

## Regular Meeting Minutes-October 20, 2021

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 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

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 Portillo made a motion to accept the agenda, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
2. Unscheduled correspondence and public comment (3 minutes)  
Steven Ellison was concerned about dangerous streets in the area and wanted to know what could be done. He also said that there are programs to look into to help for the conditions.
3. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk requested approval for Resolution #2021-2022-9 acceptance and approval for the Participation in Transportation Project Fund Program administered by the NM Dept of Transportation. Project LP 20026 La Luz Ave Repaving Project \$752,673.00. Trustee Garcia motioned; Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries. Roll Call was taken: Garcia present, Portillo present, Sainz present and Trujillo present.
4. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk requested approval for Resolution #2021-2022-10 acceptance and approval for the Participation in Transportation Project Fund Program administered by the NM Dept of Transportation. Project LP20026 Rita Lopez Lane Paving Project \$249,642.00. Trustee Sainz motioned; Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries. Roll Call was taken: Garcia present, Portillo present, Sainz present and Trujillo present.
5. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt Section 132.25 of the Tularosa Code of Ordinances providing for Unlawful Drinking in Public or Being Intoxicated in Public Places. Trustee Garcia motioned; Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries. Roll Call was taken: Garcia Present, Portillo Present, Sainz Present, Trujillo Present.
6. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk is asking for approval for the HELP NM Head start lease for 2021-2022. Trustee Portillo motioned; Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries.
7. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve the closure of the Village Offices for November 26, and December 23 & 24, 2021. Rebekah explained that leave will be taken by employees for November 26 and December 23. December 24 will be considered a paid holiday. Trustee Sainz motioned; Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries.
8. Michael Heisinger, Chief of Police asked for the approval of Albert Barela to full time employee with a \$1.00 raise as he has completed his 6-month probationary period. Patrick Maturino is Alberts direct supervisor and he stated that Albert is a very knowledgeable and reliable employee who drives everyday from Las Cruces to come to work and he can count on him all the time and is an asset to the police dept. Trustee Garcia motioned; Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries.

9. Michael Heisinger gave recognition to Officer Alyssia Portillo and Lt. Blanton on their efforts in saving lives. Both have saved the lives of persons who had overdosed. Without their quick efforts and medical knowledge that persons life would not have been saved. Both were given Life Saving Awards.

10. Michael Gruger/Jen Gruger from the Tularosa Arts and History Council presented information on the luminaria display on December 24, 2021. Jen asked the Village for their help to supply traffic management assistance, getting the sand and the cleanup after the display. Trustee Portillo motioned; Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries.

11. Jen Gruger from 100% Otero gave a follow up presentation on general information about the 100% Otero working to end childhood trauma and also discussed support for a mural in Tularosa to bring awareness. Jen stated that they would be looking into areas where they could possibly do a mural and would appreciate any ideas.

12. Stephanie Dubois from planning and zoning wanted to set up a workshop regarding solar panels and cannabis. The board agreed and said they will set a day and time to do that.

13. Jeff Rhodes, Village Attorney asked to go into executive session as per section 1-15-1(H) of the open meetings act to discuss a pending water right litigation and also the pending Moheit litigation. Trustee Garcia motioned to go into executive session; Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries. Portillo motioned to come back into regular session; Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries. Discussion only, no decisions were made during the executive session.

14. Old Business: The property at 501 1<sup>st</sup> st. that the Village owns will be getting appraised.

15. New Business: None

16. Adjourn: At 7:17 pm Mayor Trujillo adjourned the meeting.

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Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

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Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk