

Regular Meeting-August 21, 2013

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 7:00 P. M. in the Court-Conference Room of the Public Safety Facility located at 609 St. Francis Drive, Tularosa, N.M.

Present: Mayor Ray S. Cordova

Trustee Patrick A. Garcia

Trustee Gloria R. Sainz

Trustee Fred O. Tyler

Absent: Trustee position vacant

Also present was Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas-Guilez and Rick Gutierrez Grants Coordinator.

At 7:03 P. M. Mayor Ray S. Cordova called the meeting to order asking that all rise and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Flag of the State of New Mexico.

Item 1. Consideration of Agenda and Consent Agenda

Trustee Patrick Garcia moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Trustee Gloria Sainz.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Tyler, aye. With all members present voting aye, motion carried.

Item 2. Unscheduled Correspondence and Public Comments

A concerned citizen said that across the Methodist Church on Granada Street you can't walk on the sidewalk because of the weeds, also coming out on 6th Street looking east there is a peach tree growing over and cars are having to pull out into the intersection. Mayor Cordova asked the Village Clerk to jot down those addresses.

Trustee Patrick Garcia addressed the police department employees stating that the Board of Trustees are trying to find a way to increase the police officers salaries and something should be resolved by the next meeting. Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas-Guilez asked Attorney Jefferson Rhodes if the Mayor could give an increase and then get approval at the next regular meeting or if the increase has to come before the board first since the governing body is the Board of Finance. Attorney Jeff Rhodes said the increases had to be presented at the meeting and approved before they could go in effect.

Trustee Fred Tyler thanked the Department Heads that provided a Monthly Report.

Item 3. Mayor Cordova-Approve appointment of Ronald Cooksey as Trustee for the remainder of the term vacated by Trustee Joseph Lueras

Trustee Patrick Garcia moved to approve the appointment of Ronald Cooksey. Trustee Fred Tyler seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Tyler, aye.

With all members present voting aye, motion carried.

Mayor Ray Cordova then asked Mr. Ron Cooksey to step-up and participate in the rest of the meeting. After a round of applause Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas-Guilez swore in Mr. Cooksey. Mr. Cooksey then took his seat as a Trustee of the Village.

Item 4. Appointment of Voting Delegate and Alternate for the 56th Annual Conference of the NM Municipal League

Trustee Patrick Garcia moved to appoint Trustee Fred Tyler as the Voting Delegate and Trustee Gloria Sainz as the alternate for the 56th Annual Conference of the NM Municipal League.

Trustee Ronald Cooksey seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Cooksey, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Tyler, aye. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Item 5. Mayor Ray Cordova-Approve appointment of Paul A. Estrada as Police Officer with 6 months probation at \$13.50 per hour. Hire date 7/25/2013

Trustee Fred Tyler moved to approve the appointment of Paul A. Estrada as Police Officer with 6 months probation at \$13.50 per hour, hire date 7/25/2013.

Trustee Patrick Garcia seconded the motion asking Chief Wood how soon Mr. Estrada would be certified. Chief Wood responded that within 6 months.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Cooksey, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Tyler, aye. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

Item 6. John Montoya, Fire Chief-Request to use village property by water plant for an additional Fire Station

Fire Chief John Montoya proposed to the Board of Trustees the annexation of the property near the Water tanks east of the village and requested permission to use some of the property to put a second main fire station on the property. Mr. Montoya compared figures for a sub-station and a main station showing the board that a main station would bring in more state money than a sub-station. Fire Chief Montoya said he has been talking to New Mexico Finance Authority and they feel they can give the village a loan at 0% interest and if the payment remains about the same as what the payment was for the fire truck there should be no problem in operating and making the payment.

Attorney Jeff Rhodes explained the procedure, stating that before an annexation can take place the survey of the property must be done. Once the survey is completed the annexation process starts. Mr. Rhodes suggested annexing all the village owned property in that area. Mr. Rhodes said the village has to get a map, get it to a surveyor and then he need approximately 18 days before the meeting to process.

Trustee Ron Cooksey moved to allow the use of the property and was seconded by Trustee Fred Tyler/

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Cooksey, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Tyler, aye.

Item 7. Trustee Fred Tyler - 1) Status of Waste Water Plant repairs 2) Real estate proposal on property at 101 Central 3) FEMA map revision 4) Contracts to repair/replace fire hydrants 5) Cell tower contract

On item #2, Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas-Guilez advised the Board that she spoke to Ms. Munday from Munday Real Estate in Las Cruces who said she could do a survey for \$860.50 with a 6 week turn-around time.

Trustee Patrick Garcia asked about the fire hydrants. Mr. Rick Gutierrez said the fire hydrants were not included in the CDBG nor Colonias funding.

Item 8. Old Business

None

Item 9. New Business

None

Item 10. Adjourn

Trustee Gloria Sainz moved to adjourn and was seconded by Trustee Ronald Cooksey.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P. M.

Ray S. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dianna R. Brusuelas-Guilez, Village Clerk

The written minutes are the official minutes of the meeting. The recorded Compact Flash are part of the minutes only for interpreting any ambiguity in the written minutes. When the minutes are approved and signed the written minutes are the official minutes of the meeting.

Minutes approved by The Board of Trustees at the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2013.