

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday August 22, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Commissioner Austin Randall
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

PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation Honoring Fallen Police Officer Anthony Ferguson

Commissioner King read and presented the family of Officer Anthony Ferguson with the proclamation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Agenda Items as presented, SECONDED by Commissioner King

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes August 8, 2023
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes August 8, 2023
- C. Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments Membership Agreement
- D. San Juan Water Commission Representative and Alternate Appointment
- E. Resolution 2023-1371 Approving City Disbursements and Deposits for the Period July 2023
- F. Resolution 2023-1372 Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

- G. Resolution 2023-1373 Adopting the 2025-2029 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) for the Senior Center
- H. Purchase of Police Vehicle and/or Equipment through Reimbursement
- I. School Resource Officer Reimbursement

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to Approve Consent Agenda with the EXCEPTIONS of Items C and D; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- C. Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments Membership Agreement

Mayor Padilla will continue as the Representative for the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments and City Manager Jeff Blackburn will continue Alternate.

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

- D. San Juan Water Commission Representative and Alternate Appointment

Mayor Pro-Tem George volunteered to be the Representative for the San Juan Water Commission and appointed Community Development Director Andrew DiCamillo as Alternate.

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to APPROVE San Juan Water Commission Representative and Alternate Appointment; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye; Motion Passed Five to Zero

CITIZENS INPUT

William Winter 606 Apache Aztec, NM 87410

Mr. Winter came before the Commission with concerns about the Elm trees that are taking over the alley near Hartman Park. He has contacted Public Works, but they do not have funds to trim those trees, so he asked for help from the Commission. Mayor Padilla assured Mr. Winter that the staff has is it under advisement and they will look at the problem and bring it before the Commission.

Nicole Brown 911 Communications Director

Ms. Brown came before the Commission to inform them of the upcoming changes to the 911 call center telephone systems. They will now have an automated system to better route callers so they can focus more on the emergency calls.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) Application Request for Jacks Plastic Weld

Mayor Padilla mentioned the changes to the application to include land acquisition, and the amount of funds from \$300,00.00 up to \$400,00.00.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Local Economic Development Act (LEDA) Application Request for Jacks Plastic Weld as amended with the changes made and discussed;
SECONDED by Commissioner King

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Crowley suggested that the Commission give direction to the City Manager on the processes for hiring a new Police Department Chief. Mayor Padilla would like to go through the hiring process, then address any other issues after they hire the new Chief. Jeff stated that they will have the process for hiring the Chief very soon. Commissioner Crowley asked about the trash in the parks, he would like to have an Ordinance put in place to stop the dumping. He also mentioned the utility billing for the Senior rate, there is a flyer going out in the current bill with the information. Jeff mentioned it will be sent to Steve Murphy to review the verbiage before it is sent out.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn reminded Commission of the NMML Annual Conference August 29th-September 1st. Waste Management has invited Commission to a mixer at No Worries Sports Bar and Grill from 7:00-9:00pm August 29th. He mentioned the meeting scheduled for Thursday with NMDOT regarding the Arterial. Jeff presented Commission with the June GRT report and the revenue budget. He gave an update on the entrance to the Motocross and mentioned they will host a demolition derby at the end of the month.

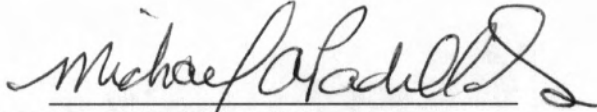
Mayor Pro-Tem George inquired about the BLM request for the 5 acres, Ed Kotyk stated there is currently no timeline.

Jeric Jaramillo reported to Commission that they have submitted everything regarding Reservoir 1 and the Arterial they are just waiting for the funds to be obligated, it should be around September 18th. They had a meeting with engineers, the City of Bloomfield and San Juan County regarding the water line replacement south of the city, they are hoping to find funding for that project. He attended training with the NMDOT that was very informational. Mayor Pro-Tem asked about McWilliams Road, Public Works Director Ruben Salcido let him know they are still working on locating the 10-inch pipe.

Electric Director Denver DeWees informed Commission that they have received a grant from the Energy Department for \$170,00.00 for the new solar field.

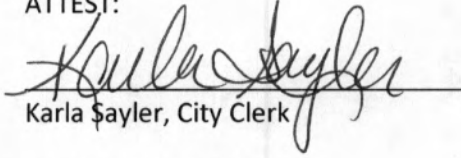
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 pm

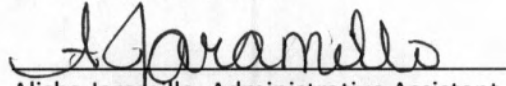


Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

ATTEST:


Karla Saylor, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant