

Regular Meeting Minutes–AUGUST 16, 2023

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 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
Trustee Deborah Cooksey
Trustee Mark Garwood

Also present was Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk and Attorney Jeff 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 Sainz 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. Richard Guilez, Utility Supervisor is asked to approve the appointment of Samuel Betancur and Jonathan Salazar to the position of Field Maintenance at a pay rate of \$14.50hr. Trustee Garcia questioned agenda item #4 as to why that position was getting more pay than these two positions. He asked if anyone else had a problem with it and Trustee Cooksey said she did as well. Trustee Sainz made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

4. Brandon Boyle, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Rebecca Michael to the position of Evidence Tech part time at a pay rate of \$15.00hr. This item was tabled because the Chief was out on a call. Trustee Garcia motioned to table, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried. The Chief returned after agenda item #5. Trustee Garcia motioned to bring back agenda item #5, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried. Chief Boyle recommended the approval of Rebecca

Michael as evidence tech and stated that she comes to us from Ruidoso Downs and has plenty of certifications and plenty of experience and so far the little bit of time she has been with the dept. she has done a great job. Trustee Garcia asked what hours she worked, and the Chief responded that she is currently full time at her current job and will work around that schedule but most likely will be evenings. Trustee Garcia also asked if she would be flexible to work those hours and the Chief said she will be available when the dept. needs her. Trustee Cooksey asked what her hours were now, and the Chief stated that she works day shift and doesn't know her specific hours. Trustee Cooksey asked what if they need her for something that goes on in the daytime. Chief Boyle stated that he doesn't have a set number of hours for her that she is needed but there is plenty of stuff that needs to be done so right now as many hours as she can give us to get us to where the evidence room needs to be. Trustee Cooksey asked if we needed someone full time, and the Chief responded that not at this time once everything is in order that they will be good. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. Trustee Sainz asked what her hours looked like right now and the Chief stated that she is working less than 20 hours a week and comes in when needed. Trustee Cooksey stated that personally she would like to see someone full time here to help with ordinances and other stuff. Trustee Garcia said he is going to put his confidence in the Chief because this is his area of expertise, and he is in charge of the police dept. Trustee Garwood said any help for our force is greatly appreciated and he knows that all over the U.S. that it is hard to find people to work in law enforcement so any improvement to the force is appreciated. Trustee Cooksey also stated that she doesn't want her getting full time hours and the Chief stated that she will not be. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

5. Cheryl Sandenaw, Construction Surveying Services asked to approve an alternate summary subdivision for 3 separate owners. Cheryl stated that they are making two lots into three lots and they are creating a new line to divide the tracks. Trustee Sainz asked if this was going to be a subdivision for commercial or residential. Cheryl stated that it would be residential. This area is outside of the village limits but is within the 3-mile jurisdiction. Tom Mckean who is the planning and zoning advisor recommended that the plat say summary subdivision instead of alternate summary subdivision. Cheryl said that she could make those changes and submit to the mayor and clerk to be signed once approved. Trustee Garwood made a motion for the plat for 1409 Higuera, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried. Trustee Garcia made a motion to have the plat that is subdivided A, B & C on Shoeller place to say summary subdivision instead of alternate summary subdivision. Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

6. Michael Gruger, Tularosa Arts & History Council asked for the approval of street closure and 10 trash cans for the for the Halloween on Granado community event on October 28, 2023, from 2pm-8pm. Mr. Gruger stated that they just finished up with the first annual duck race and it was a huge success. People were already asking him if the Halloween event was going to be on for this year and he told them yes and he already has a huge amount of people willing to help with this event. He stated that he has already spoken with the businesses on Granado and everyone is on board. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

7. Old Business: David Shields from Huston Bohannon stated that the current monitoring wells project update is that they are ordering a new sampling pump and while that is coming in they can't close is out until they get the reauthorization grant done with the MOU, Rebekah Bryant Village clerk stated that it had been done today. Regarding the Supplemental water source, they have a meeting on Monday the 21st at 1pm with Shoemaker and assoc. to discuss that. Also, the splash pad will also be discussed about vendors to purchase the equipment and see what's best for the village. He also stated that there is a lead and copper mandate that will be coming into effect and that we would have to check all pipes from meter to customer houses and it will take a lot of money and time so hopefully once it goes into effect, we can get some funding to do that but there is still a lot of things that need to be done before this happens. It is a huge undertaking and is coming on fast. He also stated that Willow, Hunter and Santa Fe may be the streets that they are going to redo with the NMDOT grant.

8. New Business: 100% Otero is willing to donate to the mural on the water tanks.

9. Adjourn: Trustee Garcia made the motion to adjourn, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk