

Regular Meeting Minutes–NOVEMBER 15, 2023

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 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 Patrick Garcia
Trustee Robert Sainz-Absent
Trustee Deborah Cooksey
Trustee Mark Garwood

Also present was Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk
Attorney Jeff Rhodes-Absent

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 Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Unscheduled correspondence and public comments:
None

3. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor asked to recognize the Tularosa High School baseball team on their accomplishment in winning a state title. Mayor Trujillo stated that she was very proud of every young man on the team and recognized each player and coach individually.

4. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor asked to recognize John Montoya and the volunteer fire dept. for all their dedication and hard work. John was unable to attend so it will be put on December's agenda.

5. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor asked to approve a "Proclamation in support of the Extension and Expansion of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act". Mayor Trujillo read the proclamation and Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

6. Valarie Delgado, Finance Officer requested approval of the reimbursement policy for public officers and employees travel expenses for FY2023-24, Resolution #2023-24-7. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.
Roll Call: Cooksey-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye.

7. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk requested to approve the Resolution #2023-24-8 authorizing the execution and delivery of a Colonias Infrastructure project fund loan/grant agreement by and between the New Mexico Finance Authority and the Village of Tularosa in the total amount of \$315,311.00, loan amount being \$31,531.00 and grant amount being \$283,780.00 certifying that the loan/grant amount together with other funds is sufficient to complete the project. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.
Roll Call: Cooksey-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye.

8. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve the closure of the Village Offices for November 24, and December 26, 2023. Leave will be taken by employees for those days. Rebekah stated that these days will be taken as vacation days for employees. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

9. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor asked to approve the appointment of Howard Clay to the position of Solid Waste Driver at a pay rate of \$19.00hr. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

10. Brandon Boyle, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Elizabeth Provenzano and Sarah Light to the position of telecommunicator/dispatcher at a pay rate of \$15.00hr. Chief of Police was unavailable so the Mayor asked for the approval of the employees. Patrick Maturino head dispatcher spoke and stated that both are learning very quickly and that Elizabeth is already on her own and Sarah is picking up quickly. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

11. Brandon Boyle, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Alysia Jones to the position of part time animal shelter attendant at a pay rate of \$13.00hr. Chief of Police was unavailable so the Mayor asked for the approval of the employee. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

12. Cheryl Sandenaw, Construction Surveying Services asked for approval for a lot line adjustment for 1108 Higuera. Cheryl stated that the property is a smaller lot inside a bigger lot. They are wanting to get rid of two lines and make it bigger. Property size doesn't change. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

13. Ali Kassam, Individual asked to approve the placement of a gym in the community center and approve pursuit of funding. Mr. Kassam stated that our community would greatly benefit from a gym in the community. The only gym currently is at the Senior center but only seniors are allowed to attend. He also stated that he looked into the cost associated with the purchase of equipment and it would be around \$12,000 and his first approach would be to apply for a grant. He stated that the village could apply for a grant for land improvement funding. He also stated that it would great for our police officers and fire dept. to utilize. Trustee Cooksey asked where Mr. Kassam worked out at the moment, he stated in Alamogordo, she asked if there was a community gym in Alamogordo that was available to work out. Trustee Cooksey stated that her challenge for him was to find out if there is one and the liability it has associated with it. Mayor Trujillo asked him if he is talking about using the community center and if so she does not believe there is an availability as all the rooms are being utilized by the head start program. Trustee Garcia asked what kind of weights was he interested in using, free weights or machines. Trustee Garcia stated that he would not recommend free weights as they are a liability factor as they can fall on someone and get hurt. Mr. Kassam asked what if the insurance company said it was okay or have someone there to monitor as a volunteer program or something. Trustee Garcia stated that they would need to have someone trained for that. Mr. Kassam stated that is a roadblock that can be resolved. Mayor Trujillo stated that she believes that he has good intentions but at the moment there is no place to put a gym.

14. Old Business: None

15. New Business: Trustee Garwood stated that he wants to look into getting all the salt cedar removed from the creek and he is looking into the salt cedar eradication.

16. Adjourn: Trustee Cooksey made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk