

CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday December 13, 2022

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 Commissioner Jim Crowley
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Jim Crowley

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.; Commissioner Colby King; and
Commissioner Jim Crowley; Commissioner Austin Randall

Members Absent: NONE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Ken George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes November 8, 2022
- B. Special Commission Meeting Minutes November 17, 2022
- C. Document Destruction Municipal Courts
- D. Document Destruction Finance Department
- E. Library State Grants-in-Aid
- F. Resolution 2022-1320 Economic Development Department Grant Application
- G. Northwest Council of Government Annual Agreement
- H. Resolution 2022-1321 Authorizing Signatures for City Accounts
- I. Resolution 2022-1322 Authorizing Signatures for Municipal Court Bond Checking Account
- J. Special Deputy Sherriff Commissions Agreement

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to Approve Consent Agenda with the exception of item G to be pulled SECONDED by Mayor Padilla

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

G. Northwest Council of Government Annual Agreement

Commissioner Crowley stated that the Commission appointed Jeff Blackburn as alternate to the NWNM COG Board in October 2022 not October 2023 as is stated in the staff summary.

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to Approve Northwest Council of Government Membership account as amended changing the October 2023 appointment to 2022, SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

All Voted Aye; Motion passed Five to Zero

CITIZENS INPUT

Maria Hatchcock and Iva Calhoun residents of Misty Drive came before Commission to voice concerns about the 45 culverts that were placed on the corner of Misty and Mesa Drive. They have been there for about seven months; they stated they are an eye sore as well as a hazard for the public.

City Attorney Murphy stated that the City is aware of the situation and are in contact with the ditch company to get the situation resolved as quickly as possible.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Special Budget Resolution 2022-1319

MOVED by Commissioner Crowley to Approve Special Budget Resolution 2022-1319, SECONDED by Commissioner King

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

B. Amendment of City Attorney Contract

Commissioner Crowley indicated there was no starting amount or exhibits on the contract to know what a 4% increase should be.

City Attorney Murphy explained the contract for 2021-2022 was not correct it was \$7,571 plus tax which came out to \$8,256.00, but it was still getting paid at \$7,885.15.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve as Amended Renewal of City Attorney Contract, SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye; Motion passed Five to Zero

C. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2022-525 Amending Chapter 16 - Fee Schedule

Mayor Padilla cited that in last year's budget there was mention for MVD opening a partial day on the weekend, possibly Friday. The City Manager and Mayor had a discussion with surrounding municipalities who are open on the weekend and believe the City should consider weekend options.

Mayor Pro-Tem suggested more advertising, fees should be increased, and the use of debit/credit card be available for payment.

Steven Saavedra addressed Commissions questions regarding the fine print regarding the Credit Card company, there is an agreement with the company in place that is acceptable.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2022-525 Amending Chapter 16 - Fee Schedule with discussed AMENDMENTS, SECONDED by Commissioner King

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

D. Discussion on North Main Street Lighting Retrofit

Mayor Pro-Tem George discussed the lighting on N. Main Street and the decision for the lights that were initially chosen was made by a group of community members. The lights that were installed on the project are not the ones that were originally planned for. He believes the current lighting does not conform to the Night Skies Act as they are much brighter than the ones initially planned.

Mayor Padilla addressed the concerns of Mayor Pro-Tem; the Community has expressed delight in the current lighting that has been installed. City Attorney Murphy researched the Night Sky Act and the lighting conforms to code which states that lights should be 70 watts or less.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve the additional cost of \$7,000.00 (estimated) to retrofit the Old Boston light fixtures from LED to sodium lighting, SECONDED by Commissioner King

Four Voted Nay: One Voted Aye Motion Failed Four to One

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Randall stated the Christmas Party turned out great. He did not make it to the parade or the N. Main ribbon cutting due to prior obligations. He inquired about the lights that were wrapped around the trees and if they are going to be put back on the trunks.

Commissioner Crowley referred to the Christmas party, the ribbon cutting, the lighting ceremony and the parade which are a lot of work for staff and is much appreciated.

Commissioner King also recognized staff on being present for the parade and the Christmas party was great.

Mayor-Pro Tem George commented that the Christmas party, venue and food was great. He referred to the parade whereby San Juan County had a float and the City did not. He expressed that the City should consider a float for next year.

Mayor Padilla said the Christmas party was great and the turnout for the parade was amazing. He also discussed the meeting that was held with Senator Neville and Representative Lane, they are doing all they can for the City at the upcoming state legislature session. He voiced his appreciation for all those who reached out when he was sick.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn referred to the flyer that will be in the utility bills on how to avoid frozen pipes. NMTACM has an upcoming meeting and would like a representative from the City, he stated he would like to attend.

City Attorney mentioned the discussion with Commission regarding what happened at mediation.

General Services Director Charles Dobey thanked Commission for passing Business Item A which provides money for the splash pad. Also, the Boys and Girls Club roof is about 2/3rds finished.

IT Director Wallace Begay presented Commission with a video that was a joint venture with the Electric Department, featuring the construction of the North Main Extension project. Main.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm



Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

ATTEST:

Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant