

## **Regular Meeting Minutes–September 18, 2024**

The Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tularosa met in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 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-Absent

Also present was Rebekah Bryant Village Clerk  
Attorney Jeff Rhodes

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 items #13 and #16 and made a motion accept the agenda, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted aye; motion carried.

**2.** Unscheduled Correspondence and public comments.

Lt. Kimmons stated that he wanted to give an update on the Chief and that he was scheduled to come back today but is taking a few extra days and will be back but is feeling better. He also wanted to give the August call reports which were 409.

Larry Berry- Stated that he checked the ordinances, and he doesn't believe needs a permit because the state doesn't require it but he is going to move a storage building onto his property and it would be one of those pre fab units that will not be attached to anything so he doesn't want no issues coming back to him as he is an elected official. But he doesn't believe unless somebody can tell him otherwise that he doesn't have to get a permit.

**3.** Jeff Rhodes, Village Attorney asked to go into executive session as per section 10-15-1 of the open meetings act to discuss pending litigation. No need for executive session.

**4.** Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked to approve the First Amendment to Local Road Fund Cooperative Agreement contract no. L200599 where both parties agreed to modify this agreement which gives an extension of December 31, 2025. 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 #2024-2025-5 Participation in Local Government Road Fund Program through NMDOT and approval of the LGRF Cooperative Agreement. The total cost for the project is \$132,889.00 and terminates on 12/31/2025. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried. Roll Call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Cooksey-Aye

**6.** Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk asked for acceptance of recommendation of award to Morrow Enterprises Inc. for project SAP-23-H2449-GF Tularosa Waste-Water Treatment Plant Improvements Phase 1-Headworks Replacement. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried. Roll Call: Brusuelas-Aye, Garcia-Aye, Cooksey-Aye

**7.** Warren Candelaria, Chief of Police asked to approve the appointment of Robert Hannigan as a part time code enforcement officer/evidence tech. Lt. Kimmons filled in for the Chief of police. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; Motion carried.

**8.** Warren Candelaria, Chief of Police asked to approve a pay raise for Diadra Dugger in the amount of \$2.00. Lt. Kimmons filled in for the Chief of police. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**9.** Warren Candelaria, Chief of Police asked for a pay raise for Sarah Light in the amount of \$1.00. Lt. Kimmons filled in for the Chief of police. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**10.** Ralph Otero, Custodial Supervisor asked to approve a pay raise for Randall Horton in the amount of \$2.00. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**11.** Deborah Cooksey, Mayor asked to approve a pay raise for Nash Kowatch in the amount of \$1.50. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion to approve, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**12.** Richard Guilez, Utility Supervisor asked to approve a pay raise for Carlos Montoya in the amount of \$2.00. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried.

**13.** Omit

**14.** Chris Rupp, Planning and Zoning asked for approval for Cathy McNatt 1013 Pecan Dr. for solar panels on house. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried

**15.** Chris Rupp, Kiwanas Club asked to place temporary poles on Granado St. in the dirt area between the sidewalk and curb for the month of December for Christmas decorations and street lighting. Trustee Garcia made a motion, Trustee Brusuelas seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried

**16.** Omit

**17.** Rusty Helton, Individual asked for the village to water the roses in the medians. Trustee Brusuelas made a motion to approve, Trustee Garcia seconded the motion. All members voted Aye; motion carried

**18.** Old Business:

Dave Shield, Engineer from Bohanna Huston stated that we are moving forward on the supplemental water source project, currently looking at the property located above the existing water plant for the Brine Pond must be flushed out a little more. As you guys did tonight you awarded the headworks to Morrow Construction, and we will have a pre-conference in the next few weeks and get that one going as soon as they turn in their bonds. We did turn in our splash pad to NMED aquatic and they final got back to us and they are going to require us to put in a recirculatory system, so he asked CRD to give us the design with that added into it. So as far as Willow, Hunter and Sante Fe they are not going to do Santa Fe because Mr. Brusuelas owns that property but they are having a lot of complaints about Gallegos so they are meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> to do the walk through

on the last project and they will go look at Gallegos and look and the ruts so instead of doing Sante Fe they will do Gallegos.

**19. New Business:** Trustee Brusuelas stated that he has had several residents telling him that they love walking but people walking their dogs are leaving their business everywhere in the street and people are having to walk around it so he was wondering what we could do about that.

Trustee Garcia stated that the signs in the creek are getting washed away and need to be replaced or if we can figure out an alternative method of placing them. We will check to see if we have additional signs or not we will purchase some more.

**20.** Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.

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Deborah Cooksey, Mayor

ATTEST: (seal)

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Rebekah Bryant, Village Clerk