

Regular Meeting Minutes–October 16, 2024

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 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
Attorney Jeff Rhodes-Absent

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 remove agenda item #7 and made a motion accept the agenda, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

2. Unscheduled Correspondence and public comments.

Joan Price- Stated that she had experience of an extremely valuable employee at the state level being fired. Her reaction was that she had felt this employee had given up his life to fulfill this job and then he was gone. She only wants to say one thing and she cannot quote policy numbers or anything like that, but she believes that you have the right to fire someone that needs to be changed, and the employee needs to be on some sliding scale as to whether how long they have been employed and doesn't believe any govt. employee should be cut off without benefits.

Chief Candelaria- Wanting to give an update on police calls for the month of September. He stated that they had 340 calls: 20 welfare checks, 20 suspicious activity, 24 requests for an officer, 10 careless driving complaints, 18 disturbances, 20 code enforcement activity, 19 building checks, 64 animal problem complaints, 12 abandoned 911 calls. He stated that the number of calls has gone down because he has his officers out patrolling. He stated that he is disappointed in his traffic citations which they had a total of 11. He stated that he knows they have questions and so does he and with his condition he hasn't been able to get out there much, but he is working on it.

3. Deborah Cooksey, Mayor asked for approval of the termination of Utility Supervisor Richard Guilez. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members vote Aye; motion carried.

4. Deborah Cooksey, Mayor asked for approval of Isaiah Chavez as field utility worker at a pay rate of \$16.50hr. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

5. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked for the adoption of Resolution #2024-2025-6 change in termini for LGRF L200599. Whereas the Village of Tularosa is requesting a change in termini of the project from "a new 24' wide pave roadway for approximately 1,000 linear feet from Wildcat Turf north on Elouise Circle" to a "new 24' wide paved roadway for approximately 1,000 linear feet from St. Francis Drive east on Gallegos Ln. including the intersection of Santa Fe Ln.". Trustee Brusuelas made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll Call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

6. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk requested to approve Resolution #2024-2025-7 to adopt the FY 2026-2030 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll Call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

7. Omit

8. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt ordinance No 250 an ordinance amending sections 95.03, 95.30, 95.31, 95.33 and 95.34 of the Tularosa Code of ordinances providing for the regulation of animals with exceptions, impoundment, investigation and enforcement relating to chapter 95 of the Tularosa coded of ordinances by reenactment of ordinances 250 adopted in December of 2014 Trustee Garica made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

9. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt ordinance No 251 an ordinance amending section 31.02 of the Tularosa code of ordinances providing for the appointment and compensation of an alternative municipal judge by reenactment of ordinance 251 adopted February 18, 2015. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

10. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt ordinance No 252 an ordinance adopting a new title XI chapter 114 of the Tularosa code of ordinances providing for licensure of certain health care facilities by reenactment of ordinance 252 adopted June 17, 2015. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.
Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

11. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt ordinance No 254 an ordinance readopting Title XV chapter 156 of the Tularosa code of ordinances providing for flood damage prevention by reenactment of ordinance 254 adopted October 21, 2015. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.
Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

12. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt ordinance No 256 an ordinance readopting section 132.16 of the Tularosa code of ordinances providing for the protection of library materials and providing penalties by readoption of ordinance 256 adopted April 20, 2016. Brusuelas made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.
Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

13. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt ordinance No 257 an ordinance adopting section 90.25 of the Tularosa code of ordinances providing for the prohibition of the operation of outdoor markets as a public nuisance and providing definitions and penalties by reenacting ordinance 257 adopted May 18, 2016. Brusuelas made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.
Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

14. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt ordinance No 260 an ordinance amending section 95.04 of the Tularosa code of ordinances providing for unlawful restraint of dogs, providing definitions, penalties, and a permit process to allow tethering of dogs. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried
Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

15. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt ordinance No 270 an ordinance readopting sections 51.44 of the Tularosa code of ordinances providing for connection to the sewer system by reenactment of ordinance 269 adopted January 17, 2018. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried
Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

16. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt ordinance No 271 an ordinance approving the lease agreement between the Village of Tularosa and Cell Co partnership, D/B/A Verizon Wireless for the lease of the communications tower located at 705 St. Francis Dr, Tularosa NM subject to the existing governmental use. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried
Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

17. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt ordinance 271.2 an ordinance amending section 154.15 (B)(2)(d)3 of the Tularosa code of ordinances defining a boundary of class R-MH mobile home residential zoning. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion to approve, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried
Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

18. Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to adopt ordinance No 273 an ordinance pursuant to NMSA 1978, section 1-22-3.1 (2018) to opt in to the election of the municipal officers of the Village of Tularosa in the regular local election by reenactment of ordinance 273 adopted July 9, 2018. Trustee Garwood made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried
Roll call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Garwood-Aye

19. Chris Rupp, Planning and Zoning asked for approval for Ricky and Caroline Baker to place a mobile home at 1111 Lawrence Dr. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

20. Chris Rupp, Planning and Zoning asked for approval for Gerardo Martinez to place a self-storage metal structure to be placed at 312 St. Francis Dr. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Garwood seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

21. Albert Mendez, Individual asked to install a water meter at his property at 1020 Railroad Ave. Tabled until next meeting.

22. Greg Gutierrez, With Many Hands Tularosa Community Garden gave an update on the community garden. Mr. Gutierrez stated that the garden is all set up and gets watered regularly by both the sprinklers and individuals who water with a hose. Courtney stated that this project is a civic engagement project to help increase civic engagement and to increase access to locally grown food. They have had two engagements which were the garden build and winter garden seed planting day. Both days were well attended, and people were really excited to have that community engagement.

23. Warren Candelaria, Chief of Police asked for an additional \$2500.00 for his background investigations. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

24. Mr. Gutierrez, Presbyterian Medical Services is wanting to discuss changes being made at the facility. Mr. Gutierrez started off by introducing the new site administrator Leticia Chavez. He also stated that they have had some transitions and Rex Wilson is no longer the regional director and he has stepped into take on that roll. Previously they stated that they needed to be more consistent, and they now have a new nurse practitioner Carla Patterson for the Tularosa Medical Center and she is committed to the clinic so much so that she was a huge advocate for a piece of medical equipment needed at the Tularosa clinic. The equipment he is talking about is the diabetic retina view exam which is an eye exam which can detect any vision problems caused by diabetes. He also stated that he will continue to reach out to us regarding the clinic and keep us up to date on anything going on.

25. Old Business:

Trustee Garwood stated that they have had this environmental issue by Speedway and actually it's in 3 different places in Tularosa. There is drainage going off from the highway. He stated that he knows the highway depts responsibility for the drainage, but some properties have it where it drains into the ditch. He stated that they have reached out to the highway dept. and for some reason they can't come to any agreement about how they are going to fix this situation. He asked the residents to reach out to NMDOT and ask what is going on so that they can look into it more and come up with a solution. He stated that he will not stop until he reaches the highest level of govt. to get this issue fixed.

Mayor Cooksey stated that the splash pad is still underway but now the environment department is requiring us to have bathrooms because we have to have a recirculatory system put in. We now have to get the money for bathrooms and showers.

26. None

27. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Deborah Cooksey, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk