

## **Regular Meeting Minutes-November 6,2020**

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met for a Re-Scheduled Regular Meeting for October on Friday, November 6, 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-Present Over the Phone  
Trustee Janie Portillo  
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 Pro-tem Janie Portillo 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 #12 from the agenda. Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried
2. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor asked to go into executive session as per section 1-15-1 (H) of the open meetings act to discuss a threatened or pending litigation. Motion was made by Trustee Garcia to go into executive session with Trustee Sainz seconding the motion. All members voted aye. Motion Carries.  
Roll Call: (present) Garcia (present) Portillo (present) Sainz. No decisions were made in the executive session. Voted to come back from executive session: Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.
3. Peg Crim and Lisa Yehle from an organization on Eliminating Childhood Trauma in Otero County shared some information on their organization and what they were trying to do. Only information was shared and no action was taken.
4. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk is asking to approve the contract for the New Mexico Dept of Health (WIC). Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk explained that the contract is the same as it has been with nothing new added to it. Trustee Garcia asked if they were happy with the building and Rebekah explained that she had received an email stating that they were happy with everything and to thanked us for working with them. Trustee Garica motioned, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.

5. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk is asking to approve the closure of the village offices for November 27, 2020 and December 24, 2020. Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk explained that these days would be taken off with the employees own leave time. Trustee Sainz motioned, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries.
6. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor is asking to approve the appointment of Michael Heisinger to the position of Chief of Police with a 6-month probation at a pay rate of \$25.00hr. Mayor Trujillo asked at that time if she could add items 7, 8 and 9 to the approval list and wants everyone to know that we are now fully staffed on our police dept. Trustee Sainz asked about Amanda Velasco and Summer Sandercox not being certified and it was explained to him by Mayor Trujillo that they will be attending the academy in August of 2021 and that the rest of the officers are certified and one is certified by waiver. Trustee Garcia asked Chief Heisinger to introduce his officer. Officers were introduced and then Sworn in by the Village Clerk Rebekah Bryant. Trustee Portillo motioned, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries
7. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor is asking to approve the appointment of Chad Denton to the position of Seargeant with a 6-month probation at a pay rate of \$18.50hr. Trustee Portillo motioned, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.
8. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor is asking to approve the appointment of Amanda Velasco to the position of Police Officer with a 6-month probation at a pay rate of \$16.50hr. Trustee Portillo motioned, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries
9. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor is asking to approve the appointment of Summer Sandercox to the position of Police Officer with a 6-month probation at a pay rate of \$16.50hr. Trustee Portillo motioned, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.
10. Stephanie Dubois is asking to discuss some actions that they want to make regarding adding an electric pole to the Red Brick Building. Linda Zhiel spoke asking about placing the pole in a certain area but that area is not owned by us and she was informed by Mayor Trujillo that she would have to ask the Tularosa Municipal Schools permission not us.

11. Patrick Garcia, Trustee is asking to approve the moving forward on the bidding process on the Talo Chavez property at 501 1<sup>st</sup> St. Jeff Rhodes Village Attorney informed Trustee Garcia that they would need to get an actual appraiser to go out to the property for an actual appraisal not an assessment before they can start bidding. Trustee Garcia motioned to Postpone, seconded by Trustee Sainz, all member voted aye. Motion carries.

12. Item removed

13. Patrick Garcia, Trustee is wanting to discuss state statutes on condemnation of run-down buildings. Trustee Garcia read the statute aloud. Discussed that they would need code enforcement officer to impose such issues. Also needing a building inspector to evaluate the building to prove inhabitable. Garcia discussed that they would start to attack the run down buildings to see what progress they can get with it.

14. Caroline Moreno is asking to have a discussion on the police dept. Carolina was a no show.

15. Unscheduled correspondence and public comments (3 minutes)  
Mayor Trujillo wanted to say congratulations to everyone who ran in the elections and for office. Also wanted to thank the Sheriffs and State Police who have been helping us while we were short officers. Also she thanked all veterans for Veterans Day coming up on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Due to covid the annual veterans day assembly was not going to happen.

16. Old Business: none

17. New Business: none

18. Adjourn: 7:14pm

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Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

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Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk