

Regular Meeting Minutes– April 2019

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 6:00 P. M. in the Court Conference Room of the Public Safety Facility located at 609 St. Francis Drive, Tularosa, New Mexico.

Present: Mayor Margaret Trujillo
Trustee Janie Portillo
Trustee Jeni Alexander
Trustee Patrick Garcia
Trustee Robert Sainz

Also present was Margaret Lucero Village, Village Clerk and Attorney Jefferson Rhodes

At 6:00 P. M. Mayor Margaret Trujillo called the meeting to order asking that all rise and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

1. Consideration of Agenda and Public Hearing
 - a. Minutes of March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting
 - b. Site & Sign Permits-March Permits
 - c. Business Registrations-April 2019
 - d. Village Bills List
 - e. Public Library Monthly Report
 - f. Next Regular Meeting-May 15, 2019

Trustee Portillo made a motion to accept the agenda with the removal of items 9 and 13, seconded by Trustee Garcia, all voted aye. Motion Carried

The Mayor would like to thank everyone for coming, Representative Zach Cook and Otero Co Sheriff David Black are here. Thank you for coming.

2. Margaret Lucero, Village Clerk, asked that Liquor License No. 0635 be transferred to the new owners of Chaparral Investment Inc. The License will change in name only. Trustee Garcia motioned to approve. Trustee Alexander seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.
3. Violet Norman asking to approve the hiring of Michelle Dorame to the position of assistant cook at the senior center. Michelle will be on 6 months' probation will at a pay rate of \$10.00 hour. Trustee Garcia motioned to approve, Trustee Sainz seconded, all members voted aye. Motion Passed.
4. Violet Norman asking to approve the promotion of Minnie Mendez to the position of Head Cook at \$11.00 hour. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.
5. Violet Norman asking to approve a raise for Janet Penny. Janet does a great job and she is the one who inputs all the units for program reimbursements. Violet is asking for a \$1.00/hour increase. Trustee Garcia asked if this was in her budget and she stated yes. Trustee Alexander motioned to approve the raise. Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion Passed.
6. Richard Guilez, Utility Supervisor asking to approve a raise for Nash Kowatch. Nash attended water level school and passed his water level II certification. Nash is due a \$1.00/hour raise for obtaining this certificate. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion.

All members voted aye. Motion Passed.

7. Margaret Lucero, Village Clerk, asking to confirm and approve Samantha Chavez as a full time employee with a \$1.00/hour raise. Samantha has done a great job for the village. She has taken on the safety program and for the first time in over 15 years the village will qualify for the safety reimbursement. The Mayor stated she was told by previous clerk that the village always qualifies for the safety reimbursement and Margaret stated that was not correct. The village qualifies and receives the liability reimbursement not safety. Trustee Alexander motioned to approve. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. Alexander, Garcia and Sainz all voted aye, Trustee Portillo abstained from vote. Motioned Passed.

8. Margaret Lucero, asking to approve resolution #2018-19-18 for the annual CBDG certificates for our current grant. These are an annual requirement and are about fair housing and labor standards. Trustee Sainz motioned to approve, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motioned Passed.

9. Removed

10. Janie Portillo, asking to amend the personnel policy to reflect the change use or lose leave policy to correspond with our fiscal year. This will allow for better planning and budgeting in the future. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion passed.

11. Samantha Chavez asking to approve the hiring of Yolanda Mendez as the temporary cook for the summer food program at \$10.00/hour. Yolanda is returning to us again. she knows how the program works and she does a fantastic job. Trustee Garcia motioned to approve. Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

12. Samantha Chavez asking for Village Support with the Fiesta. She is requesting assistance with trash, road closures and traffic control as well as a wavier for noise ordinance. Samantha will work with the police chief. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve. Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion passed.

13. Removed

14. Janie Portillo asking to approve resolution # 2019-18-19 to show support for the stance on the new gun laws. The Mayor stated that the Village would uphold the constitution of the US. The police chief thanked the Mayor and Board for this resolution and supporting the local law enforcement. Trustee Garcia motioned to approve. Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. Motioned passed.

15. Mayor Trujillo wanted to recognize and thank our Local Police department. She stated that Otero Co. did a day of recognition for law enforcement and we were unable to send anyone down to participate. Thank you, Officers and Dispatchers,!

16. **Unscheduled Correspondence and Public Comments (3 Minutes)**
Chris Jones, resident, community email if back if anyone is interested.

Samantha Chavez, roll off dumpsters will be available at the Bank and maintenance yard for residents to do spring cleaning.

Chris Rupp, appliances, is there an option for removal
Jen Gruger, April 27, is a function at the Dry Goods Store, and if there is anyway to have public input before board makes decision as in the one that was made tonight with the resolution supporting the Local Sherrif on gun laws.

Robert Sainz, put old garbage truck up for auction.

Pat Garcia, please everyone lock up your vehicles and garage doors. Warmer weather

17. Old Business:

18 . New Business: Trustee Portillo would like to limit public comment to only Village residents and that if it was someone outside, they would need to be put on agenda.

19. Adjourn: 6:30pm

Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Margaret Lucero, Village Clerk