

## **Regular Meeting Minutes–June 18, 2025**

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 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  
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 Brusuelas made a motion to remove #13 and #5 from the agenda and to accept the agenda; Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

**2.** Unscheduled Correspondence:

**Stephanie Dubois**-As you may know I am no longer associated with the Red Brick Schools board and fund-raising committee. But she does want to say how much she loves living in Tularosa because it's not just a village, it's family, I know when people are born, and I know when they die. It's a great place to live and a great place to raise a family. I love living here and have been living here for 35 years and I'm not going anywhere. The other thing is, and it might be my fault, but I have not been invited to planning and zoning for any meetings and I thought I had given Mr. Rupp my new phone number but if I didn't that is my fault.

**Joan Price**-She stated that she gave the board a flyer of an upcoming conference and the picture on it is the moon around by the Round Mountain and every 18.6 years the moon sets by round mountain for about 9 months. The conference coming up will have speakers from all over the world on archeoastronomy events. She stated that she has worked on a paper called money runs up hill which is about the history of Tularosa. It deals a lot with how our acequia system was developed so it's the rules of the acequia system that binds us all together. She just wanted everyone to know about the conference.

**Joann Vullo**-Otero County Lulac 8105 is sponsoring a cultural summer program for the kids which was endorsed by the school board and will be every Thursday in front of the Tularosa Schools Administrative building in the grassy area. They will be teaching kids about the different cultures from the games they will be playing such as cornhole, badminton, etc. This will be from 10am to 12pm every Thursday.

**3.** Nann Winters, Village Attorney gave a presentation regarding the training and mayor council duties. She discussed the types of municipalities in New Mexico and also political subdivisions of the State of New Mexico regarding what we must comply with such as open meetings act, state procurement code, Inspection of Public records act and governmental conduct code. Presentation only no action taken.

**4.** Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked for approval of Resolution #2024-2025-17 adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Per Diem Rates. Trustee Garcia made a motion; Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried. Roll Call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye, Sainz-Aye.

**5.** Removed

**6.** Chris Rupp, Planning and Zoning asked for approval for a building permit for William Smith at 808 Clayton Ln. Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk swore Mr. Rupp in. Mr. Rupp stated that this was brought before him by the code enforcement officer questioning a building permit. After some research being done, they found out that the building had already started being built and was almost done. Mr. Smith was informed that he needed a building permit. Planning and zoning did go out and inspect the building and everything was within the limits of boundaries and such. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**7.** Yvonne Gutierrez and Chris Rupp of Kiwanis Club asked for approval for the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Christmas Light Parade for highway closure and for assistance from the public works, police department and fire department. Mr. Rupp stated that last year was their first year doing the light festival and it was a learning experience for all of them even though it turned out very well they learned some lessons and this year they are trying to improve it. The Kiwanis Club has picked a date of December 6, the first Saturday in December and this is going to be their annual date whichever date it is it will be the first Saturday in December. With that being said it requires a lot of permits so that requires getting approval from the village and we need a village letter from Rebekah as she did last year for them for the state highway permit along with the police department as well giving us a letter stating that they will be shutting down the

highway and also helping us with traffic control. Trustee Garwood made a motion; Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**8.** Kathy Tyler and Tina Cordova, Individuals are asking to use the Veterans Park on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 7PM for the annual Downwinders memorial. Kathy stated that this year they are moving the memorial to the Veterans Park. This is the 80<sup>th</sup> year since the Trinity blast went off and they are still asking for compensation. It will start that day at the Stallion Gate with the blessing of a new sign, a mass with the bishop attending at the Catholic Church and a potluck to follow then to the Veterans Park for the luminarias on the park lawn. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion; Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**9.** Thomas Estrada, Individual asked to return to his property at 400 Bosque with his RV while he remodels his tiny home. Mr. Estrada stated that he does not know how to abide by this that is why he is asking. Mayor Cooksey asked him if he had plans already and he stated the no he does not yet but he figured he would ask first before he starts his plans to present to them. Mayor Cooksey stated that she is kind of in conflict because they have never talked about a tiny house in the 49 blocks before. Mr. Estrada stated that that is what he was told that either a tiny house or double-wide can be put on that property. The mayor asked how big the tiny home would be, and he stated 12x40 on a permanent foundation. Mayor Cooksey stated that he would need to get with Mr. Rupp and give him his plans and see how long it will take to get his house finished. She also stated that the plans and everything had to be done before putting his RV back on the property. Rebekah Bryant the village clerk stated that he would need to come to the office first to get a building site permit and fill it out and pay the fee with all his plans for the house or whatever he is planning on doing and then it will be given to planning and zoning for their inspection and approval. Trustee Garwood stated that they have given other people provisions, so he doesn't have a problem with it in all fairness. Mr. Estrada stated that his RV will have all hookups for utilities. Trustee Garwood made a motion; Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**10.** Sandra Shearin, Individual asked for a waiver to keep her RV at her property at 1405 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Mayor Cooksey stated that what they are doing right now is that they are putting in some new ordinances and when the ordinances are put, she will be informed about what needs to be done to keep her RV on her property like inspections and such. Mayor Cooksey stated that right now they are allowing all RVs to stay until they get their new ordinance regarding this. No action needed.

**11.** Kat Stock-Schroeder, Individual asked for permission to hold a children's flea market once a month on Granado St. in the lot next to a business on the 1<sup>st</sup> and

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month to teach children how to start and run a business. Mayor Cooksey stated that she does not need permission from the board if the business is giving the permission to do that. No action taken.

**12.** Brandon Padilla, Individual asked to have the dips in the road on West 12<sup>th</sup> fixed and to add a stop sign on road as well. Mr. Padilla asked if we were willing to put some base course or gravel on the road as they have a lot of dips in that road and in the past years it has just gotten worse. He also asked to put a stop sign with the road marking of west 12<sup>th</sup> as there is not one presently. Trustee Garcia made a motion; Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**13.** Removed

**14.** Old Business: None

**15.** New Business: None

**16.** Adjourn: 7:06pm

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Deborah Cooksey, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

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Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk