

Regular Meeting Minutes-January 20,2021

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 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-via telephone
Trustee Patrick Garcia
Trustee Robert Sainz
Jeni Alexander-via telephone

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 Garcia made a motion to accept the agenda, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried
2. Michael Heisinger, Police Chief asked to approve the promotion for Ryan Blanton from Sergeant to Lieutenant with a 6-month probation. Chief Heisinger expressed that Mr. Blanton has been taking on everything he asks of him and has really been someone he can count on. Trustee Sainz motioned, Trustee Alexander seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.
3. Michael Heisinger, Police Chief asked to approve the promotion for Christopher McGuinness from police officer to Sergeant with a 6-month probation. Chief Heisinger expressed that McGuinness has done a really great job so far and that he is really getting to know the town of Tularosa. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.
4. Michael Heisinger, Police Chief asked to approve the appointment of Joseph Mendez to position of police officer with a 6-month probation at a rate of \$16.50. Trustee Sainz questioned if Officer Mendez would be certified or not and Chief informed him that he is not and will be going to the academy. Trustee Sainz motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.
5. Michael Heisinger, Police Chief asked to approve the appointment of Kathryn Cory to position of police officer with a 6-month probation at a rate of \$18.50.

Trustee Garcia said that he had ran into Officer Cory while walking with his great granddaughter and she stopped and introduced herself to him and gave his granddaughter a toy. He really appreciated the fact that she was engaging with the community. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Alexander seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries

6. Deborah Hernandez, Animal Control Officer asked to approve the appointment of Carlos Montoya to the position of part-time Animal Control Officer with a 6-month probation at a pay rate of \$10.50. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.

7. Deanna Montoya, Senior Center Director asked to approve the appointment of Krystal Torres to the position of Secretary with a 6-month probation at a pay rate of \$12.00hr. Deanna expressed how much of an asset Krystal has been already and is really grateful to have her. Deanna was asked if this position was available and she confirmed that it had been vacant since Janet Penny had resigned her position last year. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.

8. Stephanie Dubois from planning and zoning asked about the wording in one of the ordinances pertaining to a permit fee. The board of trustees decided that they would have a workshop on the permit fees. End of discussion

9. Stephanie Dubois from planning and zoning asked for approval for Mr. Burciaga's application for permit. Mr. Burciaga explained that he no longer needs the permit as he is not going to move forth with it.

10. Michael Gruger, Art & History council wanted to recognize the Village of Tularosa for assistance with the luminarias. Mr. Gruger expressed that they could not have done it without all the help from the Village and the fellow residents who helped out tremendously. From the traffic control to the clean-up, everyone was very helpful and he really appreciated it.

11. Unscheduled correspondence and public comments:

Robert Danke thanked Richard Guilez and crew for the amazing work they did on the sewer line on Bosque. He said that they were on it first thing that morning and when they were done you couldn't even tell they had done any work there as clean as the work had been done.

Joan Price was questioning who owned the Big Black Gun at Gunners BBQ place as she feels it is not a good look for the town. She went on to explain that it was owned by Couy Griffin and he no longer runs the BBQ place so she would like to see if it could be removed. Trustee Garcia said that that would be something our

planning and zoning would have to look into.

Patricia White explained that she walks every evening down 8th and Clayton onto Riata and Radio Rd and that it gets dark early and would like to see more police patrolling that area as she rarely sees any if at all. She said that cars speed up and down that road and it's not safe. The Mayor said she would speak with the Officers and let them know.

12. Old Business: None

13. New Business: Richard Guilez explained that the blue reflectors placed on the streets were put there as a guide to where all fire hydrants were placed. He also explained that all fire hydrants had been flushed throughout the village.

14. Adjourn: 6:37 PM

Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk