

**CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday July 11, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation led by Electric Department Director Denver DeWees  
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Austin Randall  
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Austin Randall

**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; City Clerk Karla Saylor

**PRESENTATION**

FY22 Audit Presentation

Ernesto Ramirez and Amanda Moore with Moss Adams presented Commission with FY22 Audit overview. They stated that it was correct, and there were no instances of fraud or illegal acts. The one item noted was financial reporting, but that was due to the turnover in the finance department that caused a delay in completing the Audit.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes June 27, 2023
- B. Planning and Zoning Board Member Appointment
- C. State Reporting Required Budget Adjustment 2023-1357

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Consent Agenda; SECONDED by Commissioner Colby King

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

NONE

**CITIZENS INPUT**

Frank Vandruff San Juan Mountains Chapters of the ATHS

Mt. Vadruff came before the Commission to express concerns with the condition of the grounds at Riverside Park. He is concerned about hosting events there due to liability if there is an accident. He asked the City if they are able to do some maintenance to the roads for future events so there is no liability to the City or those hosting events.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-532 Amending Chapter 25 Utilities

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-532 Amending Chapter 25 Utilities; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

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

B. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-533 Amending Chapter 26 Land Use, Articles II and V

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2023-533 Amending Chapter 26 Land Use, Articles II and V; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

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

C. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-534 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste and Recycling Rates

Commission had some questions for Dan Darnell with Waste Management referring to the \$.11 increase that they are trying to impose. The increase would amount to around \$3,900 per year to customers. Mayor Padilla asked Dan if they would waive the increase until it is time to re-new the contract in March and re-visit again at that time. Mr. Darnell agreed to the request of he Mayor and it will be revisited at the time of contract renewal.

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem to TABLE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-534 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste and Recycling Rates; There was not SECONED therefore the Motion DIED

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem to APPROVE the Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2023-534 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste and Recycling Rates; SECONDED by Mayor Padilla

A Roll Call Was Taken All Voted NAY: Motion Failed Five to Zero

**COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mayor Padilla thanked all who attended the public meeting on Monday night, and apologized for the short notice that was given.

Commissioner Austin Randall addressed the Riverside Park issues that were mentioned in Citizen's input. He would like to possibly investigate a speed bump or something to address the problem in the long term.

Commissioner Crowley would like Commission to improve the way they work together. He addressed staff bypassing their superiors and going to Commissioners to resolve their issues, he stated they should be following the chain of command. He would like to communicate better within the Community so there is better notice to the public on the happenings of the City.

Commissioner King acknowledged PD and all the patrolling they are doing by Tiger Pond.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn informed Commission that the Hotel Study is 99% complete and will be presented August 8<sup>th</sup>. He is meeting with COG to discuss Jacks Plastic Welding and the grant for the recreation industry. Jeff thanked Jennie and the Finance Department for all the hard work they have done to complete the audit. He introduced the new Community Development Director Andrew DiCamillo.

General Services Director Charles Dobey said he is pleased to have the relationship with San Juan Mountains Chapters of the ATHS, he also made a commitment to improve the parks to be safe.

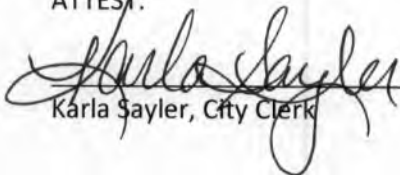
Captain Troy Morris informed Commission of the Teen Citezens Academy, they had 6 teenagers attend, they had them do traffic stops, obstacle courses and educated them on drugs alcohol use.

Mayor Pro-Tem George asked Captain about the National Night Out event that PD used to host, Captain let him know that they are planning on doing an alternate event in the future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm

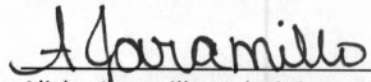
ATTEST:

  
Karla Saylor, City Clerk



  
Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

  
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Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant