

## **Regular Meeting Minutes–November 19, 2025**

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 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 Garcia made a motion to accept the agenda; Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

**2.** Unscheduled Correspondence:

Greg Gutierrez-Wanted to say congratulations to Chris Rupp and Casey Otero on their newly elected position and thank Mr. Garcia and Mr. Sainz for their service for all their years of being a trustee, and also Mr. Garwood, Mr. Sainz and Mayor Cooksey thank you and he really appreciates all the hard work they put in. He also wanted to ask a question about the water supply. What do we as a community need to do to advocate for our community, how can we come together to get the state to come down here and say that this is a problem, we need to put some money here. He stated that he had a guy come on Granado St. and the pulled up like 2 inches of dirt from the bottom of the tank and there was sand and caliche and it was gross. He was upset that they are drinking this water and nobody should be drinking that water unless it be processed through an RO system. He stated that he is not trying to beat anybody up because he knows everyone works hard and does what they can. He just wants to know how can we as a community come together and make something materialize.

Denise Otavviano-Wanted to provide feedback and offer a suggestion about making Veterans Park safer. As you all know there is a continuing problem at the park with people getting drunk, selling and using drugs, committing violence and littering in addition to harassing people and causing problems at the nearby recycling center. Those frequenting the park have been known to sleep and defecate around the recycling bin. At this point it is unsafe and unhealthy for our

community to enjoy it. As a member and block captain of the Tularosa neighborhood watch program, we have had lengthy discussions about how we can take back our park and make it a safe place for everyone to enjoy. We do understand the complexities of taking law enforcement actions against those who break the law there and do recognize that the village and Tulie PD are making an effort in evaluating possible solutions to the problem that is happening there. One suggestion is closing the park at dusk rather than at 9pm for the following reasons: those who continually hang out at the park can more easily commit crimes and engage in illegal activities under the cover of darkness making it harder for law enforcement to see what they are doing. Even our regular law-abiding citizens who chose to utilize the park for picnics and other gatherings it really isn't necessary for them to stay after dark. The only people I really see there after dark are the ones that are troublemakers. She doesn't feel like closing the park would be detrimental to the experiences of people who recreating at the park. On a related topic I would recommend the recycling center to moved to a visible high traffic area. If the bins were moved away, it would eliminate the element at the park who are harassing people and using it as a restroom/sleep area. Also, help eliminate the illegal dumping.

Tim Black-Wanting to introduce some new technology called LVT a live view trailer. A surveillance trailer that is totally solar powered, runs 24 hours a day and can be moved into any location. There is deterrence right away along with flashing lights and the ability to recognize someone in the park after hours and will alert after hours. It will also send an alert to whoever you assign this to like dispatch or a command center. You get mobile alerts and can be controlled from your phone

**3.** Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve Resolution #2025-2026-10 to request an amendment to the co-operative agreement with the New Mexico Department of Transportation for an extension of time for HW2L200648 project from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2026, to complete the Chris Dr., Darby Ln. and Lucille Ln. – pavement rehabilitation within the control of the Village of Tularosa, Otero County, New Mexico. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion; Trustee Sainz seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.  
Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye, Sainz-Aye.

**4.** Anna Vigil, Senior Center Director asked for approval of the appointment of Tucker Hood as a full time Secretary at a pay rate of \$15.00hr. Trustee Garcia made a motion; Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried

**5. Old Business:** Trustee Garwood asked for an update on the lights in the annex section on the east side and for Old Mescalero Rd. wanting to know if anyone has addressed that to PNM. Mayor stated that she has not called and does not know if Angel has or not. Trustee Garwood stated that we need to do what our constituents want and that all we have to do is contact PNM and request it. Trustee Garcia said that he had approached Bruce from PNM and had asked for better lighting throughout the village and said that he would look into and had his contact information and would check with him.

Trustee Garwood wanting to know if there is anyway the village could do a quick fix to 1<sup>st</sup> St. with the stuff that they have on hand. Mayor stated that she would have to ask. Trustee Garwood stated that it's getting pretty dangerous over there. Trustee Garcia was worried that if we started something like that the state would not give us funding for it and also the Ditch Corp. knows that those culverts are leaking, and they are responsible for them and that they set aside money and now it is not available. Trustee Garwood stated that NMDOT has denied us three years in a row so he is going to make some calls to the commission and to the NMDOT secretary and if he has to, he will call the Governor.

**6. New Business:** Trustee Brusuelas stated that the Pee-Wee football team went undefeated and won the 5<sup>th</sup> annual SuperBowl in Alamogordo.

**7. Adjourn:** 6:34pm

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Deborah Cooksey, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

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Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk