



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

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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	Zoom	Y.Garcia	✓	J.Ortiz	n/a
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Nixon, Village Attorney- Not in attendance
Phoebe Roderick, Village Attorney

5. **Public Comment**

- Brandy Hall (Brandy's Hair Design) -Discuss Lease Agreement, how the new rental payment was determined. List of items that were brought to Village Hall at the time of last Lease Agreement that need to be fixed at the shop. Information center is still at the shop and should've been removed. Leak in the ceiling.
- Commissioner Ramon Garcia – Weekend clean up event at the Veteran's Memorial. Thank you to Councilors Yvette, Matt, Jonathan, as well as Stephanie Lord and all the others who joined and helped clean up. Disappointed that Mayor was not there to see all the people who participated and how hard they worked. Thank you all I appreciate you all.

6. **Approval of Agenda for Monday, October 6, 2025**

Mayor Bruton – Would like to request a friendly amendment and remove 2nd portion from item 8 regarding Discussion of Competitive Sealed Proposals and Contract Negotiations as we will discuss at a later date. Along with removing item 14 as we need to gather some more information regarding Rental Lease Agreement for Brandy's Hair Salon.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve the Agenda for Monday, October 6, 2025, with a friendly amendment on item 8 removing Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(6) of the Open Meetings Act for Discussion of Competitive Sealed Proposals and Contract Negotiations and also remove item 14.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes
	Second by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Barnes- Yes
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- N/A



7. **Council to Review and Approve Previous Minutes for September 15, 2025**

[Attachment A – Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes September 15, 2025](#)

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

8. **Executive Session: Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, Council to Close Session for the Discussion of Limited Personnel Matters.**

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Enter Executive Session Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, Council to Close Session for the Discussion of Limited Personnel Matters.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes
	Second by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Barnes- Yes
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- N/A

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

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

10. **Council to Confirm and Certify for the Record that the matters discussed in closed session were limited only to those specified in the motion to close and no action was taken.**

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Confirm and certify that the matters discussed in closed session were limited to those specified in the motion to close and no action was taken.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes
	Second by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Barnes- Yes
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- N/A

11. **Council to Review and Approve the Purchase of Playground Mulch**

[Attachment B – Willy Goat Playgrounds Mulch Estimate \\$14,784.00 plus taxes and shipping.](#)

- Mayor Bruton – Would like to remove current mulch under the playground at the Luis Garcia Park.
- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Cost/calculation is based on 6" depth requirement for playgrounds.
- Councilor M. Armenta – Is this the only company? Where would this be funded from? Weed barrier? With all of the positive things we're doing for the community including our last clean up event and our Summer Concerts I think it's a good idea to purchase for more improvements. (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – No, we did look at 5 different companies and they're all very close in price. The funds would have to come from Road Fund or General Fund. Hector purchased the weed barrier.) (Mayor Bruton – Yes it will be great. At our last Concert there were many kids playing in that area and it does look like we can use this as another improvement as the current mulch is deteriorating.)



- Councilor E. Barnes – Is it possible to purchase regular wood chips instead of the rubber and possibly pay less? Will our Maintenance team be installing? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – The cost would not be less.) (Mayor Bruton – Rubber Mulch would last longer than the wood. Yes, our Maintenance Team will be installing.) (Deputy Clerk. M. Martinez – Do we want to do another volunteer event to help with this project? Councilor M. Armenta – We could I wouldn't mind helping. Mayor Bruton – Yes, we can put together a volunteer event to help with this.)
- Councilor Y. Garcia – When will this be completed? Is the quote including tax and shipping? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – It will take 6-8 weeks to get the mulch delivered. No, the quote is not including tax and shipping.)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve the Purchase of Playground Mulch.		
	Made by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- N/A
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

12. Council to Review and Approve the Purchase of a Dump Trailer

[Attachment C – AB Trailers LLC Estimate \\$9,999.00 plus taxes and shipping.](#)

- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield– Hector got multiple quotes for trailers as well and this is the one, we chose prices did vary but for this price this is the best compared to the others. Funds will come from Road Fund to purchase this.
- Councilor M. Armenta – There's a lot of clean up that needs to be done and this will be handy for the crew and is better than having to rent one every time it's needed.
- Councilor Y. Garcia – Looking at the other quotes I think this is the best choice as this one has the cover as well as the hydraulic system.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve the Purchase of Dump Trailer.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- N/A
	Second by:	M. Armenta		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

13. Council to Review and Approve the Sale of Personal Property to Prodigy for \$1,500.00

[Attachment D – 2006 Fire Apparatus Utility Trailer VIN 1WC200G2167013014](#)

- Mayor Bruton – This trailer is not being used and hasn't been used in a very long time. We have another enclosed trailer in the maintenance building and it's easier to use.
- Councilor M. Armenta – Can this trailer be used for something versus selling it? I would like to hold off before we decide on selling because we can possibly use it for something.
- Councilor Y. Garcia – Is this the one that was stored at my house for some time? I feel like this could be used to haul during stormy weather or something or for storage. (Mayor Bruton – It might be, this one is what FD used as their hazmat trailer.)
- Councilor E. Barnes – Can we possibly look at this trailer before we decide on selling it? (Mayor Bruton – I can ask Prodigy to bring it back.)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Table the Sale of Personal Property to Prodigy.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- N/A
	Second by:	M. Armenta		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	



14. Updates

- a. Prior Meeting Items Discussions - None
- b. Mayor Bruton - None
- c. Councilors
 - M. Armenta
 - i. Met with Phil Roberts over at Rincon Loop and Melissa Lane and it does look like we have some maintenance to do in that area and he does understand that he does as well. A lot of vegetation in the area that has to be cleaned up as well as work in the ditch. (Mayor Bruton – Do you think our Maintenance Team can do the work with the rock we have stored on our property?) Yes, and if they'd like I can help them.
 - ii. Look into funding/grant for new bridge at Primera Agua as it's in bad shape. There are a few bridges that need work.
 - iii. Thank all who participated in our Veteran's Memorial clean up event. Very thankful for the community coming together and working hard.
 - iv. During Saturday's event I got some volunteers who want to build a bridge and get rid of the culvert.
 - Y. Garcia
 - i. Mobile Website? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – It's currently being worked on.)
 - ii. Ordinance Chapter 4 Article 3 Section 4–124 Animals killing or injuring livestock or wildlife. Julie Trujillo on Primera Agua stated that there are 3 large husky dogs roaming the streets who have killed some of her chickens and most recently killed one of her goats. (Mayor Bruton – Have they called Bernalillo County Animal Control?) I believe they have. (Councilor M. Armenta – Does she know who these animals belong to?) I'm not sure I didn't go into details with her. (Commissioner R. Garcia – My security picked up a Mountain Lion in the area a few weeks ago.)
 - iii. Division 4 Section 26-445 general preservation compliance. Can we mail a notice to Molly's bar regarding the weeds on their property? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – We're working on it.)
 - iv. Echo Councilor Armenta – Saturday's clean up event was great. Thank you, Commissioner Garcia who is here tonight. Thank everyone who joined us did amazing and all worked really hard. We had former Councilor Garcia there along with many others. Representative Lord took a lot of the loose rocks from the wall, there's a lot of exposed concrete and thought we can place some ribbon up in the meantime. (Councilor M. Armenta – Representative Lord stated to forget about replacing them and instead get an estimate from a professional and submit for funding.) (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – We are working on finding someone who can get a quote on the scope of work we're looking to get done including upgrades.) Tom from the senior center would like to be part if possible.
 - v. Funding for the Church as it is in really bad shape. (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Funds have not been spent but funding is only for design.)
 - vi. Previous rainstorms the rock, dirt and mud would get scraped up and placed in our yard and now is causing erosion. We asked that this stops from happening and now they're putting it in Lyla's yard and all of the mud covered the door to their well. Can they stop and not dumping in the yards and have it hauled elsewhere. (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Yes)
 - E. Barnes – Councilor Garcia and Armenta brought up good things for us to address.



- d. Clerk A. Caufield
 - i. On behalf of Councilor Ortiz, he wants to thank all who came out to the cleanup event.
 - ii. Maria and I will be attending Clerk's Institute and will be out of the office 10/20-10/24.11/3-11/7 attending NMM Infrastructure Finance Conference. During the time we are out we keep in touch with everyone in the office and want to reassure everyone that everything will be taken care of while we're out.
 - iii. Bernalillo County will be taking over Council Chambers for elections. Next Council meeting will be held at our Senior Center.
 - iv. Cancelling Monday October 20th meeting as Maria and I will be out of town attending Conference.
 - v. Veteran's event will be Monday November 10th.
 - vi. Carmino/Criswell project on hold due to roads being wet and not able to pave. (Councilor M. Armenta – Did they get us a date on paving, and will they be transitioning to Pine View project next?) No date currently and yes that is still the goal.
 - vii. Brandy did reach out to me regarding the leak in the building and there will be an adjuster out this week to look at it. Process is started with NMSIF. Thank you, Brandy, for the list hadn't seen it before.
- e. Deputy Clerk M. Martinez – Thank you all for Saturday. We should do more events like this in the future.

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, November 3, 2025, at 6 P.M. at the Tijeras Senior Center.

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

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