

Regular Meeting Minutes–January 2020

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 15, 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 Janie Portillo
Trustee Patrick Garcia
Trustee Robert Sainz
Trustee Jeni Alexander

Also present was Rebekah Bryant, Clerk Assistant 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.

2. Violet Norman, Senior Center Director to approve the Thrive funding application. Trustee Garcia motioned to table this item due to Ms. Norman not being present at the meeting. Trustee Sainz seconded the motion to postpone. All members voted aye. Motion to table was carried.

3 Item removed

4. Janie Portillo, Trustee, wants the board minutes to reflect who is motioning for a raise, who seconds and the amount of raise in the minutes. Trustee Portillo motioned; Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion Carried.

5. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor, asking to change probation period for Chief Chavez. The Mayor stated that he was doing a wonderful job and feels he should come off probation early. Trustee Portillo motioned to have the Chief come off probation early. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

6. Janie Portillo, Trustee, asking to have all credit cards locked up in a cabinet at the Village Hall. All board members agreed to keep cards in cabinet and to be used for only official business by person with name on card unless checked out and approved in Village Hall. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve. Trustee Alexander seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

7. Janie Portillo, Trustee, asking to amend section 40.09 of the personnel policy to

include the following "all maintenance, water and wastewater employees will be required to work stand by or weekend duty. Failure to comply could result in discipline actions up to and including termination". Trustee Portillo motioned to accept the change. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

8. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor, asking to approve Resolution 2019-2020-13. A resolution for trees within the Village Community. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve the resolution. Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. Trustee Garcia stated that this was needed to tackle the tree issue, happy to see some action taken without admitting guilt. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

9. Sally Singleton, Utility Billing Clerk, asking to approve the change to Intellipay online bill pay service to include a credit card machine. Trustee Portillo motioned to accept the change to Intellipay for online payments and to include the credit card machine. Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

10. Sally Singleton and Margaret Lucero, asking to approve a change in billing for Ramon Scott. We are asking for a minimum billing due to a problem with a meter change. Trustee Garcia motioned to accept the billing change. Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

11. Police Chief asking to approve the hiring of Ezekiel Zamarripa to the position of officer. Chief stated Ezekiel is certified and is already settling in and doing a great job. Patrick Maturino stated that he is bi-lingual. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve the hiring of Ezekiel Zamarripa at \$17.50/hour with 6 months' probation. Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

12. Police Chief Chavez asking to approve the hiring of Amanda Velasco to the position of dispatcher. Patrick sated that Amanda has starting training and is a quick learner and is eager to work. Trustee Portillo motioned to approve the hiring of Amanda at \$11.00 hour. Trustee Alexander seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

13. Unscheduled correspondence and public comment:

1. Tom McKeon would like a work order to change lights at Veterans Park.
2. David Shields, Bohannon Huston, Clayton and Hagee lanes are done. Water project has started and should last through summer.
3. Robert Danke would like a update on the rose bushes.

14. Old Business:

15. New Business:

16. Adjourn: 6:47

Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Margaret Lucero, Village Clerk