

Regular Meeting Minutes–February 2020

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 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 Jeni Alexander

Absent at start of meeting: Trustee Portillo

Also present was Margaret Lucero, 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. Consideration of Agenda; Motion to approve agenda with corrections to the special meeting minutes to read the prevailing side asked for reconsideration on the item by Trustee Garcia, motion was seconded by Trustee Alexander. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
2. Darrell Chavez, Police Chief, asking to approve a raise of \$1.00/hour for Officer Brenda Vega, she successfully completed the certification by wavier course at the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy. Brenda is also now a certified DARE officer as well. Trustee Sainz approved the motion. Trustee Alexander seconded the motion. Roll Call was done. All members except for the absent Trustee Portillo voted aye. Motion carried.
3. Trustee Patrick Garcia, asking to put out an RFP to accept bids for the tree trimming of the cottonwood that is located at approximately 1200 8th street. Trustee Garcia motioned to approve. Trustee Portillo who was absent earlier in meeting is now here and voted to second the motion. Trustee Garcia stated he wanted to make sure the Village was following procedures for bids. He also stated that PNM has been over to this tree and did trim it down to the transformer. The homeowner has sent word that they are willing to split the expense with the Village. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
4. Trustee Patrick Garcia, asking to approve the stipend for the basketball volunteer in the amount of \$500.00 per month. Trustee Sainz motioned to approve. Trustee Alexander seconded the motion. Trustee Garcia stated that the person doing the program does a lot, from scheduling, concession, referees, and this year there is currently over 200 kids in the program. The Mayor stated she

thought this was "Volunteer Program" but she did not have a problem with the stipend. The attorney stated that the Village can not retro active pay someone, and they are going to be looked at as a contractor. All members voted aye after discussion. Motion carried.

5. Margaret Lucero, Village Clerk, asking to approve a letter of intent for LGRF funds for street improvement. Trustee Sainz motioned to approve, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. Margaret and David Shields stated that Eloise Circle is one location that is needed. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

6. **Unscheduled correspondence and public comment:**

1. Robert Sainz—what is the Village going to do with the old trucks, the school was wanting to purchase if they can. Richard was also called about the old trucks. Jeff stated that the village could do an inter-agency transfer if we elected to do so.
2. Pat Garcia—can the basketball volunteer use the village vehicle and Sam's card for concession items. Jeff stated that only village employees can use the vehicles for insurance reasons. Margaret stated she would help figure out a way to purchase concession items.
3. Kurt Crawford, lives behind Casa de Suenos on Calle de Rosa and he would like to have the potholes filled on his street. Richard stated that he was told by Otero County to stay off county road. Calle de Rosa is outside the village limits and belongs to Otero County. Jeff stated he should put himself on the agenda for the county.
4. Libby Butler, Tularosa Rotary, wanting some information about the museum and to offer some volunteer services for both the museum and Red Brick Building. The mayor stated the museum has a collapsed sewer line along with a bad roof. The museum needs to be repaired and also needs to be preserved as it is a historical site. The Village is working on a plan and is also hoping to secure another location for museum if possible. The Historical society takes pride in the work it is doing at the red brick and is doing so with all the historical requirements.
5. Richard stated he attended the rotary meeting and they have donated flag poles and flags to the senior center.
6. Debby Cooksey, wanted to bring attention to the lot on Gabe Lane and Marshall Lane, as there appears to be an RV with someone living in it. It has become an eye sore and potentially a health hazard.
7. Richard Stout at 105 Gallegos Lane. He stated it has been over a year that the property at 110 Gallegos Lane was given a citation for the waste in the yard. It still is in bad shape. He is willing to go onto the property and clean with some assistance from the Village. Chief Chavez stated the Village could not give him

permission to go onto private property; however, if there is no sign stating no trespassing, he could start to clean. The Mayor said she would allow him to use a couple of older trash cans to help with the trash. Officer Villa stated he would go and look at property again and due to changes in the police department, the older violations need to be readdressed.

8. Old Business:

9. New Business:

10. Adjourn: 6:55pm

Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Margaret Lucero, Village Clerk