

**CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday August 8, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Michael A. Padilla Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Colby King  
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Colby King

**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

**PRESENTATION**

Police Department Citizen Recognition

Interim Police Chief Joe Gonzales presented Johnathan Archuleta with a Lifesaving Award for saving an individual's life in the City of Aztec.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes July 25, 2023
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes July 25, 2023
- C. Removal of Planning and Zoning Board Member
- D. Approval of Planning and Zoning Board Member
- E. Resolution 2023-1365 Authorizing the Certification of the City of Aztec 2023 Capital Asset Inventory
- F. Resolution 2023-1366 Approving Audit Recommendation for FY23
- G. Resolution 2023-1367 Approving Final Payment for the FY2022 Audit

- H. Resolution 2023-1369 Accepting the Gold King Mine Grant for Animas River Habitat Enhancement & Bank Stabilization
- I. Purchase of Vactor Truck
- J. Purchase of Public Works Supervisor Service Truck
- K. Resolution 2023-1370 Accepting the Office of the State Engineer Appropriation for Reservoir 1 Rehabilitation
- L. Highland Enterprises Inc. Street Chip Seal Project
- M. Finance Department Record Destruction

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Consent Agenda with the EXCEPTIONS of Items C and I; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

- C. Removal of Planning and Zoning Board Member

Commissioner Randall asked Community Development Director Andrew DiCamillo why they wanted to remove the board member, Mr. DiCamillo informed him that the member is accused of alleged criminal activity.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Removal of Planning and Zoning Board Member; SECONDED by Commissioner King

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

- I. Purchase of Vactor Truck

Mayor Pro-Tem George had some concerns about the cost of purchasing a new Vactor Truck. He suggested putting in a legislative request to purchase the truck. City Manager Jeff Blackburn let him know that they have talked to the city State Lobbyist Scott Scandland, and he is going to lobby for funds for the truck. The manufacturing for the truck is from 18 months to 2 years out so they will continue to look for funding during that time. Commissioner Crowley and Mayor Padilla would like to start the process of purchasing the truck as the funds were approved with the FY24 budget but would like staff to continue to look for other funding sources as well.

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to APPROVE the Purchase of A Vactor Truck while still looking for other funding; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call Was Taken Mayor Padilla, Commission Crowley, Commissioner Kind and Commissioner Randal Voted Aye, Mayor Pro-Tem George Voted Nay: Motion Passed Four to One

**CITIZENS INPUT**

Roselyn Fry came before the Commission to thank them and the City for all their help with the Pianos in the Park project. This will be the last year that they do the project as it has been difficult to find volunteers to help. They had 9 pianos donated and painted that will be going to various places to be homed.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. Resolution 2023-1368 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) 2025-2029

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Resolution 2023-1368 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) 2025-2029; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem George attended the Water Commission Board meeting, and reported that they have a lot going on, he would like to appoint a representative and alternate to that board. He let Commission know that both Lee Acres and Kirtland have asked for the Water Commission Board for help with upcoming projects. Jeff asked the Mayor to have a meeting to discuss who they would like to see on the Water Commission Board. He thanked the Police Department for all the information they have been putting on their social media.

Commissioner Crowley suggested that Aztec, Bloomfield, and the County come together and find funding for the water line, either through grant money or asking the Water Commission for assistance on updating the infrastructure. He also mentioned the 911 call center board and having a representative on that board as well. He thanked Jeff for working on the hiring processes for hiring a new Police Department Chief, he would like to discuss the vision for the PD in the future.

Mayor Padilla reminded Commission that the Daughters of the American Revolution will be placing a bench and a plaque on North Main on Saturday at noon. He also announced that he will be running again for Commission District 3 Commission Seat.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn informed Commission of the Workshop before the next meeting, it will be the COG presentation regarding the EDD Grant. He thanked Erikka Martinez and Connie Hutcheson for their hard work on getting the booth at the fair put together with short notice. Jeff reminded the Commission that he will be out of the office August 11<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> on vacation. Denver DeWees will be the Acting City Manager during this time. Jeff reminded commission that there will be an MPO meeting the following day in the Commission room. Jeff attended the Annual COG meeting and acknowledged that the Mayor was given the Regional Champion Award for the San Juan Chapter. He also attended the 4CED meeting, they are still looking for a CEO, the big projects they are working on are Hydrogen in Napi and the railroad. Jeff introduced the Interim Police Chief Joe Gonzales.

Electric Director Denver DeWees stated that Hi Country Chevrolet has commissioned the Electric Department to install a new service feed for them.

Interim Police Chief Joe Gonzales gave updates on what they have been working on:

- Updating the procedural manual and organizational chart
- Reorganizing the administrative assistant position
- Working on social media changes
- Their new tech programs they are working with are ~~Shield~~ Shield Force and Data Collect Mobile
- Aztec and Bloomfield are the first agencies to go paperless for warrants and the court processes.

Jeric Jaramillo reported to Commission that the Legislative Funding Grant for Reservoir 1 was passed at the meeting, and they will be sending it in the following day. Mayor Padilla inquired how long it would take to get to the bid process, Jeric said It depends on how long it takes for the state to sign and obligate the funds.

City Attorney Steve Murphy informed Commission that the City's last Supreme Court case was affirmed, and there are no longer any appeals pending.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

A. Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters

Mayor Padilla called to go into closed session at 6:54 Pursuant to State Law Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters.

A Roll Call was Taken: All Voted Aye

Mayor Padilla called to come out of closed session at 8:25 Pursuant to State Law Section 10-15-1H(2) Limited Personnel Matters, and stated that no other items were discussed and no decisions were made.

A Roll Call was Taken: All Voted Aye

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm



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Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

ATTEST:

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Karla Sayler, City Clerk

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

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Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant