

Regular Meeting Minutes–July 20, 2022

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 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 Patrick Garcia
Trustee Robert Sainz
Trustee Deborah Cooksey-via telephone

Also present was Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk and Attorney Jeff 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 Portillo made a few changes including to remove agenda item #7, replace the 6-month probation to a 3-month probation on agenda item #12 and to replace the word removal to disbanding on agenda item #13. Janie Portillo made a motion to accept the agenda, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Unscheduled correspondence and public comments.

Shannah Coleman-Praised Officer Denton on his efforts to help her sister and her kids when they were broken down on the side of the road. She said he went above and beyond what she expected.

Roberta Wolfe-Said she was there on the 6th of June and witnessed an incident that Officer Denton de-escalated, and she appreciated his efforts on his part to make sure she was ok and apologized to her for having to see that.

3. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve Resolution #2022-2023-4 approving the FY 2021-2022 audit. Juan Garcia representing Auditors Beasley, Mitchell and Co. Certified Public Accountants did not show up for presentation.

4. Valarie Delgado, Finance Officer requested to adopt FY22/23 Operating Budget, Resolution #2022-23-1. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried. Roll call was taken: Cooksey-present, Garcia-present, Portillo-present, Sainz-present, Trujillo-present.

5. Valarie Delgado, Finance Officer requested to approve the 4th Quarter FY Financial Report ending 6/30/2022, Resolution #2022-23-2. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call was taken: Cooksey-present, Garcia-present, Portillo-present, Sainz-present, Trujillo-present.

6. Valarie Delgado, Finance Officer requested to approve Budget cleanup for FY 2021-22, ending 6/30/2022, Resolution #2022-23-3. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Roll call was taken: Cooksey-present, Garcia-present, Portillo-present, Sainz-present, Trujillo-present.

7. Omitted

8. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk requested approval for Resolution #2022-2023-6 annual membership to the Council of Governments. Trustee Portillo made a motion, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

Roll call was taken: Cooksey-present, Garcia-present, Portillo-present, Sainz-present, Trujillo-present.

9. Richard Guilez, Utility Supervisor asked to approve Nathan Betancur to the position of Field Utility Worker at a pay rate of \$14.50hr with a 6-month probationary period. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

10. Christopher McGuinness, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Margaret Barreras as a Police Officer at a pay rate of \$16.50hr and a probationary period until she has completed the police academy. Trustee Sainz made a motion, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

11. Christopher McGuinness, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Jose Garza as a Police Officer at a pay rate of \$16.50hr and a probationary period until he has completed the police academy. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

12. Christopher McGuinness, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Chad Denton to Sergeant at a pay rate of \$20.13hr and a 3-month probationary period. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

13. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor asked to approve the disbanding of Planning and Zoning. Trustee Portillo made a motion, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried. Mayor Trujillo thanked all members from planning and zoning for all their time and effort.

14. Janie Portillo, Trustee asked to create a position for an Advisor for the Village of Tularosa (This is not a paid position). Trustee Portillo made a motion, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

15. Patrick Garcia, Trustee asked to make an ordinance regarding dangerous buildings; removal; notice; right of municipality to remove; lien. Attorney Jefferson Rhodes said that we already have a state statute regarding this.

16. Anthony Gurnani, Individual was asking to address an issue with an individual in his neighborhood who is shooting dogs and letting his chickens run loose. Mr. Gurnani did not show up.

17. Rick Gutierrez, Individual asked for a variance for a mobile home at 1106 Montclair. Trustee Portillo made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

18. Michael Gruger, Tularosa Arts and History Council asked for approval for the use of Granado St. for the annual Tularosa Halloween Event on October 29, 2022, from 4-9pm event time is from 5-8pm. Also asking for barricades and trash cans. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

19. Janie Portillo, Trustee asked to go into executive session per section 1-15-1(H) of the open meetings act to discuss a pending water right litigation. Trustee Portillo made a motion to go into executive session, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call was taken: Cooksey-present, Garcia-present, Portillo-present, Sainz-present, Trujillo-present. No action was taken. Executive session was from 6:23pm to 7:25pm. Trustee Garcia motioned to come back into regular session and Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

20. Old Business: None

21. New Business: Robert Sainz, Trustee inquired about Pilar Chavez In. and putting a sewer line in. He said that from his understanding that there needs to be a survey done on that property to get the easement and that if we get it done now that it will be out of the way when it comes time to do 1st St. they can combine the two.

Janie Portillo, Trustee requested a special meeting regarding the property at 501 1st St. to change the amount to bid on.

Rebekah Bryant stated that surveys were done for CDBG and that we were approved for monies, but the amount is unknown.

Richard Guilez talked about fixing the guardrails on Old Mescalero Rd. and also that we got our Sanitation Survey done and also that Nash Kowatch has now completed his level 3 for water.

22. Adjourn: Trustee Garcia made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk