

Regular Meeting Minutes–FEBRUARY 21, 2024

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, 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 Deborah Cooksey
Trustee Patrick Garcia
Trustee Robert Sainz-Absent
Trustee Manuel Brusuelas
Trustee Mark Garwood

Also present was Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk
Attorney Jeff Rhodes

At 6:00 P. M. Mayor Deborah Cooksey 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 accept the agenda. Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Unscheduled Correspondence and public comments.

David Fuentes stated that he has trees in front of his house on 1st St. that he has talked to the village about this situation a few times and nothing has happened. He has had two vehicles that have been damaged due to limbs breaking off and falling on his vehicles. He stated that more and more stuff has been falling off the trees and no response from the village and has been told that nothing can be done. Attorney Jeff Rhodes advised him to put himself on the agenda to have more correspondence as the board could not address the issue since it is only public comment.

3. Deborah Cooksey, Mayor asked for approval for all village fleet to have gps installed. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

4. Cheryl Sandenaw, Construction Surveying Services asked for approval of a replat regarding lot line 409 Durazno and 401 Durazno. Stephanie Dubois from the planning and zoning dept. stated that she went over the plats and everything looked correct. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

5. Henry Prelo, Individual asked for approval for a subdivision of his property at 1003 Posey and 1005 Posey. Mr. Prelo stated that he was there to separate is property and they already have separate addresses, but they just needed to be separated properties. Mayor Cooksey asked planning and zoning member Stephanie Dubois if Tract B was big enough for a house and she responded yes. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

6. Faye Ramsey, Individual asked the village to split cost for the filing of a quit claim deed regarding property given back to the village. Mayor Cooksey asked the Village Attorney Jeff Rhodes if this was okay to do. Mr. Garcia also asked if this went against the anti-donation clause. Mr. Rhodes stated that this is property owned by the village and given back to us in an agreement made many years ago and that would be okay for the village to pay half if they agreed to it. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

7. Hill Kemp, Individual wanted to have a discussion regarding a desalination process. Mr. Kemp stated that he was the Chief Officer for Undesert Corp NM Company. He stated that he is aware that there is federal grant money available for innovating water purification technology but you have to have main utility and they are a private company so what he would like to do is see if the council can give him somebody he can talk to about this proposal and jointly applying for the grant funds that would be to fund a demonstration of their technology that would process 7 to 8 thousand gallons of water a day from saltwater that would be processed through a further step of reverse osmosis. He stated that the village could do what they want with it, put it in the ground to recharge the Aquapor. He would propose that they do the grant application, install the equipment, and operate it and the village would see the results. He stated that it wouldn't cost the village anything, but they would need a half-acre lot to put the equipment on and a pipe that has water that has salt in it. The mayor stated that we would have him back for a special meeting for further discussion.

8. Old Business:

Dave Shields from Bohannon Huston gave an update regarding our supplemental water source stating that the project study has been done and they are working on the task order for design. WWTP-monitor wells done and now they are working on the headworks. The splash pad is still in the works and hopefully breaking ground summer 2024. He is still looking into some of the grant requirements as well.

9. New Business: None

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Deborah Cooksey, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk