

Regular Meeting Minutes-December 16, 2020

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met for a Re-Scheduled Regular Meeting for October on Friday, December 16, 2020 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-present by phone
Trustee Patrick Garcia
Trustee Robert Sainz
Jeni Alexander-Absent

Also present was Rebekah Bryant, 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. Trustee Garcia made a motion to remove item c from #1, also #7 and #8 from the agenda. Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried

2. Steven Chavez was asking to approve a variance for a mobile home he wants put on 1513 W 1st St. Mr. Chavez explained that his mobile home is older than what the village allows per ordinance but it is in great condition and looks better than most homes in that area. Stephanie Dubois from planning and zoning agreed with Mr. Chavez as she had already met with him and made sure that everything was as he stated. Mr. Chavez submitted pictures and measurements to support his request. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.

3. Stephanie Dubois from planning and zoning reported information regarding alleys in town. She identified a few alleys that needed to be taken care of including N. of Montezuma w/low rising weeds, Hunter and Evans w/weeds, South end of Mobile home park needs attention as there is no through way to alley. Ethel, Chris, Lowes, Posey, Old Mescalero were looking good with no violations. She stated that they will be checking more around town.

4. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor is asking to approve the appointment of Deanna Montoya to the position of Senior Center Director with a 6-month probation at a pay rate of \$17.50hr. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.

5. Michael Heisinger, Chief of Police is asking to approve the appointment of Christopher McGuinness to the position of Police Officer with a 6-month probation at a pay rate of \$18.50/hr. Trustee Sainz motioned, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.

6. Michael Heisinger, Chief of Police is asking to approve Lorraine Seymour-Denton to the position of Dispatcher with a 6-month probation at a pay rate of \$11.50. Trustee Garcia questioned the pay rate of dispatcher since 11.50 is not a starting rate for this position. Officer Denton asked to speak and confirmed her experience for many years as she was his co-worker when he was Fire Chief. Also Margaret Trujillo spoke on behalf of Patrick Maturino who is the head of dispatch and he confirmed that she is picking things up quick and would be an asset to the dispatchers. Trustee Sainz motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.

7. Removed.

8. Removed.

9. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk is asking to approve the amended lease agreement with American Tower. Rebekah explained that she consulted with the Village attorney Jeff Rhodes who says that we would not need to agree to this amended lease agreement as it was not American Tower but another company contracted out. Mr. Rhodes explained that he would be sending American Tower company a letter stating that we would not be signing any new lease agreement until the year 2034 when the lease is up.

10. Unscheduled correspondence and public comments (3minutes)- Joan Price resident asked some questions regarding the Ditch Corp. and water rights. She was wondering if there had ever been an attempt to remove someone as commissioner of the Ditch Corp. The board of Trustees said that they had never seen that happen before. The board of Trustees also stated that they were very happy with how Mr. Danke was handling things with the Ditch Corp. Mayor Trujillo explained that he had reached out to the village when they were having water issues and was willing to help in any way possible and they were very thankful for that.

11. Old Business: none

12. New Business: none

13. Adjourn: 6:39pm

Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk