

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday October 24, 2023**

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 James Crowley
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem George
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro-Tem George

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.; Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth George;
Commissioner Austin Randall; Commissioner Jim Crowley; and
Commissioner Colby King

Members Absent: NONE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution 2023-1388 Approving City Disbursements and Deposits
- B. Resolution 2023-1389 Special Budget Adjustment
- C. Purchase of Police Vehicles over \$60,000
- D. Anasazi Drive Storm Drain Project

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to Approve The Consent Agenda; SECONDED by Commissioner
Crowley

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

NONE

CITIZENS INPUT

NONE

BUSINESS ITEMS

NONE

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mayor Padilla mentioned that the Senior Center is accepting donations for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner and reminded Commission of the ribbon cutting for the re-grand opening Saturday @ 4:30. He thanked Interim Police Chief Joe Gonzales for attending the meet and greet held prior to the meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem also thanked Interim Chief and asked him how many full-time officers there currently are, Joe said they now have 16 and are approved for 20.

Commissioner Crowley mentioned the city manager evaluation packet that was left in Commission mailboxes and would like direction on how to proceed. Commission decided to do a closed session on November 14th to review the questions and decide when to schedule the evaluation. Commissioner recognized Charles Dobe on receiving his degree from Grand Canyon University.

Commissioner King attended the Fall Festival and the Pickle Ball Tournament, he was pleased with the turnout for both events.

City Manager Jeff Blackburn had updates for Commission on the following:

- The pickle ball event that was held raised \$5500.00 which will be contributed to the City to improve the courts.
- The ribbon cutting at Kare Drug for the new clinic they are opening.
- RFP for Municipal Legal Services will be put back out and advertised.

City Attorney Steve Murphy mentioned that all pending cases in the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals have been resolved in favor of the City.

Electric Director Denver DeWees updated Commission on his department's projects:

- The electrical at the pickle ball courts is complete.
- they received the letter to proceed on the \$140,000.00 that was approved by Commission.
- They are working on grants for the solar facility.


Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo gave project updates on the following:

- Still waiting for the funds from the State for the Arterial
- Reservoir 1 bid package will be ready and out on 11/15 and will be advertised for 3-4 weeks.

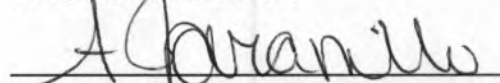
- Anasazi Drive will be starting soon, they are currently piggybacking on the block-to-block grant that City of Farmington has in place with CES.
City Attorney questioned if piggybacking is in the best interest of the City.
Jeric Jaramillo stated that he believes this is in the City's best interest.
Commissioner Randall stated that it is better to piggyback off a bigger entity.
Public Works Director Ruben Salcido mentioned the CES contract is statewide.
Jeff reminded Department Heads that the CES contract is not always the lowest price.
- They are also starting a project on San Pueblo and Ute to readjust the slope for drainage issues and add sidewalks.
- McWilliams road when the line is ready then it will be sent to the engineer to finalize the drawings.

ADJOURNMENT

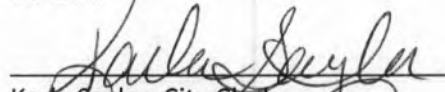
MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 pm


Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:


Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:


Karla Sayler, City Clerk