

**CITY OF AZTEC  
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday February 13, 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 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.; Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth George; Commissioner Austin Randall; and Commissioner Jim Crowley; Commissioner Colby King

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: City Manager Jeff Blackburn; City Attorney Nann Winter; City Clerk Karla Saylor

**PRESENTATION**

2023 Chip Seal Inspection Report Clayton Harrison

Clayton Harrison presented the Commission with a PowerPoint pertaining to his inspection of the chip seal project that was done in September 2023. Commission had questions regarding the finished project. Clayton also gave some suggestions on other types of solutions to fix the roads. Public Works Director Ruben Salcido will do an inspection of the drain that they have concerns about. Jeff asked Clayton what he believes the city should do moving forward. Clayton believes that the city should review the road plan and look for funding for future road projects.

Mayor Padilla learned the company did not come back and sweep as they should have, and he believes that is what caused the issues. Mayor Pro-Tem George asked Clayton if the city got its money worth out of the project. Clayton reported that we did and that by the contractor's error we received more square yardage for free. Commissioner King asked if Clayton felt like doing the chip seal caused any damage to the roads and Clayton said he did not feel like it did.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS**

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

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Commission Workshop Minutes January 23, 2024
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes January 23, 2024
- C. Volunteer Firefighters Annual New Mexico Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Report
- D. Resolution 2024-1412 Airport Runway 826 Preliminary Engineering Report NMDOT-AD Grant Application
- E. Resolution 2024-1409 Authorizing Renewal of Time Certificate of Deposit for High Desert Credit Union
- F. Resolution 2024-1410 Authorizing Renewal of Time Certificate of Deposit for Four Corners Community Bank
- G. Resolution 2024-1411 Approving Disbursements and Deposits for December 2023
- H. Bohannon Huston, Inc. (BHI) Updated Rated Schedule for Contract Renewal
- I. Resolution 2024-1413 Authorizing Submission of Application
- J. Zone Change From A-1 to R-1 1150 McCoy (ZC23-05)
- K. Bohannon Huston, Incorporated Task Order #3
- L. Task Order #1 Amended (1B)

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to Approve The Consent Agenda with the  
CORRECTIONS on Items A, D and J; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem George

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

NONE

**CITIZENS INPUT**

NONE

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

- A. Final Adoption of Ordinance 2024-541 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste Rates

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem George to Approve Final Adoption of Ordinance 2024-541 Amending Chapter 16, Division 3, Section 16-211 Solid Waste Rates; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

These Voting Aye: Mayor Padilla  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Commissioner Randall  
Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner King

These Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

B. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-544 Amending Chapter 16, Article IV Utility Fees

This ordinance is to change fees at the charging station located outside of City Hall. Mayor Pro-Tem George questioned if the charging station was losing money, Electric Director Denver DeWees informed him that it was losing money, and the fee was never adopted into the fee structure. Even with the rate increase the station would still have the lowest fees in the area and would be listed as a Municipal ChargePoint.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to Approve Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2024-544 Amending Chapter 16, Article IV Utility Fees; SECONDED by Commissioner Crowley

A Roll Call was Taken:

These Voting Aye: Mayor Padilla  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Commissioner Randall  
Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner King

These Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Five to Zero

**COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mayor Pro-Tem asked Chief Joseph Gonzales about the rumors regarding numerous dog shootings over the last 3-6 months. Chief Gonzales did not have

knowledge of this, he has only heard of two incidents, one where an individual shot several of their own animals and another where an owner put down a sick animal, but he will investigate further.

Commissioner Crowley informed Commission that Senator Neville will not be running again that he is retiring. He also mentioned that he spoke to Clinton Nicely regarding a current news article and his concerns with settling cases. He does not believe that just settling is the best route that the City should take. Mayor Pro-Tem George also found the articles concerning and has been fielding calls from constituents. City Manager Jeff Blackburn said he has no concerns at the Animal Shelter, he believes Tina is doing an excellent job.

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

- Presented Commission with the GRT report.
- New Counsel, Nann Winter was introduced to staff today.
- He attended the new Detention Training Center on the 30th.

Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo gave Commission project updates on the following:

- Pre-Construction meeting for Reservoir 1 went well they have the contractors signed contract, will have the City's signed this week and notice to proceed sent out next week.
- McWilliams is waiting for final authorization from the grant agency, and then will present the notice of award at the next meeting.
- There is a change order submitted to CES for the Anasazi project for the expanded area by the valley gutter that is awaiting approval.
- Ute/Pueblo project initial contract was under \$60,000 but went over, so he will be bringing it before Commission.

Mayor Pro-Tem had questions regarding Bixby Electric's overrun at the airport for lighting and labor for that project. Wallace informed him that they had to get an additional inspection done.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) (6) Certain Purchases through Sole Sourcing

Mayor Padilla called to go into closed session at 7:10 Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) (6) Certain Purchases through Sole Sourcing

A Roll Call was Taken:

These Voting Aye: Mayor Padilla  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Commissioner Randall  
Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner King

These Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye

Mayor Padilla called to come out of closed session at 8:35pm Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) (6) Certain Purchases through Sole Sourcing and stated that no other items were discussed, and no decisions were made.

A Roll Call was Taken:



These Voting Aye: Mayor Padilla  
Mayor Pro-Tem George  
Commissioner Randall  
Commissioner Crowley  
Commissioner King

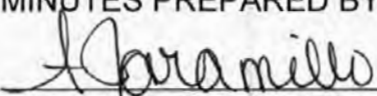
These Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye

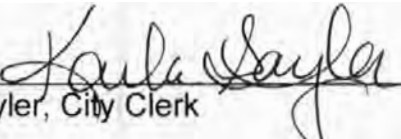
### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Mayor Padilla to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm

   
Mayor Michael A. Padilla, Sr.

MINUTES PREPARED BY:  
  
Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

  
Karla Sayler, City Clerk