed the City Manager hiring process and the planning of upcoming meetings with the referral committee.

Commissioner Crowley suggested possibly scheduling a retreat in October. He reminded Commission of the constituent who had concerns of the flooding in Kokopelli, Interim-City Manager is aware of the situation, and it is being addressed.

Commissioner King brought up the Alzheimer's walk held over the weekend and was pleased with the community turn out.

Interim-City Manager Jeff Blackburn reminded Commission of the closed session on October 11<sup>th</sup> regarding pending liabilities and cases. He provided Commission with a project document regarding what is being discussed at the meetings held every Thursday in the Commission room. Jeff stated that there will only be one meeting in November and one in December. He has also gone to the MVD to observe the daily operation and they are doing an outstanding job.

Library Director Angela Watkins described the conference she attended in Tennessee and the ARSL organization that she is part of.

Constance Hutcheson from the Senior Center announced the fund raiser they are doing, it is Vegas themed and will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for 7:00pm-11:00pm.

Community Development Director Steven Saavedra stated there are currently bids being putting out for construction work on new Maverick being built.

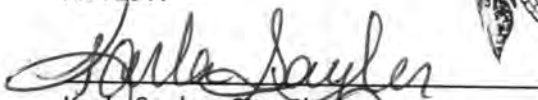
#### ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

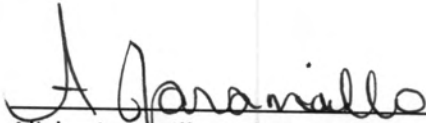


  
Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

ATTEST:

  
Karla Saylor, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

  
Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant