

## **Regular Meeting–March 18, 2015**

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:00 P. M. in the Court Conference Room of the Public Safety Facility located at 609 St. Francis Drive, Tularosa, New Mexico.

**Present:** Mayor Ray S. Cordova  
Trustee Patrick A. Garcia  
Trustee Ronald Cooksey  
Trustee John “Ray” Telles  
Trustee Robert Sainz

Also present was Village Attorney Jefferson Rhodes, Dianna Brusuelas–Guilez Village Clerk as well as Grants Coordinator Richard Gutierrez.

At 7:00 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.

### **1. Consideration of Agenda and Consent Agenda**

Trustee Patrick Garcia moved to consider the agenda and the consent agenda. Trustee John 'Ray' Telles seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Cooksey, aye. Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Telles, aye. Motion carried with all Board Members voting aye.

### **2. Unscheduled Correspondence and Public Comments (3 minutes)**

None

### **3. Approval of Resolution 2014–2015–19 for the Co–Op Program with the NM Department of Transportation**

Trustee Patrick Garcia moved to approve Resolution 2014–2015–19 applying for the Co–Op Program with the New Mexico Department of Transportation. Trustee Ronald Cooksey seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Cooksey, aye. Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Telles, aye. Motion carried with all Board Members voting aye.

### **4. Approval of Resolution 2014–2015–20 that Ray S. Cordova, Mayor and Prestina Chavez, Senior Center Director be authorized to sign and enter into a contract with the Non Metro Area Agency on Aging**

Trustee John 'Ray' Telles moved to approve Resolution 2014–2015–20 authorizing Mayor Ray S. Cordova, Mayor and Prestina Chavez, Senior Center Director to sign and enter into a contract with the Non–Metro Area Agency on Aging. Trustee Patrick

Garcia seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Cooksey, aye. Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Telles, aye. Motion carried with all Board Members voting aye.

**5. Adolph Walters–Requesting a street light on Monte Vista Avenue**

Mr. Adolph Walters presented himself before the Mayor and Board of Trustees requesting an additional street light on Monte Vista Avenue. Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas–Guilez said she went out there today and that there is one street light near the highway and the second street light is on Posey Lane facing Posey. Ms. Brusuelas–Guilez said she also contacted PNM and they said they could place an additional light on Monte Vista at the villages request. Ms. Brusuelas–Guilez said her last response to PNM was asking them if they could place the light on the existing pole that is currently servicing Mr. Walters shop and that she has not received a response to that. Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas–Guilez said the question would be if the village is willing to incur an additional monthly street light fee should the light be placed there.

Trustee Patrick Garcia moved to incur the monthly charge and was seconded by Trustee Ronald Cooksey.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Cooksey, aye. Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Telles, aye. Motion carried with all Board Members voting aye.

**6. Jovita Galindo–Water bill at 1405 W 2<sup>nd</sup>, why if no leak and come to an agreement on bill**

Ms. Jovita Galindo came before the Mayor and the Board in reference to her water bill. Ms. Galindo said the water bill she received a bill for over \$1,000.00 and did not have a leak. Ms. Dianna Brusuelas–Guilez provided a history of the account showing the gallons of water that went through the meter. Ms. Galindo said when she met with Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas–Guilez she said she could adjust the bill to the first tier of billing which would make her water bill \$403.08.

Trustee Patrick Garcia said there were other meters that month that had high water bills and were adjusted to the first tier and offered Ms. Galindo a payment plan and that the meter be monitored for several months. Another option presented to Ms. Galindo was to send the meter to be tested for accuracy, if the meter was reported accurate by the third party then she would pay for the testing, if the meter was reported inaccurate then the village would pay the third party and the water bill would be averaged and re–billed.

Ms. Galindo said she would go to the office and request her meter be tested.

**7. Chief Wood–Request salary increase for Alejandro Cantu, Dispatcher, from**

**\$9.50 to \$10.00**

Trustee Patrick Garcia moved to increase the salary for Alejandro Cantu, Dispatcher, from \$9.50 to \$10.00. Trustee Ronald Cooksey seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Cooksey, aye. Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Telles, aye. Motion carried with all Board Members voting aye.

**8. Mayor Ray S. Cordova–approval of appointment of Richard Guilez Jr. Utility Service Technician, effective 3/5/2015 at \$13.50 per hour**

Mayor Ray S Cordova presented to the Board of Trustees some of the qualifications of his appointment, Richard Guilez Jr.

Trustee Robert Sainz said he felt Mr. Guilez was qualified but questioned the rate of starting pay saying that other employees have been employed for years are are just getting a little above Mr. Guilez' starting pay.

Mayor Cordova also stated that Mr. Guilez also had to sign an Employment Agreement and has to achieve his Level I Water or Wastewater Certification with a year of employment or his employment will terminate so that puts an additional stress on the new employee. Mayor Cordova then called for a motion.

Trustee Ronald Cooksey moved to approve the appointment of Richard Guilez Jr. The motion was seconded by Trustee Patrick Garcia.

**Roll Call Vote:** Trustee Cooksey, aye. Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Telles, aye. Motion carried with all Board Members voting aye.

**9. Old Business**

Trustee Robert Sainz asked about the water outage. It was explained that they are replacing the old valves some are frozen half open and they can't be shut off but they will turn the water off and on while replacing the valves.

**10. New Business**

Trustee Patrick Garcia again brought up pay for all employees adding that we may have to pass a tax or raise water, sewer and solid waste rates.

Trustee Patrick Garcia said he received a call commending Officer Samuel Hanna on a response to a dog situation. Chief Wood said he would pass on the comment to Officer Hanna.

Trustee Patrick Garcia asked for an update on Lawrence O'Connor. Chief Wood said

that Sergeant O'Connor was released to return to work.

Trustee Robert Sainz asked about the Sewer money to fix Hagee Lane. Mr. Richard Gutierrez stated that a letter was received from Steven Deihl from the Environment Department requesting various items. The Grant Agreement was signed in November.

David Shields from Bohannon–Huston reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Main Fire Station was moving along and making progress. The Water Treatment Plant project was in negotiations with the contractor and possibly a final award recommendation would be coming in April. Negotiations are in progress because all the bids came in higher than the 1 million available. Mr. Shields said RMCI came in at 1.4 million, Smith & Co. came in at 1.7 million and Morrell came in at 2.8 million and Bohannon–Huston is trying to negotiate with RMCI for 1 million.

## 11. Adjourn

Trustee Robert Sainz moved to adjourn and was seconded by Trustee John 'Ray' Telles. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 P. M.

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Ray S. Cordova, Mayor

ATTEST:

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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 April 15, 2015.