

Regular Meeting Minutes–February 19, 2025

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 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
Trustee Robert Sainz
Trustee Manuel Brusuelas
Trustee Mark Garwood

Also present was Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk

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 Brusuelas made a motion accept the agenda, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Unscheduled Correspondence: None

3. Eric Cardona, Audit Supervisor for Beasley Mitchell & Co. presented the 2023-2024 audit report. Mr. Cardona stated that the Village of Tularosa audit went very well and there was only one finding which was for capital assets management. This finding has been a continuing one since 2017 due to assets not being accounted for. There has been a corrective action plan in place to rectify this finding. Overall, the audit was a success, and he wanted to thank Rebekah and her office staff for being very helpful and providing them with everything they needed in order to get this audit done in a timely manner. Discussion only

4. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve Resolution #2024-2025-11 for the approved audit for 2023-2024 with acknowledgement of one audit finding. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll Call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye, Sainz-Aye.

5. Allie Caskey, Sites Southwest presented the village with an update on the comprehensive plan. Allie stated that they have started with the comprehensive plan and have attended a few events in town to get input from residents regarding what they would like to see for the future of the village. She also stated that she had a meeting with all employees to get their feedback as well.

They will be working to revamp our current comprehensive plan, and it should be done by the end of the year. Discussion only.

6. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve Resolution #2024-2025-12 to change the PERA Municipal Police Plan 1 to Municipal Police Plan 3. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll Call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye, Sainz-Aye.

7. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk requested to open and accept sealed bids for the leasing of 6 of the village water rights to go to the highest bidder on each right. Mayor Cooksey opened one sealed bid from Jim Davis of Davis Farms with the bid of \$675.00 for one, \$525.00 for the second bid, \$350.00 for the third bid and \$350.00 for the fourth bid. Trustee Garcia made a motion for the first bid of \$675.00, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

8. Christopher Rupp, Planning and Zoning asked to approve a building site permit for Casey Otero at 802 Elouise Circle. Rebekah Bryant swore Mr. Rupp in. Mr. Rupp stated that they have went over the application and site plans and recommend approval for the site permit. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

9. Christopher Rupp, Planning and Zoning asked for approval for the relocation of Debbie Lewis's mobile home at 1605 W 3rd St. Mr. Rupp stated that he has seen the trailer and it is in good condition and the property has adequate space for the placement. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

10. Cheryl Sandenaw, Construction Surveyors asked for approval for a lot line adjustment for Estella, Monica and Gilbert Padilla. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion.

11. Andrea Carrillo, Individual asked for the village to place canopies over the playground equipment at the parks. Andrea stated that she takes her grandkids to the park and is worried about the playground being too hot for them to play. Mayor Cooksey stated that they are going to look into how much they cost and what grants we can apply for to get this done.

12. Jason Brill, Individual asked for a timeframe or a plan when the sinkholes on Marin Drive will be fixed. Mr. Brill stated that the sinkholes are very deep, and he is concerned for any vehicle to drive on that street especially the villages garbage truck that carries a lot of weight. This problem has been apparent for many years and needs to be addressed. Mayor Cooksey stated that they do know the concern they have about the street, and they will be looking into street projects funds that will be coming up to apply for.

13. Gary Gonzales, Individual asked for a variance to keep his RV at his residence. Mayor Cooksey stated that they are revamping the RV Ordinance and this would not be necessary to make a decision as they are changing the ordinance because of many situations like this.

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15. Old Business: Trustee Garwood asked about talking to PNM about the street lights for Old Mescalero. Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk stated that she has reached out and also let Utility Supervisor Angel Voorbach know as well.

Also there was some graffiti at the little league field that needed to be taken care of. Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk stated that she will put a work order in for maintenance to remove it.

16. New Business: None

17. Adjourn: 6:49pm

Deborah Cooksey, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk