

CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
May 22, 2018

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Victor Snover called the Meeting to order at 6:01 pm at the Aztec City Commission Room, City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec, NM.

**II. INVOCATION**

The Invocation was led by Raymond Dunton with Navajo Ministries

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Garrett Higgins (Aztec High School Shotgun Team)

**IV. NEW MEXICO PLEDGE**

The New Mexico Pledge was led by Garrett Higgins (Aztec High School Shotgun Team)

**V. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mayor Victor Snover; Mayor Pro-Tem Rosalyn Fry; Commissioner Austin Randall; Commissioner Mark Lewis; Commissioner Sherri Sipe

Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Attorney Larry Thrower; Administrative Assistant Sherlynn Morgan; Project Manager Ed Kotyk (see attendance sheet)

**VI. AGENDA APPROVAL**

MOVED by Commissioner Sipe to Approve the Agenda as given, SECONDED by Commissioner Lewis

All voted Aye: Motion passed five to zero

**VII. PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Snover mentioned that at the next meeting we will have a proclamation to present for Gay Pride Month. It's important to recognize everyone every chance we get.

### **VIII. PRESENTATION**

#### Purchase Power Update from Guzman Energy

A Guzman Representative explained that they are a wholesale power provider who utilizes many different generation sources around the country to bring us the lowest generation cost mix. He explained the savings that we have seen so far is about \$13,000 and explained that they are constantly thinking outside the box to help small communities and keep rates as low as possible.

### **IX. CITIZEN RECOGNITION**

The Aztec High School Shotgun Team was recognized for winning the State Championship that was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **X. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

Commissioner Sipe thanked Aztec Police Chief Mike Heal for his dedication to protecting our kids and making our schools safer. He has put in extra trips to Santa Fe to meet with legislators.

Mayor Snover thanked the employees at the Motor Vehicle in Aztec for being professional and courteous amidst a difficult and busy job.

### **XI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes May 8, 2018
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes May 8, 2018

Moved by Commissioner Randall, SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Fry to accept the Consent Agenda as given.

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

### **XII. ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None

### **XIII. CITIZENS INPUT (3 MINUTES MAXIMUM)**

None

#### **XIV. LAND USE HEARINGS**

Mayor Snover read the land use script for the following land use items and asked if there were any challenges, conflicts of interest or ex-parte communications there were none. He swore all participants in and proceeded to the hearing.

##### **A. Zone Change from O-1 (Office & Institutional District) to C-1 Limited (Retail/Neighborhood Commercial District)**

Steven Saavedra Community Development Director explained that the applicant Rodney Foss is requesting a zone change for 118 E. Chaco, 120 E. Chaco, and 101 S. Church. The main purpose of this zone change is to allow retail sales and storage of boars and other future commercial uses. He explained that they are recommending denial of the zone change. Several of the Commissioners mentioned that they had received a letter or phone call objecting to the zone change. Commissioner Sipe asked if he could request a conditional use permit and Steven said that he could and it was mentioned to Mr. Foss as an option.

Rodney Foss explained that he bought the property and would like to use it for sales of paddle boats and boating paraphernalia because of all the lakes being open or revamped. He feels that it would be a good addition to downtown. Mr. Foss explained that he has no problem with signing something that would not allow a bar to go in his building.

After discussion Commission decided that the given location is not conducive for the growth of downtown and would impact the neighborhood.

Moved by Commissioner Randall, SECONDED by Commissioner Sipe to DENY ZC- Zone Change 18-02, a request from Rodney Foss, for a zone change from O-1 (Office & Intuitional District) to C-1 (Limited Retail/Neighborhood Commercial District), located at 118 E. Chaco, 120 E. Chaco, and 101 S. Church Ave and accepting Findings of Fact 1-5. Mayor Pro-Tem Fry to accept the Consent Agenda as given.

A Roll Call was taken  
All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

#### **XV. BUSINESS ITEMS**

##### **A. Fiscal Year 2019 Preliminary Budget Submission Approval**

Moved by Commissioner Sipe, SECONDED by Commissioner Randall to Approve the submittal of the Fiscal Year 2019 Preliminary Annual Budget to NM Department of Finance and Local Government Division.

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

## **XVI. CITY MANAGER/COMMISSIONERS/ATTORNEY REPORTS**

Interim City Manager Steve Mueller mentioned the employee picnic on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Tiger Park and invited Commission to attend.

Commissioner Sipe reported that she met with Chief Heal, attended the 4CEDs meeting on Thursday and PBS was there they are doing a documentary on the impact of the mine closing down on the surrounding communities. North West NM Seniors appeal tomorrow. Aztec Project Graduation a big success County wide. The schools did a remarkable job with the Graduation Program and honoring those that were lost and not overshadowing the accomplishments of those who were graduating.

Commissioner Randall mentioned that he attended the LTAB meeting yesterday and it ended up being canceled because they didn't have a quorum.

Mayor Pro-Tem Fry attended the Library advisory board meeting and the San Juan Safe Communities meeting with a presentation by the Farmington Mayor about recreation activities in the Four Corners and expanding them throughout the communities. She attended a presentation by the Behavioral Initiative Team at San Juan College. She also attended the Four Corners Economic Development Board Meeting.

Mayor Snover congratulated the 2018 Graduates. He mentioned the Aztec Artist Studio Event and mentioned the art community and would like to start using as a drive for tourism. He has ECHO board meeting tomorrow, last week he and the Interim City Manager met with the Farmington Mayor and City Manager about the MRA designation for downtown and he learned a lot and had a good time. We will have a proclamation for Gay Pride month at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lewis mentioned that if you want to get to know the City you should get out and walk it.

## **XVI. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Community Center Director Cindy Iacovetto recognized a group of seniors for taking care of 15 graves at the cemetery so they will be doing that on Thursday at 10 am if anyone wants to join them for the clean-up.

## **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

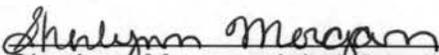
Moved by Mayor Snover, SECONDED by Commissioner Sipe to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

  
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Mayor, Victor Snover

ATTEST:

  
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Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

  
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Sherlynn Morgan, Administrative Assistant

