

## **Regular Meeting Minutes–April 16, 2025**

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 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 Deborah Cooksey  
Trustee Patrick Garcia  
Trustee Robert Sainz-Absent  
Trustee Manuel Brusuelas  
Trustee Mark Garwood

Also present was Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk

At 6:00 P. M. Mayor Deborah Cooksey 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 Garcia made a motion accept the agenda; Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

**2.** Unscheduled Correspondence:

Greg Gutierrez- Stated that they were going to have a party on May 2, 2025, the day before the duck races at the new Keep Tularosa Beautiful building and wanted to know if they can have permission block off the street from 4pm-7pm. They have gotten the okay from all businesses. They were in coordination with Allie Caskey who is doing the Villages Comprehensive Plan. Rebekah Bryant said she would coordinate with Allie and help in any way possible.

**3.** Patrick Maturino, Administrative Assistant asked for approval of the appointment of Jalin Griffin to animal control officer at a pay rate of \$14.50hr. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**4.** Deborah Cooksey, Mayor asked for approval of the appointment of Gordan Kemp to an uncertified officer at a pay rate of \$20.50hr. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**5.** Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to change the village office hours to be open Monday through Thursday 7:30am to 5:00pm and Friday 7:30am to 11:30am. This will include the utility department as they work cohesively with the village office. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion, Trustee Garica seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**6.** Chris Rupp, Planning and Zoning asked to approve a lot split for Douglas and Anne McMorris. This will be an east and west lot split into 2 equal lots. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**7. Old Business:**

Mark Garwood stated that he had went to the Sertpo Board the previous Thursday and wanted to talk to Mr. Sanchez about the corner by Speedway and their responsibility to get it fixed. He was able to talk to the assistant NMDOT and he mentioned that they really need to work with the village on this as it has been a thorn in Tularosa's side and there is pollution going into the ditch. Come Monday morning they were out there fixing it.

Deborah Cooksey stated that she listened in on the Davalos case and it went the way that they thought it was going to go with the ruling in favor of the Davalos. She also stated that if water consumption goes up that they will need to reduce the days for watering. She also stated that our attorney is trying to get mediation with the Ditch Corp.

Patrick Garcia stated that there have been a few people getting attacked by dogs. Mayor Cooksey stated that she is going to have our attorney go over our ordinances regarding how many animals you can have per household and other ordinances regarding animal control.

**8. New Business:**

Deborah Cooksey stated that she has hired a new Chief of Police. Her name is Geraldine Martinez and she has over twenty years' experience in law enforcement which includes being the undersheriff for Alamogordo and also the undersheriff for Lincoln County.

**9.** Adjourn: 6:40pm

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Deborah Cooksey, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

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Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk