

CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES  
May 13, 2014

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Burbridge called the Meeting into order at 5:16p.m. at the Aztec City Commission Room, City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Sally Burbridge; Mayor Pro-Tem Sherri Sipe; Commissioner Roberta Locke; Commissioner Sheri Rogers; Commissioner Katee McClure; Debbie Klein, Founder of Fantasy of Lights

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager, Joshua Ray; City Attorney, Larry Thrower; City Clerk, Karla Saylor; Project Manager, Edward Kotyk;(see attendance sheet)

**A. Business Christmas Decorations**

Commissioner McClure opened up by stating that this is a workshop to promote a proposal for Aztec's City of Light's. She mentioned that this idea came about after a meeting regarding Aztec becoming a part of the New Mexico Main Street project. This idea is to have all businesses on Main Ave and most parts of Aztec Blvd. to have a contest where we would give up to 100% rebate on the electric portion of their December utility bill for the 1st place winner. There would also be percentages of rebates for 2nd and 3rd place winners. The winners would be chosen from a panel of 3 judges who do not reside in Aztec or have any affiliation with Aztec businesses. She mentioned that this would cost the City money, and had Delain George, Utility Supervisor prepare figures on best case and worst case scenarios. Commission and staff reviewed the fees provided from Delain on last year's utility bills from the local businesses and looked at what could be reasonable to offer as a percentage off on the utility bill for December.

Commissioner McClure mentioned that the benefits may overpower the costs such as:

- Increased City revenues
- Increased business for our restaurants, shops, gas stations, theaters etc.

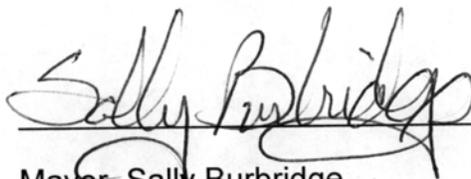
- Increased good will between the city and the business owners
- Increased tourism
- Possibility for new business for the month of December

Commissioner McClure stated that this is a wonderful opportunity for our community to work alongside our City for a common goal without too much red tape involved. The major logistics involves getting the word out and have as many businesses participate in the contest to help promote our City and its values.

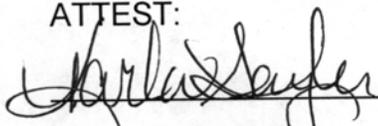
Debbie Kline, Founder of Fantasy of Lights mentioned that the Aztec Fantasy of Lights have not operated for 2 years after operating for 10 years. She mentioned that the festival would bring in over 25,000 people. She mentioned that people from around the Four Corners would come to visit the festival. Commissioner McClure mentioned that the Proposal for Aztec's City of Lights could possibly get the same attention. She stated that she is willing to call all businesses in Aztec and ask them to participate in the contest.

#### Adjournment

MOVED by Mayor Burbridge to Adjourn the Meeting at 5:55 pm.

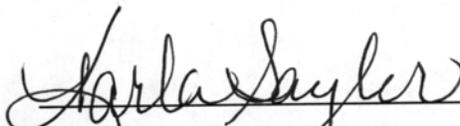
  
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