



**MEETING MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF TIJERAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025, AT 6:00 P.M.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM**

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Meeting ID: 851 7468 2420

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**1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Bruton at 6pm.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bruton.

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

MA	✓	EB	✓	YG	n/a	JO	✓
Quorum present		Yes	No				

**4. Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Nixon, Village Attorney-n/a

Rock Canyon Cider, LLC, Leroy Gonzales

Nathan Mulvihill, Village Attorney

Rock Canyon Cider, LLC, Ian Hefkin

**5. Public Comment**

Albert Hamblet III – As resident of the Village of Tijeras, prior PTA involvement with A. Montoya school, club/scout master in support of Rock Canyon Cider and their application. The entire time lived up here have been involved and customer of Rock Canyon and believe that the Village will prosper more with the approval of Rock Canyon application. As a customer of Rock Canyon have never seen a fight and appreciate service.

**6. Approval of Agenda for May 19, 2025**

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve the Agenda for May 19, 2025		
	Made by:	E. Barnes		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- n/a Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	M. Armenta		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

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

Attachment A – Regular Meeting DRAFT Minutes May 5, 2025

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Meeting Minutes for May 5, 2025		
	Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- n/a Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

**8. Public Hearing – Review and Approval of Liquor License Applicant: Rock Canyon Cider**

Clerk to read for the record:

- THE APPLICANT IS SEEKING A WINEGROWER LIQUOR LICENSE WITH ON PREMISES CONSUMPTION AND PACKAGE SALES. APPLICANT IS REQUESTING A WAIVER FROM THE VILLAGE OF TIJERAS AS THE NEAREST SCHOOL IS LESS THAN 400 FEET DISTANCE FROM THE PROPOSED PREMISES



- Pursuant to Rule 15.10.32.8 If the proposed licensed premises is within 400 feet of a church or school, and the applicant does not admit the proposed licensed premises is within 300 feet of a church or school, the application must be accompanied by a certified report of a registered engineer or duly licensed surveyor or may obtain a waiver from a local option district governing body for the proposed location. The applicant at this time is seeking a waiver.

Attachment B – Rock Canyon Cider, LLC Liquor License Application Waiver for proposed location 488 NM 333, Tijeras, New Mexico 87059

**Clerk/Manager A. Caufield Swearing in of the Applicants Leroy Gonzales & Ian Hefkin – “Do you solemnly swear and affirm that the testimony you are about to give shall be the truth and nothing but the truth”?**

**Leroy Gonzales & Ian Hefkin – “Yes”**

- Ian Hefkin - Relocating Rock Canyon Cider to 488 NM 333 which is a better fit for making, storing, and serving the cider. Seeking wine grower license to produce the cider and sell wine, spirits, and beer on site in NM.
- Leroy Gonzales – Have always been involved with the community and the schools in the area, done fundraisers for the schools, school supply drives and food pantries. Want to make our new location something for the Village and for Village residents to enjoy as a family.
- Mayor Bruton – Excited for this location to open soon, it will help the community grow, will help with gross receipts and blossom the area on NM 333.
- Councilor E. Barnes – Packaged Liquor Sales? ( Ian Hefkin – Yes)
- Councilor J. Ortiz – Great business for the East Mountains and the Village is in need of which will bring the community together and in support of it. I also understand that they will bring vendors on the weekends and make it a family establishment and not just a bar.
- M. Armenta – The Governing body has approved a waiver for a different type of business in the past and don’t see why we shouldn’t approve this waiver. Have known these gentlemen a long time and they’re top-notch people and they will be a great asset to the community. Let us know about events and we’ll try and participate.
- Mayor Bruton – Is any member of the public in opposition of the waiver is welcome to speak.
- Fred Herman – In support of approval of the waiver. Have been to Rock Canyon Cider and it’s been a great experience.
- Rita Rivera – Glad they’re moving down the road and very excited. Some of our seniors have also asked about the move.
- Councilor E. Barnes – Great asset as a business for the Village in addition am in favor for the waiver as it’s been done for another business and don’t see why we wouldn’t on this one.

ACTION	Motion To:	Approve Application for the proposed license at 488 NM 333 along with the waiver and attachment B		
	Made by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- n/a Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

- Mayor Bruton – Congratulations your waiver is approved.

## 9. Discussion of FY2027-2031 Tijeras Senior Center ICIP

Attachment C – FY2027-2031 Tijeras Senior Center ICIP

Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – This year ICIP will be separate 1 for Senior Center and 1 for the Village. VOT received \$100,000.00 from Capital Outlay for ADA enhancements which will cover most of things identified on Rita’s list therefore this was moved to the bottom of the list. Outdoor fitness/pickleball was moved to the top of the list also have shade structure.

Mayor Bruton – Audrey, Maria and I placed the items in this order but can always move them around if Council would like to.



Councilor J. Ortiz – Will the garden shade structure be a multi-use shade? (Mayor Bruton - No, it will be a permanent shade structure for the courtyard area.) Los Vecinos Community Center will have pickle ball. (Senior Center Manager R. Rivera – Seniors will not be able to use during the summer due to the children who attend.)

Councilor M. Armenta – Pickle Ball at the senior center will be more accessible to our seniors if built on site.

Councilor E. Barnes – What enhancements will be made, spoke to Rita about electric doors for the bathrooms. (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Bathrooms are first on the list to make ADA accessible.)

Councilor M. Armenta – Thank Senator Thorton for Capital Outlay funds.

**10. Review and Approval of Resolution 2025-13 Adopting the FY2027-2031 Tijeras Senior Center ICIP**  
[Attachment D – Resolution 2025-13 Adopting the FY2027-2031 Tijeras Senior Center ICIP](#)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2025-13 Adopting the FY2027-2031 Tijeras Senior Center ICIP Including Attachment D as stated in the discussion.		
	Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- n/a Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

**11. Discussion of FY2027-2031 Village of Tijeras ICIP**  
[Attachment E – FY2027-2031 Village of Tijeras ICIP](#)

Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Same list as last year. Have design and engineering done for maintenance building but don't have funds for construction. Roadway might be able to go down on the list as we submitted for MAP and TPF funds.

List will be: Municipal Sewer System, Roadway Improvements, Veterans Memorial Park Rehabilitation, Open Space Recreational Trail Network, Maintenance Department Building, Village Hall Parking Lot, Hydrovac truck/Snowplow/Spreader Equipment, Drainage Improvements and Roadside Beautification.

**12. Review and Approval of Resolution 2025-14 Adopting the FY2027-2031 Village of Tijeras ICIP**  
[Attachment F – Resolution 2025-14 Adopting the FY2027-2031 Village of Tijeras ICIP](#)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2025-14 Adopting the FY2027-2031 Village of Tijeras ICIP Including Attachment D as stated in the discussion.		
	Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- n/a Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	M. Armenta		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

**13. Review and Approval of Resolution 2025-15 Centennial Grant Application Approval**  
[Attachment G.1 – Resolution 2025-15 Centennial Grant Application Approval](#)  
[Attachment G.2 – Centennial Grant Application](#)

Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Included is the application and picture the sign we're looking at purchasing.

Councilor J. Ortiz – Where will they be placed? Can we look at purchasing led signs to notify residents about events? (Mayor Bruton – signs -one on each side on 66) (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – If enough funds and able to spend on led signs we can.)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2025-15 Centennial Grant Application Approval Including Attachments G.1 and G.2		
	Made by:	E. Barnes		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- n/a Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	J. Ortiz		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	



#### 14. Updates

- a. Prior Meeting Items Discussions
  - i. Guard Rail – Mayor Bruton – No new updates will call NMDOT.
- b. Mayor
  - i. Carmino/Criswell Road Project – NMDOT Permitted, and construction will start mid-June with estimated completion of mid-August.
  - ii. Pine View Road Project- Construction should start mid-August after Carmino/Criswell and if Carmino/Criswell is completed sooner they will start Pine View.
  - iii. Speed bumps on Baillo and Los Vallecitos will be installed soon and not brought to council for approval still part of Baillo project.
- c. Councilors
  - Councilor M. Armenta –
    - i. Library Parking? (Deputy Clerk M. Martinez – Spoke to them and as long as handicap/first row is not used we can use.)
    - ii. Talked about Gates being taken down but prefer they stay up. There were individuals out there with tent the other night. Improve the pedestrian entrance for after hours when gates are locked. (Mayor Bruton – Prefer the gates down feels more welcoming but we can improve the pedestrian entrance and place some signs up)
    - iii. Thank you for the update on Baillo and Los Vallecitos Speed Bumps.
    - iv. Welcome to Rock Canyon Cider to the Village of Tijeras.
  - Councilor J. Ortiz –
    - i. Echo everything Councilor Armenta.
    - ii. In the future look at putting shade area/gazebo at the park with picnic tables. (Mayor Bruton- Can look at in the future)
  - Councilor E. Barnes – no updates
- d. Clerk – A. Caufield – Workshops via zoom only.
  - i. Budget Workshop - Tuesday, May 27, 2025 @ 11:00 A.M.
  - ii. Special Meeting for Budget Approval – Thursday, May 29, 2025 @ 11:00 A.M.
  - iii. Looking for beer garden vendor for summer concert series and Trunk or Treat event if Rock Canyon Cider. (Leroy/Ian – If everything is approved with the State)
- e. Deputy Clerk M. Martinez – Congratulations to Leroy and Ian with Rock Canyon Cider and thank Audrey for help in getting documents together and over to the state.

#### 15. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Village of Tijeras will be held on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 6 P.M. in the Council Chambers.



16. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm

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