

Regular Meeting Minutes-September 16,2020

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 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
Jeni Alexander

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 remove agenda item #3 and to amend #6 to add two members to the planning and zoning committee. Trustee Alexander seconded the motion. All members voted aye. Motion carried
2. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asking to approve the hiring of Trisha Brewer as the Utility Billing Clerk at \$12.00 per hour with a 6 month probationary period. Rebekah Bryant explained that Trisha has been the billing clerk for the last two months and she has done a tremendous job so far. She has caught on quickly and is definitely an asset to the Village. Trustee Garcia motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.
3. Janie Portillo motioned to remove this agenda item regarding animal ordinance 95.31 impoundment. Seconded by Alexander. All members voted aye. Motion carries.
4. Margaret Trujillo, Mayor is asking to approve the contract for the HELP NM Head Start Program at the Community Center. Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk explained that the contract is the same as last years and nothing new added to it. Trustee Alexander motioned, Trustee Portillo seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.
5. David Shields from Bohannon Houston was present to give an update on the Village of Tularosa Waste Water Treatment Plant. David explained that the WWTP evaluation has been complete and is wanting to talk about the future plans and

ideas on how to move forward. Next month he wants to have an action item to make a decision. David talked about four different ideas on what could be done for the WWTP. First option was to keep the Biolac and continue investment which will be around 5.8 million. Second option was to convert the old lagoon into a hybrid using some components of the biolac system which will be around 5.9 million. The third option is to convert the old lagoon (sequencing batch reactor) and new aeration system costing around 7.6 million. The fourth option is the get a brand new land SBR system costing around 8.9 million. He also said to consider that the structural damage to the new biolac system is unknown and could drive that 5.8 million up. He also stated that option two hybrid system is not an easy task. The third option with the sequencing batch reactor poses the same challenges as option two. The easiest option would be a brand new plant costing around 9 million. He also stated that #1 and #4 option could meet standards for re-use water but #2 and #3 could never be used for re-use water. Based on these options he said we would need a level 4 operator for option four, three and one but only a level 2 operator for option two.

6. Janie Portillo, Trustee is asking to amend and include the confirmation of two more planning and zoning members, Jen Gruger and Stevie Chavez. Trustee Portillo motioned, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion, all members voted aye. Motion carries.

7. Unscheduled correspondence and public comments (3 minutes): Audience member Mark brought photos to show an emergency response on August 23, 2020 to a truck getting stuck in the Tularosa creek. He was concerned that what if something bad would have happened and the trucks gas tank would have ruptured in the water it would have been contaminated. Signs were posted on the trees along the creek but maybe we should consider making bigger signs. Robert Danke spoke and said he would talk to the judge about the signs. Stephanie Dubois spoke regarding planning and zoning stating that they have had one meeting so far on September 4, 2020 and that Jen Gruger is now the secretary for planning and zoning.

8. Old Business: Robert Sainz was asking for the old elm tree on 3rd and Central to be checked on and see what we can do about it. Patrick Garcia spoke about the partition at the senior center. Patrick also said that Rebekah Michael offered to help with grant writing for the village for a free service. Patrick also stated that two people were cited regarding RV ordinance and trash. The property owner was served. Patrick also talked about the villages property on 1st st. that needs to be addressed with regards to being a liability. He said the property will get an appraisal and to sell as is.

9. New Business:

10. Adjourn: 7:09 pm

Margaret Trujillo

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ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk