



MINUTES
VILLAGE OF TIJERAS
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023, AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Mayor Bruton
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Please turn off cell phones or set to silent mode

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Bruton led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

MA	✓	YG	X	JO	✓	MW	X
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Nixon, Village Attorney

Rita Rivera, Senior Center Manager

5. **Public Comment**

None.

6. **Approval of Agenda**

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of the Agenda		
	Made by:	Ortiz		Councilor Armenta-Yes
	Second by:	Armenta		Councilor Garcia-Absent
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Ortiz-Yes Councilor Wilson-Absent

7. **Council to Review and Approve Previous Minutes**

[Attachment A - 050123 Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Previous Minutes		
	Made by:	Armenta		Councilor Armenta-Yes
	Second by:	Ortiz		Councilor Garcia-Absent
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Ortiz-Yes Councilor Wilson-Absent

8. **Council to Review Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes.**

[Attachment B - 051023 P&Z Draft Minutes.pdf](#)

The council took time to view the previous Planning and Zoning Commission meeting minutes and took no action regarding this item.

9. **Council to Review and Take Action on Resolution 2023-12 Authorizing Submission of an Application for the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Project Fund**

[Attachment C - Resolution 2023-12 2023-2024 TPF Application.pdf](#)

Mayor Bruton explained to the Council that this resolution authorizes the Village to apply for additional funding for the Pine View road improvement project.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Resolution 2023-12		
	Made by:	Ortiz		Councilor Armenta-Yes
	Second by:	Armenta.		Councilor Garcia-Absent
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Ortiz-Yes Councilor Wilson-Absent

10. **Council to Review and Take Action on Resolution 2023-13 Notifying the Bernalillo County Clerk of At Large Positions to be Filled in the 2023 Regular Local Election**

[Attachment D - Resolution 2023-13 Regular Local Election 2023.pdf](#)

Mayor Bruton stated that this resolution notifies the County that two Council seats and the position of Mayor will need to be filled in the upcoming 2023 regular election.

A C T I O N	Motion	Approval of Application		
	Made by:	Ortiz		Councilor Armenta-Yes Councilor Garcia-Absent Councilor Ortiz-Yes Councilor Wilson-Absent
	Second by:	Armenta		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

11. Council to Review and Take Action on Lease Renewal Proposal from T-Mobile

[Attachment E - 33499 - Introduction and Authorization Letter.pdf](#)

[Attachment F - 33499 - NLRP Terms Sheet PDF.pdf](#)

[Attachment G - VOT T-Mobile Lease Agreement.pdf](#)

[Attachment H - VOT T-Mobile Lease Agreement 1st Amendment.pdf](#)

Mayor Bruton stated a representative from T-Mobile contacted Clerk Kennedy requested to renew the tower lease agreement, stating that it is set to expire in 2026. Through research, Clerk Kennedy learned that the existing lease extends through 2039. Clerk Kennedy added the Village currently has a 25-year agreement with T-Mobile that was executed in 2014 and the agreement can be renegotiated every five years.

Mayor Bruton stated he would like to negotiate at a later date to try and align the lease agreement with T-Mobile to a similar agreement the Village has with another telecommunications company. Mayor Bruton appreciates the consistent revenue the Village sees from the tower lease but feels current lease payments are lagging behind the industry standard.

A C T I O N	Motion	Table Item 11		
	Made by:	Armenta		Councilor Armenta-Yes Councilor Garcia-Absent Councilor Ortiz-Yes Councilor Wilson-Absent
	Second by:	Ortiz		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

12. Updates

- a. Mayor
 - i. Mayor Bruton provided an update on the pedestrian improvement project.
- b. Council
 - i. Councilor Ortiz shared updates regarding the car show for the 50th Anniversary.
 - ii. Councilor Ortiz brought up ideas for sponsorship of the Park and View.
 - iii. Councilor Ortiz stated that residents reached out to him regarding the light in the Senior Center parking area.
 - iv. Councilor Ortiz asked what Village staff plan to do with the slash pile behind the Park and View. Clerk Kennedy stated the intent is to mulch the branches. Mayor Bruton asked staff to prioritize mulching the slash.
 - v. Councilor Armenta had no updates.

- c. Clerk
 - i. Clerk Kennedy stated he met with the new auditors and expects a positive experience for the FY23 audit.
- d. Deputy Clerk
 - i. Deputy Clerk Limon reminded Council that the social media workshop is to take place June 5th.
 - ii. Deputy Clerk Limon asked the Council if they would authorize him to teach a monthly computer class at the Senior Center. Mayor Bruton and Councilors Armenta and Ortiz stated they are in favor.

Departments

- i. Senior Center Director provided updates regarding increased traffic in the Senior Center. She stated the center's sewing machines are currently being serviced. She asked for an update on the possible kiln donation. She reported an issue with a mechanical closet door.

13. **Time and Place of Next Meetings**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS GOVERNING BODY WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY MAY 24TH, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

The Governing Body may revise the order of the agenda items considered at this Open Meeting. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Village Clerk at 505-281-1220 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Pursuant to New Mexico Open Meetings Act Section 10-15-1 (H) Subsection (2) limited personnel matters; (5) discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations; (7) attorney-client privilege pertaining to threatening or pending litigation in which the public is or may become a participant; (8) discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body. Speakers limited to 2 minutes