

Regular Meeting Minutes–MAY 15, 2024

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 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-Absent
Trustee Robert Sainz
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 Sainz made a motion to accept the agenda. Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

- 2.** Unscheduled Correspondence and public comments.
Thomas McKean- Stated that there will be a Memorial Day Service at Veterans Park on May 27, 2024 at 11am.

- 3.** Jeff Rhodes, Village Attorney asked to go into executive session as per section 1-15-1(H) of the open meetings acts. No executive session.

- 4.** Valarie Delgado asked to approve Resolution #2023-2024-13 requesting the DFA and State of NM to approve revised budget figures for certain line items in the Village's budget for fiscal year 2023-24 Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried. Roll call was taken Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Absent, Garwood-Aye, Sainz-Aye.

- 5.** Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt Ordinance No. 281 chapter 70 section 70.01 subject matter enacting the 2010 compilation of the New Mexico Uniform Traffic Ordinance together with all revisions and amendments as of July 2019, being a traffic code, by reference pursuant to New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978, Section 3-17-6. Trustee Sainz made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried. Roll call was taken

Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Absent, Garwood-Aye, Sainz-Aye.

6. Warren Candelaria, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Albert Barela to dispatcher/telecommunicator at a pay rate of \$17.00. Trustee Sainz made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

7. Patricia Gonzales, Pecos Valley Productions asked for approval for a consumption lounge at their establishment at 308 Granado St. Did not show up.

8. David Chavez, Tularosa Taco Company asked to use the baseball park for a community ice cream social. David stated that the baseball park would not be a good idea as there had been some work done on the field and didn't want to mess it up. An alternative would be Veterans Park. Mayor Cooksey asked where exactly and Mr. Chavez responded in the grassy area. Mr. Chavez stated that last year it was a big turn out and they had a lot of fun activities to do. He would like to ask for a few extra trash cans around the park. Trustee Sainz asked if there would be any vendors and Mr. Chavez stated that yes there would be and also a few bands playing. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

9. Baxter Patillo, Alamotero Land Surveyors is asking for approval for a 5-year hold exemption in the extra-territorial jurisdiction at 13 Austin Ln. for Oscar and Amanda Veyna. Baxter stated that the purpose of this plat was to create a two-lot division in the extra territorial jurisdiction, the method for the county would be a 5-year hold or claim of exemption basically creating an east portion and a west portion of the 5-acre tract, the county had approved this already and he is bringing this for any questions or considerations. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

10. Jennifer Willis, Individual asked for the village to install speed bumps on Utter Ln. Did not show up.

11. Jeff Trembly, Individual asked for approval for a building site permit without requiring a second water meter. Mayor asked to hear from the planning and zoning board regarding this situation. Chris Rupp from planning and zoning stated that at their last meeting they went over Mr. Trembly's application to him wanting to extend his water line to connect to a new building on his property. After going over the city ordinances Mr. Rupp stated the one in particular 51.05 states that the owner of each new structure unless it shall be an addition to an existing structure shall apply for obtain and have water meter for each new structure, now although his new structure is attaching to his existing garage that he has, his garage does not have water. The Board felt that if his garage did

already have water already hooked up to it than that wouldn't be an issue and he could extend it without the meter. But the fact that it does not have a meter/water line connected to it and that it was the board's decision to add a second meter. Mr. Trebly stated that he lives at 604 Bosque and would like to add a guest house to his property. He referred to his drawings of his property to show the board where he will build the guest house and after being built no one will see it. He stated that it will not be used for extended living only temporary stays from friends and family. Motion Died.

12. Greg Gutierrez, With Many Hands Alamogordo asked to approve a community garden at Utter Ln. or other sites. Courtney McCary junior community organizer based in Alamogordo and their focus is increasing civic engagement. She stated that they went into the community and asked about concerns and the biggest concern was food insecurity. So, they found a creative way to address the communities concerns and found a vacant lot and signed an MOU with the City of Alamogordo to create community gardens for community participation and civic engagement. They have a few gardens around the Alamogordo area and would like to have Tularosa involved. Courtney brought up that they would like to use Utter Lane Park as it has an abundance of room. Mayor Cooksey stated that she would prefer another park as that one gets the most graffiti and vandalism. She offered the Senior Center and James Vigil Park as alternative places. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

13. Guadalupe Gallegos, Individual asked for approval of water and sewer for his food truck (address pending w/county). Mr. Gallegos stated that he is putting a food truck on his property at 420 Central Ave. and needs sewer and it already has a water meter there. Mayor Cooksey stated they have a little problem as one of our ordinances states that you have to have a dwelling or building to hook up. Also, if he is cooking, he has to have a grease trap. He stated that he has one in the food truck. The mayor stated that it was mobile and could not be connected. It would need to be self-contained and dumped. He stated that his isn't, but he could make it. No Motion.

14. Chris Rupp, Kiwanas Club Tularosa asked for approval for a Christmas day event so he can get a state permit. Mr. Rupp stated that he is looking to have a Christmas Parade and Bazaar. Mr. Rupp has already purchased the insurance to cover the events but is needing permission from the village to use the roads. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All

members voted Aye; Motion carried.

15. Chris Rupp, Planning and Zoning asked to review and approve a building permit for John Greene. Mr. Rupp stated that Mr. Greene applied for a site permit but did not give him plans for the permit. Mr. Greene stated that he turned them into the village office on the back of the permit request. Rebekah the clerk stated that it must have been a miscommunication and Mr. Greene had turned it in. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

16. Deborah Cooksey, Mayor asked for approval to fix the overflow of water into the ditch by speedway. Mayor stated that she had met with NMDOT and they stated that a fix to that situation would be to create a culvert around the ditch to prevent the overflow into the ditch. It would be cost effective and resolve the ongoing complaints. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

17. Peter Kauffman, Individual asked to connect his Distillery to the village sewer system. Mr. Kauffman stated that he wants to connect to the sewer system to discharge from his distillery. Mayor Cooksey stated that our sewer system is fragile and wants more information on how his distillery will be monitored for the discharge. Mr. Kauffman will bring back more information once he looks into it more. Tabled until next meeting.

18. Old Business:

Dave Shields from Bohannon Huston gave an update on our projects and where they are at. Stated the June 12 we will have our 11month walk through for the monitoring wells.

19. New Business: Mayor Cooksey stated that the little league would like to get reimbursed for the fertilizer they bought for the field.

20. Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Deborah Cooksey, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk