



**MEETING MINUTES
VILLAGE OF TIJERAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, AT 3:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM**

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Meeting ID: 812 0422 7195

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1. **Call to Order**

Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Bruton

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bruton

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

M.Armenta	✓	E.Barnes	n/a	Y.Garcia	✓	J.Ortiz	✓
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Nixon, Village Attorney

Mailene Ramos, Village Attorney

5. **Public Comment**

None

6. **Approval of Agenda for Monday, September 15, 2025**

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Agenda for Monday, September 15, 2025.			
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes	
	Second by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Barnes- n/a	
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes	

7. **Council to Review and Approve Previous Minutes for September 2, 2025**

[Attachment A – Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes September 2, 2025](#)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Minutes for September 2, 2025.		
	Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta- Yes
	Second by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Barnes- n/a
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes

8. **Council to Review and Approve Income Statement for August 2025**

[Attachment B.1 – August 2025 Income Statement](#)

[Attachment B.2 – July 2025 Income Statement \(reprint with budget loaded\)](#)

Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Mention to Council July's Income Statement included to show budget included.

(Councilor M. Armenta – Thank you Audrey appreciate the update.)

Councilor J. Ortiz – Not having Molly's bar is affecting GRT's. (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Definitely.)

Councilor M. Armenta – Understanding that Molly's cannot switch liquor license without Village's approval?

(Mayor Bruton – Yes, he can he owns it. We can defer to Jessica) (Attorney J. Nixon – The regulations for liquor



licensing vary which include a lot of laws and regulations and I'm not entirely sure about them.) (Councilor Y. Garcia – Jessica is this something that you can investigate for us, as far as statute of limitations about if it hasn't been used in a certain amount of time if it goes back to the state. Attorney J. Nixon – Great question Councilor Garcia.) Councilor Y. Garcia – Off topic but can we hold them accountable for the landscaping? (Mayor Bruton – Yes, it is getting out of control, and we can draft a letter since it's a violation per ordinance.)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Income Statement for August 2025.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- n/a Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	J. Ortiz		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

9. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2025-31 NMDOT TPF Award Acceptance**

[Attachment C.1 – NMDOT Award Letter](#)

[Attachment C.2 – TPF Grant Agreement](#)

[Attachment C.3 – Resolution 2025-31 NMDOT TPF Award Acceptance](#)

Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Comment that we will be applying for the portion the entity has to pay.

Councilor J. Ortiz – Kudos to Maria, Councilor's Armenta & Barnes for presenting. (Mayor Bruton – Yes, great job and thank you all.) (Councilor M. Armenta – Always a team effort.)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2025-31 NMDOT Award Acceptance		
	Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- n/a Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	M. Armenta		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

10. **Executive Session: Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(8) of the Open Meetings Act, Council to Close Session for the Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition, or Disposal of Real Property**

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Motion To:	Enter in Executive Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15(H)(8) of the Open Meetings Act, Council to Close Session for the Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition, or Disposal of Real Property		
Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta-Yes Councilor Barnes- n/a Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
Second by:	M. Armenta		
Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

11. **Council to Reconvene in Open Session**

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Reconvene in Open Session		
	Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- n/a Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	Y. Garcia		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	



12. **Council to Make Statement Regarding Matters Discussed in Closed Session**

Statement by Councilor Ortiz: “For the Record, the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion to close and no action was taken.”

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Reconvene in Open Session and Confirm Statement of No Action		
	Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- n/a Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	Y. Garcia		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

13. **Council to Approve Water Rights Purchase**

Councilor M. Armenta – I agree and think it’s a good idea. Appreciate your hard work. (Mayor Bruton – Jessica and I worked very closely at all of this to make sure all was in order and learned a lot about water rights.)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Water Rights Purchase		
	Made by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Armenta- Yes
	Second by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Barnes- n/a
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes

14. **Updates**

- a. Prior Meeting Items Discussions – None
- b. Mayor Bruton
 - Monumental success during our Summer Concerts. Heard nothing but great feedback including beer vendor, food vendor, residents and all who have attended. Thank you, Councilor Armenta, for the idea. Community growth positive for all. Also, thanks to all our staff who work hard putting it all together. (Councilor M. Armenta – Yes, definitely great job.) (Councilor J. Ortiz – Yes, thank you all for the hard work.)
 - TPF – Majority of funds will be used to help fund Pine View Road project. We will add Pine View to the award and keep Los Vallecitos.
- c. Councilors
 - Y. Garcia – None
 - J. Ortiz
 - Lights at Luis Garcia worked on before our Halloween Event. (Clerk A. Caufield – Contractor ordered the supplies and will work on that before the event.
 - South 14 vehicles speeding is there anything we can do to try and slow down traffic. It’s somewhat a residential area, schools, and community center in the area. Can we have a speeding camera or something in the area? (Mayor Bruton – We do not own that road that is NMDOT road. We can’t change anything on that road, and we would have to talk to NMDOT about putting something up even if it’s just a sign.) If I need to help and reach out, I’d be happy to.
 - Brandy’s Salon – What kind of repairs for damage on the building.
- M. Armenta
 - Weeds – A lot of them are tumbleweeds and when they dry up it’s more of a problem to get cleaned up. Get the guys a side bar to get over the top along all roads. I know they’re busy but if we could stay on top of it. (Clerk A. Caufield – Just an update Hector has been alone for a few weeks now, we have one on leave and our new hire just started.) (Mayor Bruton – Guys are certified for spraying, but we don’t have a place to store the equipment.)
 - Guard Rail – Commissioner Garcia, did you hear back? (Commissioner Garcia – Have not heard back I will reach out in a couple of weeks.)



Y. Garcia – Mayor sorry for the interruption but I have a hard stop and need to drop if that's ok.
(Mayor Bruton – Yes, of course that's ok and thank you for joining.)

d. Clerk - A. Caufield

- Clean up event October 4th – Flyer ready soon. Rather not have rock replaced during event, Hector would rather work on this part. Focus around clean up only. I will not be able to attend due to prior personal commitments. (Mayor Bruton – We have great support.)
- EM Celebration – Haven't received communication about set up. (Councilor J. Ortiz – I will reach out for information.) (Deputy Clerk M. Martinez – Will take down car show registration at 30. Will they handle voting/ballots?)
- Winter Celebration – If we can have our own versus joint with Bernalillo County this year due to feedback from staff. (Councilor M. Armenta – I agree that we keep it separate. Not sounding selfish or not want to partner but some events should be our own and kept separate.) (Mayor Bruton – Yes, I enjoy partnering but some events should be kept separate.)
- Auditor currently underway.

e. Deputy Clerk – M. Martinez

- RV @ Pohl Property – Tenant will have RV out by end of month or early October.

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, October 6, 2025, at 6 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:07pm.

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