

Regular Meeting Minutes-March 17,2021

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 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
Jeni Alexander-Via Telephone

Also present was Rebekah Bryant, 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. Trustee Portillo made a motion to accept the agenda, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
2. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve Resolution #2020-2021-9 Open Meetings Act. Rebekah explained that this is the annual open meetings act that they sign every year regarding when and where our monthly Village meetings will be held. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.
3. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve Resolution #2020-2021-10 CDBG annual requirements for the Water System Improvements. Rebekah explained that this is done yearly so that we are able to get funding. Trustee Sainz motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.
4. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve CDBG Federal Requirements, Section 3 Plan Required Elements and the Fair Housing Elements that are required as by the CDBG Grant for Water System Improvements Project #17-C-RS-I-01-G-18. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.
5. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve the publication to lease 6 of the Village Water Rights for this watering year for a minimum of \$600.00 per

right. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries

6. Deanna Montoya, Senior Center Director asked for the approval of Michelle Dorame to head cook with a \$.50 raise and a 6-month probation. Deanna explained that Michelle has been doing a great job and she is confident that she will do great as head cook. Trustee Sainz motioned, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.

7. Deanna Montoya, Senior Center Director asked for the approval of Salvador Chavez to transfer from the Community Center as a custodian to be a cook aide for the Senior Center. Deanna explained that Salvador had been filling in as a substitute cook aide while she was short an employee. When the employee did not come back she offered him the position. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries.

8. Michael Heisinger, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Frederico Torres to the position of Police Officer with a 6-month probation at a pay rate of \$18.50hr. Trustee Portillo motioned, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries.

9. Janie Portillo, Trustee wanted to amend Section 151.05 of the Tularosa Code of Ordinances Providing for permit fees. Adding (C) such fees shall not be refunded if a permit is not issued for any reason. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries

10. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor asked for approval to use money from the small cities fund and the general fund in the amount of \$246,359.08 to pay back to the NM Department of Transportation regarding the Granada St. project. Mayor Trujillo explained that this project was not in federal compliance upon completion due to lack of documentations not provided for the project. She also explained that we did everything we could to resolve this matter but unfortunately nothing could be done and we had to be held responsible for the money owed. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries.

11. Klinton Fuller, Business owner for Fuller Earthworks LLC asked to purchase potable water from the Village of Tularosa estimated at 15,000 gallons per month and not to exceed 30,000 gallons per month. Mayor Trujillo asked exactly what this water would be used for and why he needs so much. Mr. Fuller explained that this water would be hauled to Cloudcroft to be used because they had a water shortage up there. Mayor Trujillo explained that our water resources have has some issues within the past year and it would not be a good idea to sell our treated water in case we come on a shortage as well. Trustee Garcia motioned to

not approve this request, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries.

12. Mr. Ashby, resident asked for an extension of time on his 14 day RV ordinance Notice of Violation. Mr. Ashby explained that he came down to take care of his parents who he recently just lost his father on March 1st 2021 and his aunt who is living with them just had a stroke. He lives next door to his parents in the RV for the time being and doesn't plan on making it his permanent residence. He asked for a 6 month extension while he gets everything figured out. Trustee Portillo motioned for a 6 month extension, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries.

13. Fred Winers, resident asked for a extension of time on his 14 day RV ordinance Notice of Violation. Mr. Winers explained that there is no way he can afford to move his RV and that he has 3 other RV's on his property and believes he is a commercial property and can have them. Trustee Garcia motioned to recess for 5 minutes, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion. After recess Mayor Trujillo explained that in order for Mr. Winers residence to be commercial it would have to be rezoned as it is in a residential zone. No action was taken.

14. Michael Heisinger, Police Chief asked for the approval of two K-9 dogs for the Police Dept. Chief Heisinger explained that the dogs were donated to him for the police dept. to be used in various situations bust mostly for narcotics and human trafficking. He explained that the dogs are not trained to bite and the liability will be carried by himself and Lt. Blanton as they own the dogs. State Officer Ron Woods spoke and said he would be willing to assist Tularosa with the K-9 program as he has been running his detection dog program for 9 years and said it is running great. They will be trained to search for meth, heroin, cocaine. This program would be a stand alone program and be 3 weeks training and 2 weeks on the field. The dogs will be designed to be with the public, keep narcotics off the street and out of schools and also keep the community safer. Another Officer explained that these dogs are very expensive to purchase and hard to find. We should be appreciative that they were donated as that is a huge expense. Trustee Garcia asked about the expense that the dogs would cost the village and Chief said that they would all be handled by donations for the program and would not be an expense. Trustee Garcia also mentioned that the liability would be the Villages if they are our dogs and that would be a huge liability. Another Officer spoke stating that there are various cities that are doing very well with the K-9s they have. Trustee Alexander mentioned maybe to do a probationary period and see how it works and go from there. Trustee Alexander motioned to have a one year probationary period, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. Trustee Portillo motioned to rescind that motion and reconsider this item in the future, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carries

15. Unscheduled correspondence and public comment (3 minutes)
Resident-Asked if Gallegos lane can be chip sealed because of various potholes.

Mr. Guilez (Utility Supervisor) explained that they will go out and fix those potholes.

16. Old Business: None

17. New Business: Vivian Lueras resident mentioned that Granado St. is way to narrow and maybe they should make it a one-way street to avoid future accidents.

18. Adjourn: 7:47 PM


Margaret Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)


Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk