

CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday June 27, 2023

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 George
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem George

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: City Manager Jeff Blackburn; City Clerk Karla Saylor; City Attorney Steve
Murphy

PRESENTATION

Hotel Study

PULLED to be rescheduled to a later date.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Commissioner Jim Crowley to Approve Agenda Items as presented, SECONDED by
Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Workshop Minutes June 8, 2023
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes June 13, 2023
- C. Resolution 2023-1354 Utility Billing Write Offs
- D. Resolution 2023-1355 Approving City Disbursements and Deposits for June
- E. Resolution 2023-1356 Special Budget Resolution

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Consent Agenda; SECONDED by Commissioner Jim Crowley

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

CITIZENS INPUT

NONE

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-530 Amending Article III and Article IV of Chapter 12 Offenses

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-530 Amending Article III and Article IV of Chapter 12 Offenses; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

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

- B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-531 Amending Chapter 16 Article IV Utility Fees

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-531 Amending Chapter 16 Article IV Utility Fees; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

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

- C. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-534 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste and Recycling Rates

Commission discussed the option of the City absorbing the costs or passing them on to the citizens. They would like to talk to Dan Darnell with Waste Management before they make the final decision. Finance Director Jennie Achee was able to sufficiently answer all questions regarding where the money would come from if the City absorbed the cost.

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-534 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste and Recycling Rates; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call Was Taken; Two Voted Aye Three Voted Nay: Motion Failed 3-2 Three to Two

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem to TABLE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-534 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste and Recycling Rates; SECONDED by Mayor Padilla

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

QUASI JUDICIAL HEARING

A. VAR 23-01 Variance to COA Sec. 26-3-131(4)

Mayor Padilla opened the Quasi-Judicial Hearing he read the land use script and explained the proceedings. He asked if there were any conflicts of interest or personal bias to be declared and there were none.

Jarita Hunter explained that this is a request from Carey and Ellen Williams of 401 Western Circle in Aztec, she gave a brief overview of the history leading to the Variance request. Jarita informed Commission that neighbors have been notified by certified mail and a public notice was placed in the Daily Times. She explained the hardship that the applicant is facing and why he needs the Variance.

Carey Williams stated he has been at the address for 30 years; he is requesting the Variance due to health issues as well as the cost to move the shed.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked for verification that there would be no flammables stored in the shed, Mr. Williams said there would not be.

City Attorney Steve Murphy had questions that Mr. Williams was able to sufficiently answer the questions.

Glenda York 402 Western Circle is the neighbor to Mr. Williams and came before Commission to state her approval of the Variance.

Mayor Padilla closed to testimony.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE VAR 23-01 Variance to COA Sec. 26-3-131(4);
SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

Roll Call Was Taken Four Voted Aye One Voted Nay: Motion Passed Four to One

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Randall asked if the City could start replacing the signs around the City they are all old look very bad.

Mayor Pro-Tem George explained why Utilities changed to the AMI system, and it may help for the utility write offs.

Mayor Padilla informed Commission that since the Senior Center moved to the VFW during the center remodel, the VFW's utility bills have increased tremendously. City Attorney Murphy suggested that the City pay the difference for the utility bills since the City is doing a service for the Seniors. The time frame for the remodel of the Senior Center to be complete is October 1st.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn read the thank you letter that was received from the Aztec Museum for the funding that Commission approved.

Mayor Padilla mentioned the state race held at the MotoCross track that brought in over 700 people.

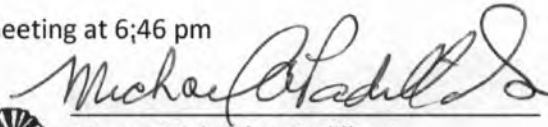
Fire Chief Kevin Simpson said they had elections in June;

- Fire Chief Kevin Simpson
- 1st Assistant Chief Randy Martinez
- 2nd Assistant Chief David Barnett
- Fire Training Captain Andrew Ekhoﬀ
- EMS Training Captain Linda Kennedy
- Secretary Teresa Simpson
- Personnel Officer Heather Ekhoﬀ

He had an update on the pumper truck that has been on order for over two years, it should be ready around September.

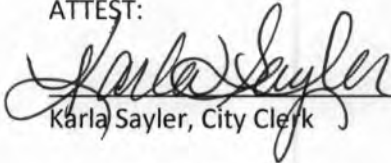
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm



Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk



MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant