

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 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 and Dianna Brusuelas–Guilez Village Clerk.

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 deleting Item 10 and including probationary status on Item 6. Trustee Robert Sainz seconded the motion.

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

2. Unscheduled Correspondence and Public Comments (3 minutes)

Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas–Guilez said she received a call from an employee from Tularosa Basin Telephone Company complimenting the new employee, Nash Kowatch. She stated that there had been some trash and broken glass that had been along the highway for sometime and then she saw him cleaning it up and wanted to thank him.

Trustee Patrick Garcia thanked Police Officer O'Connor because he noticed that the clean-up started on Bosque St. where the semi-truck wrecked and also the old propane company land off the highway. Trustee Garcia felt that through the Code Enforcement efforts the properties are being cleaned.

3. Approval of Resolution 2014–2015–22 relating to the reimbursement of public officers and employees for travel expenses and attending meetings

Trustee Patrick Garcia moved to approve Resolution 2014–2015–22 relating to the

reimbursement of public officers and employees for travel expenses and attending meetings. 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 members voting aye.

4. Approval of Resolution 2014–2015–23 Budget Adjustment Request increases

Trustee Ronald Cooksey moved to approve Resolution 2014–2015–23 Budget Adjustment Request, increases. 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 members voting in the affirmative.

5. Valarie Delgado– Approval of 2015–2016 Interim Budget

Trustee Patrick Garcia moved to approve the 2015–2016 Interim Budget. 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 members voting in the affirmative.

Trustee Robert Sainz complimented the staff noting that the health insurance went up and the staff was able to compensate and make adjustments so that the employees did not take such a hit on the health insurance. Trustee Patrick Garcia agreed and Mayor Ray Cordova said if the employees were to pay for the increase they would actually take a cut in pay. Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas–Guilez said she would type a memo to the employees stating that the village was not able to give raises but that that the Mayor and the Board decided to absorb the increase in insurance.

6. Mayor Ray Cordova–Approval of appointment of Nash Kowatch as Utility Service Technician effective April 30, 2015 at \$14.00 per hour

Trustee Robert Sainz moved to approve the appointment of Nash Kowatch asking how long the probationary status would be. Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas–Guilez said that probation is normally six (6) months but that Mr. Kowatch also has an agreement with the village that he has to adhere to stating that he has to be water or waste water certified within a year. Ms. Brusuelas–Guilez felt it unfair to give him a year when Mr. Kowatch is not currently training for the water, waste water operations. Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas–Guilez then asked the attorney how to handle the agreement. Village Attorney Jeff Rhodes said to extend Mr. Kowatch's agreement to eighteen (18) months and make sure he starts training in water and waste water operations with enough time to give him the twelve (12) months of

training. 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 members voting in the affirmative.

7. Michael Yslas–Requesting a 4–Way Stop sign at W. 2nd and Monterrey

Police Chief Charles Wood said he spoke to Mr. Yslas and Andy Sainz from the Tularosa Public Schools because of the bus routes and they all decided that a 4–way Stop sign would be good at that intersection. Chief Wood said he had already made a work order with Sally to place the Stop signs.

8. Discussion of ordinance providing for licensure of certain health care facilities

Village Attorney Jeff Rhodes explained what the proposed ordinance would mean to the village. Mr. Rhodes said with this ordinance there would also be state and federal requirements to be met. Mr. Rhodes said he would have a Notice of Proposed Ordinance at the next meeting.

9. Steven Chavez–Request to vote on new ordinance proposed at April meeting (Rehabilitation Center Business License)

Mr. Steven Chavez said he felt his concern was addressed on Item 8.

10. Mayor Ray Cordova–Approval of appointment of Nash Kowatch as Utility Service Technician effective April 30, 2015, probationary status, at \$14.50 per hour

Item deleted.

11. Mayor Ray Cordova–Approval of appointment of Benjamin Walters as Cook–Aide effective May 15, 2015, probationary status, at \$9.00 per hour

Trustee Patrick Garcia moved to approve the appointment of Benjamin Walters as Cook–Aide effective May 15, 2015 at \$9.00 per hour, probationary status. 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 members voting in the affirmative.

12. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tularosa Community Ditch Corporation and the Village of Tularosa

Trustee John 'Ray' Telles moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Tularosa and the Tularosa Community Ditch Corporation. Trustee Robert Sainz seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Cooksey, aye. Trustee Garcia, aye. Trustee Sainz, aye. Trustee Telles, aye. Motion carried with all members voting in the affirmative.

13. Fire Chief John Montoya–Discuss Hydrants

Fire Chief John Montoya was unable to attend the meeting but Mayor Ray Cordova said Richard Gutierrez has ordered 12 fire hydrants and the installation would start on Monday. Trustee Patrick Garcia mentioned that he did not see a fire hydrant on Highway 70 East and was concerned.

14. Hadley Yates–Greater Tularosa Foundation presentation about GTF's downtown initiatives

Ms. Hadley Yates spoke about the downtown revitalization program which will take place on Granada Street in 2016. Ms. Yates says the funding has already been approved by the state and the matching funds are coming from Mr. Harvey Yates.

15. Hadley Yates–Present slides specific to the plaza/Fresno question–whether a half block segment of Fresno St. may be turned into a one-way street that can be closed off with bollards

Hadley Yates mentioned that she would have full presentations the 21st and the 27th of May. Trustee Patrick Garcia asked how long the full presentation would last. Ms. Yates said approximately 45 minutes. Ms. Yates proceeded to give her slide presentation to all present, explaining that the plaza would be half the size that was previously discussed and asked if it would be possible to trade part of the Greater Tularosa Foundation land for village land. After the presentation Village Attorney Jeff Rhodes questioned the easement, whether it would become a public right-of-way and mentioned that the property would be subject to replat. Mayor Ray Cordova asked if the right-of-way would be going east, Ms. Yates said yes. Mayor Cordova said if the church wanted, the right-of-way could continue and come out on 3rd Street. It was discussed and would be brought up to the church. Mayor Cordova said his hope was that the Plaza would promote economic development.

Attorney Jeff Rhodes said the property owners would be involved in a replat of a

one-way street and it becoming a public right-of-way with a right of reversion. Each property owner would have to sign off on the plat, they would not deed the property to the village, they would grant a public right-of-way and if it were ever abandoned for some reason the property would go back to each property owner. Ms. Hadley Yates said she would possibly present the plat at the next meeting.

Trustee Patrick Garcia asked what is going to be asked of the village monetarily. Ms. Yates said the village would not spend anything to create it but after it is complete the foundation will prepare a 50 year lease and lease it to the village for a \$1.00 and it would have to be maintained by the village.

Trustee Robert Sainz moved to allow the continuance of the project subject to Ms. Yates bringing in a replat. 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 members voting in the affirmative.

16. Hadley Yates–Greater Tularosa Foundation–discuss upcoming applications and get feedback

Hadley Yates asked for technician assistance on how to improve Granado Street and if it was ok to apply for Frontier Initiatives. Trustee Patrick Garcia said he hopes this project will market Tularosa.

17, New Business

Trustee Patrick Garcia asked about the sewer. Trustee Patrick Garcia asked for an ordinance revision relating to fences on the highway, stating that we don't want a fence like the one that was around the old Wells Fargo building and asked to include regulating flea markets. Lastly, Trustee Garcia asked for less fluoride in the drinking water. Mayor Cordova said he would speak to the Water Plant Operator.

18. Old Business

Trustee Ronald Cooksey said the person with the trailer on Marshall was asked not to work on the trailer but the village did not give her a time limit as to when to move it out and they have been living in there on the weekends. Mr. Cooksey asked to have the trailer removed until it is up to code. Mayor Ray Cordova asked the Chief of Police to go ask the person to give the village a date as to when she can move the trailer and if she can't the village will give her a date. Village Clerk Dianna Brusuelas–Guilez said Ms. Segura was asked by the village to contact Habitat for Humanities for help which Ms. Segura did, she then filled out an application, took it back and is on the list. The Village Clerk said the whole

process takes over a year.

Trustee Ronald Cooksey said the beginning of the fiscal year would be a good time to implement time clocks and asked the Village Clerk to start the process.

19. Adjourn

Trustee John 'Ray' Telles moved to adjourn. Trustee Ronald Cooksey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 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 June 17, 2015.