

**CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday March 12, 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 Commissioner Austin Randall  
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 Kenneth George; Commissioner Austin Randall; and Commissioner Jim Crowley; Commissioner Colby King

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: City Manager Jeff Blackburn; City Attorney Nann Winter

**PROCLAMATION**

Aztec High School Wrestling

Commissioner King read and presented the Aztec High School Wrestling team with the Proclamation.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to APPROVE Agenda Items with Business Item A Pulled from Agenda, SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Workshop Minutes February 27, 2024
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes February 27, 2024
- C. Bid 2024-844 Airport North Apron Pavement Maintenance
- D. Resolution 2024-1415 Budget Adjustment
- E. Law Enforcement Protection Fund

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE The Consent Agenda;  
SECONDED by Commissioner King

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**CITIZENS INPUT**

NONE

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. Rear Setback Variance Request of 15ft (PULLED)

B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2024-544 Amending Chapter 16, Article IV Utility Fees

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2024-544 Amending Chapter 16, Article IV Utility Fees; SECONDED by Commissioner King

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye:

Commissioner King  
Commissioner Randall  
Commissioner Crowley  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

C. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-545 Amending Section 1-12 Mandatory Penalty and Fees of Chapter 1

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-545 Amending Section 1-12 Mandatory Penalty and Fees of Chapter 1; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye:

Commissioner Randall  
Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner King  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

D. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-546 Amending Chapter 13 Municipal Courts

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-546 Amending Chapter 13 Municipal Courts; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye:

Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner Randall  
Commissioner King  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

E. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-547 Amending Chapter 15 Oil & Gas Wells, Article II Permitting Process

Community Development Director Andrew DiCamillo informed Commission that currently in Chapter everything oil and gas companies do requires a permit as well as a hearing through Commission. This amendment will allow companies to do maintenance on existing equipment with only a permit. Any new construction or wells will still be required to go through the Commission.

Andrew stated that everything that oil and gas companies do must be first permitted through the state.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-547 Amending Chapter 15 Oil & Gas Wells, Article II Permitting Process; SECONDED by Commissioner King

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye:

Commissioner King  
Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner Randall  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

- F. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-548 Amending Chapter 26 Land Use, Allowing Conditional Use for Veterinarian Clinics and Animal Hospitals in R-2, C-1, and C-2

MOVED by Commissioner King to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-547 Amending Chapter 26 Land Use, Allowing Conditional Use for Veterinarian Clinics and Animal Hospitals in R-2, C-1, and C-2; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye:

Commissioner Randall  
Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner King  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Mayor Padilla

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

- G. Aztec Motocross Agreement (AMX)

Mayor Padilla informed Commission that there was a correction to the contract, it was previously dated as a five-year contract, but it is a four-year contract.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked if all the exclusions in the insurance coverage is typical, City Attorney informed Commission that insurance is always required and there is a

standard set of insurance coverages in all contracts. Mayor Pro-Tem mentioned that there were exclusions that unless it was an AMA race or a sanctioned race it was excluded. Andrew Gallegos mentioned that they use the same insurance provider as the AMA uses and said they are not AMA sanctioned but still use the same insurance.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked Andrew if there are no races scheduled does the city cover the insurance, Andrew informed him that yes, the city is liable unless a race is scheduled.

Mayor Padilla mentioned that they are in the process of meeting all BLM requirements to extend the track as well.

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Aztec Motocross Agreement (AMX); SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

### **COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Commissioner Randall gave a fishing report; Tiger Pond is stocked, and the fishing is good.

Commissioner Crowley asked Judge Gray for an update regarding the changes in court revenues.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked Public Works Director Ruben Salcido if his department could sweep Anasazi and Little Rabbit. The pea gravel is still causing issues. He would also like Ruben to investigate the pipe drainage on Anasazi.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn left some information on Commission desks, one of them being a handout on the Aztec Outdoor Recreation information that Ed Kotyk put together that was handed out over the weekend at the Aztec Motocross. He thanked Ed for diligently working with the BLM. Jeff provided them with the information they requested for the potential 3% increase and on the current pay plan, payroll, and operating budgets of comparable cities. He mentioned the numbers are not as precise as the numbers provided for the 2% increase provided at the workshop that this is just a projection. Jeff handed Commission information regarding the MVD statistics for their operations since they have been open on the half day on Fridays.

Judge Carlton Gray thank commission for passing the item on agenda tonight pertaining to the courts stating that this will offset some of the legislative mandated fees that they are making the courts do because they will now be self-funded which is going to impact the budget. He said monies were supposed to be put into the AOC by the state and it was not so this is why the court has been impacted. The decision was to raise fees on the City side to impact the fees.

General Services Director Charles Dobey updated Commission on what is happening in his departments.

- Updating unregistered patron report for seniors went from 514 in December to 28 in February.
- Senior Center Fish Fry on Friday March 15, 2024
- The center is rented out for 5 events until July.
- Senior Center Title III Grant meeting at 9:00am on Wednesday
- Event on Memorial Day has a band scheduled that are out of Nashville TN
- Soccer and baseball practices have started
- Plaza project is going well and on schedule.

Electric Director gave Commission an update on his department.

- Final Commissioning on the museum lights in process
- Updated Commission on his current personnel

Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo updated Commission on the projects they are currently working on:

- Reservoir 1 demolition
- Anasazi progression
- McWilliams pre-construction meeting will be scheduled soon.

Commissioner Crowley asked Jeric about a federal grant that the NMDOT is addressing regarding the Arterial, Jeric informed him that they are requiring reauthorization for one of the federal grants that will have to come before Commission. Commission suggested scheduling a Special Commission Meeting to get the resolution signed.

Public Works Director Ruben Salcido informed the Commission that he has been fielding call concerning the fire hydrant that was hit recently at the reservoir that caused the levels to drop around 9 feet. Due to losing that amount of water there have been disturbances in the lines, and discolored water. Ruben informed the Commission that his department will also be conducting flushing of hydrants, so there may be more complaints.

Police Chief Joe Gonzales informed Commission that the Legislature passed the PERA return-to-work bill which should help PD fill positions.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session Pursuant to New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15-1H (2) To Consider Employee Complaint against City Manager and Other Employees pursuant to Personnel Policy Section 7.4

Mayor Padilla called to go into closed session at 7:00 pm Pursuant to New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15-1H (2) To Consider Employee Complaint against City Manager and Other Employees pursuant to Personnel Policy Section 7.4

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye:

Mayor Padilla  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Commissioner King  
Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner Randall

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye

Mayor Padilla called to come out of closed session at 8:50pm Pursuant to New Mexico State Statute Section 10-15-1H (2) To Consider Employee Complaint against City Manager and Other Employees pursuant to Personnel Policy Section 7.4 and stated that no other items were discussed, and no decisions were made.

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Mayor Padilla  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Commissioner King  
Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner Randall


Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye

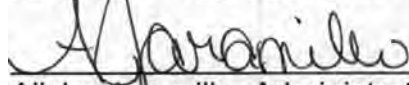
## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm



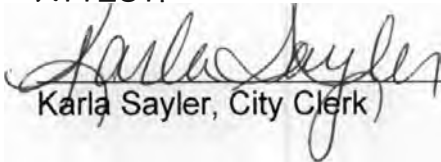
  
Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk