

**CITY OF AZTEC
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday September 8, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brett Lanier called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm at Aztec City Hall, 201 W. Chaco, Aztec NM 87410

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PROCLAMATION

Constitution Week

Mayor Lanier read the proclamation declaring the week of September 17–23 as Constitution Week.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Brett Lanier; Commissioner Katie Buchholz;
Commissioner Austin Randall and Commissioner Eduardo Chavez

Members Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Jason Cortez

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

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Promotion Ceremony for Sergeant Joshua Harris

Chief Troy Morris presented Sergeant Joshua Harris with a new badge in recognition of his promotion to Sergeant

PRESENTATION

Fire Department Chief Andrew Ekhoﬀ

Chief Andrew Ekhoﬀ provided the Commission with updates on the Fire Department, including membership, certifications, the average age of members, and the department's return to medical direction.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Agenda Items, SECONDED by Mayor Lanier

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Commission Workshop Meeting Minutes August 25, 2026
- B. Commission Meeting Minutes August 25, 2026
- C. Resolution 2026-1597 Authorizing Signatures for City Accounts
- D. Resolution 2026-1598 Authorizing Signatures for City Accounts
- E. Resolution 2026-1599 Authorizing Signatures for City Accounts
- F. American Road Maintenance Chip Seal Project Award
- G. Approval of Lodger's Tax Advisory Board (LTAB) Members

MOVED by Mayor Lanier to APPROVE Consent Agenda Removing Consent Item F for discussion; SECONDED by Commissioner Buchholz

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

- F. American Road Maintenance Chip Seal Project Award

The Commission requested for a copy of the City of Farmington contract, Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo said he would provide it. They also asked about the timeline and whether it was the same company used last time. Jeric said the project should start in October, it is not the same company, and they will be fog sealing this time.

MOVED by Mayor Lanier to APPROVE American Road Maintenance Chip Seal Project Award; SECONDED by Commissioner Buchholz

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

CITIZENS INPUT

NONE

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Final Adoption of Ordinance 2026-573 Change in Land Districting for Unconforming A-1 Properties to either AR-1 (Agricultural/Residential) or R-1 (Residential); SECONDED by Mayor Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Chavez
Commissioner Buchholz
Mayor Lanier

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

- B. Resolution 2026-1600 Water Connection Suspension for the First Divide Community and Surrounding Area

The Commission asked staff to keep working on the issue and find a way to fix it so the moratorium does not last too long. They also asked staff to check with the County to see what help may be available to address the water line problems in the area.

MOVED by Commissioner Buchholz to APPROVE Resolution 2026-1600 Water Connection Suspension for the First Divide Community and Surrounding Area; SECONDED by Mayor Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Buchholz
Commissioner Chavez
Commissioner Randall
Mayor Lanier

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

C. Wison & Company Contract Amendment #1

The Commission questioned when the city could expect to receive the reimbursements for the project. Project Manager Jeric Jaramillo said they usually receive them quickly once the invoices are submitted to the State. Jeric also said construction should be completed by the second week of October and would need a DOT inspection after that.

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to APPROVE Wilson & Company Contract Amendment #1; SECONDED by Mayor Lanier

A Roll Call was Taken:

Those Voting Aye: Commissioner Chavez
Commissioner Randall
Commissioner Buchholz
Mayor Lanier

Those Voting Nay: NONE

All Voted Aye: Motion Passed Four to Zero

COMMISSIONER, CITY MANAGER, DEPARTMENT REPORT

Commissioner Buchholz informed the Commission that she attended the Citizens Revival event. She went on a tour of the airport, discussed the grant received by Aztec Schools, and thanked the ditch owners for their assistance in filling the City's reservoir.

Mayor Lanier updated the commission on the following items:

- The assistance of the ditch owners
- Resolution with NMDOT for Main Street Pedestrian Safety
- San Juan Water Commission RFP for proposed reservoir construction in Cedar Hill was published
- Martin Heinrichs office shared information regarding water infrastructure funds
- Thanked staff for the information shared at the previous workshop

Interim City Manager Troy Morris provided updates to the commission on the following items;

- Options for purchasing a River pump
- Flooding Maintenance Plan

- Thanked the ditch owners for helping fill the reservoir
- Budget savings

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Commissioner Randall to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm

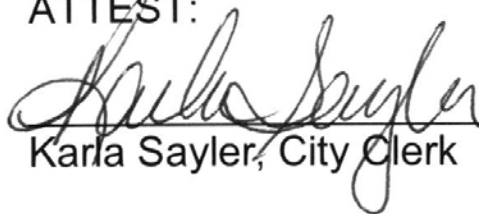


Mayor Brett Lanier

MINUTES PREPARED BY:

Alisha Jaramillo, Deputy Clerk

ATTEST:



Karla Sayler, City Clerk