

## **Regular Meeting Minutes–JANUARY 18, 2023**

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, January 18, 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 Patrick Garcia made a motion to remove agenda item #10 and to accept the agenda, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

**2.** Unscheduled correspondence and public comments.

Joan Price:

She had the opportunity to observe the village police officers in action in a crisis intervention situation and she observed Officer Garza and Officer Flores at the scene. She wanted to say that they did a superb job in handling the individual.

**3.** Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve Resolution #2022-2023-10 Open Meetings Act. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call was taken: Cooksey-present, Garcia-present, Garwood-present, Sainz-present and Trujillo-present.

**4.** Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve the MVD contract. Trustee Sainz made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**5.** Patrick Garcia, Trustee asked to change the pay rate for Chief of Police to \$30.00hr which is a salaried position of \$62,40.00 a year. Trustee Garcia said the reason being that they are really trying to get a good, qualified officer in the

department and he feels raising the pay rate will attract what they are looking for. Trustee Cooksey made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**6.** Robert Sainz, Trustee asked to create an ordinance regarding solar panels for residential homes. Tom Mckean advisor for the Village said that there was no ordinance regarding this and that at the workshop they came up with some setbacks requirements and other ideas as to be required. Jefferson Rhodes/Village Attorney will write up an ordinance to be approved at a future meeting. Discussion only.

**7.** Veronica Hardison, Rotary Club of Tularosa is asking for permission to hos the 2023 Wine/Beer & Arts Festival at the Tularosa Catholic Church grounds at 800 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Veronica stated that the date would be April 29-30 2023 due to scheduling issues they were unable to have it in October of 2022. She stated that they really rely on this one fundraiser as it allows them to give scholarships out and other community support. Trustee Garcia stated that the Rotary Club does a phenomenal job. Trustee Garcia made a motion; Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**8.** Jesus Salazar, Individual asked to approve a rezoning at 98 Central Ave to be fully zoned as Commercial. Individual was not present, so item was tabled.

**9.** James Rogers, Individual asked to approve a rezoning at 98 Central Ave to be fully zoned as Commercial. Individual was not present, so item was tabled.

**10.** Omitted

**11.** Guadalupe Gallegos, Individual residing at #2 Hi-Fi asked to connect to the sewer line outside the village limits. Mr. Gallegos stated that he bought this piece of property and 10 years ago the water meter was paid for and tapped in. All he is asking for is the sewer. Trustee Sainz made a motion; Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**12.** Michael Gruger, Tularosa Arts & History Council requested to provide feedback regarding the 2022 Luminaria Display. Mr. Gruger stated that this year was a huge success and they were really pleased with the outcoming support of the village and many others. Numerous family members and groups such as the Tularosa High School FHA, National Honor Society, High School Art and Theatre group, Rotary Club. He said it was really great to see the community show up to

help. From start to finish there were about 200 people that participated in helping to make this possible. He said it really does take a village and we should be very proud.

**13. Old Business:** Dave Shields stated that Wildcat Turf and Rita Lopez projects are underway. Breaking ground on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. A letter to the residents will be given out regarding how things will be going throughout this project. As far as the Waste Water Treatment Plant they finally got Mr. Deals approval but waiting on location approval. He stated that he will be in Santa Fe to answer any questions regarding our 500,000 grant that has not been spent yet. Supplemental Water source is going, and they are starting with a study then design once they find a location.

**14. New Business:** None

**15. Adjourn:** Trustee Sainz made a motion to adjourn, Trustee Cooksey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm

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Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

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Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk