

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday August 11, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brett Lanier called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation led by Commissioner Randall
United States Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Buchholz
New Mexico pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Buchholz

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Brett Lanier; Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Cortez;
Commissioner Katie Buchholz; and Commissioner Austin
Randall

Members Absent: NONE

Others Present: Interim City Manager Chief Troy Morris; Deputy Interim City
Manager Ed Kotyk; City Clerk Karla Sayler; City Attorney
Sofia Flores

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Interim City Manager Chief Troy Morris acknowledged Interim Public Works
Director Andrew DiCamillo for jumping into the position and helping the staff.

PRESENTATION

NONE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Agenda Items, SECONDED by
Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Commission Meeting Minutes July 28, 2026

- B. Electric Department Vehicle Purchase
- C. Approval of Utility Easement Agreement between the City of Aztec and San Juan County
- D. San Juan County Fiber Agreement

MOVED by Mayor Lanier to APPROVE Consent Agenda Removing Consent Item B for discussion; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- B. Electric Department Vehicle Purchase

Mayor Lanier asked Electric Director John Wheeler if the quote had gone up since it expired in July and if a budget adjustment would be needed to purchase the vehicle. John said the quote had been extended through September and that there is money in the budget, so a budget transfer would be needed.

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez to APPROVE Electric Department Vehicle Purchase; SECONDED by Commissioner Randall

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Buchholz
Commissioner Randall
Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez
Mayor Lanier

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

CITIZENS INPUT

Dustin Titus with Aztec Youth Sports came before commission to thank the city for the new YAFL field lighting, field cleanup and possibly putting a building at Hartman.

Trevor Hatch, a YAFL coach, would like to team up with the city to make the parks and sports fields better.

Kathy Mueller with Gymkhana presented the commission with a picture to thank them for allowing them to use the arena.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-573 Change in Land Districting for Unconforming A-1 Properties to either AR-1 (Agricultural/Residential) or R-1 (Residential)

The Commission asked Community Development Director Andrew DiCamillo if there was any opposition to the change. Andrew said there was some at first, but once he explained what was actually being changed, there was not any opposition.

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez to APPROVE Intent to Adopt Ordinance 2026-573 Change in Land Districting for Unconforming A-1 Properties to either AR-1 (Agricultural/Residential) or R-1 (Residential); SECONDED by Commissioner Buchholz

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Buchholz
Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez
Mayor Lanier

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

- B. Appointment of City Commissioner for District #3

The Commission thanked everyone who submitted a letter of intent and interviewed for their interest in serving on the Commission. They also reminded them that they can run in the next election if they are still interested in serving as a commissioner.

MOVED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez to APPROVE Appointment of Eduardo Chavez to Serve the Remaining Term for District #3; SECONDED by Commissioner Buchholz

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Buchholz
Commissioner Randall
Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez
Mayor Lanier

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Buchholz informed the commission of upcoming events and meetings that she will be attending.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez reminded the commission of the Chamber of Commerce's upcoming events and encouraged everyone to visit the library.

Mayor Lanier updated the commission on some items:

- Purple Heart Community update
- San Juan Water Commission
- 4CED
- Chamber of Commerce events

Interim City Manager-Chief Morris reported on the parks and said the police will be increasing their presence now that school is back in session.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(2) Limited Personnel Matters
City Manager Application Review

Mayor Lanier MOVED to go into closed session at 6:46 Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) (2) Limited Personnel Matters, City Manager Application Review; SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

A Roll Call was Taken:

All Voting Aye:

Mayor Lanier

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

Commissioner Buchholz

Commissioner Randall

Mayor Lanier called to come out of closed session at 7:30 Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) (2) Limited Personnel Matters, City Manager Application Review; and stated that no other items were discussed, and no decisions were made.

A Roll Call was Taken:

All Voting Aye:

Mayor Lanier

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

Commissioner Buchholz

Commissioner Randall

BUSINESS ITEMS (CONTINUED)

A. City Manager Application Update and Status

The Commission wanted the job description and requirements edited, then have the new listing posted on the New Mexico Municipal League website. They also said the Commission can review applications on a rolling basis.

Mayor Lanier MOVED to APPROVE City Manager Application Review;
SECONDED by Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

A Roll Call was Taken:

All Voting Aye:

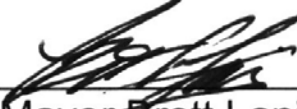
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Commissioner Randall

Mayor Pro-Tem Cortez

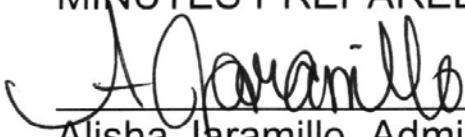
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Lanier to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm



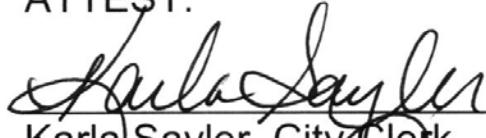
Mayor Brett Lanier

MINUTES PREPARED BY:



Alisha Jaramillo, Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:



Karla Saylor, City Clerk

