



**VILLAGE OF TIJERAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM**

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Meeting ID: 857 8157 5065
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Dial: (720)707-2699

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

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Nixon – Village Attorney

5. **Public Comment**

None

6. **Approval of Agenda for Monday, January 5, 2026**

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Agenda for Monday, January 5, 2026.		
	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 Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes for December 1, 2025**

[Attachment A – Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes for December 1, 2025](#)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes for December 1, 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. **Council to Review and Approve Income Statement – November 2025**

Attachment B – Income Statement November 2025

Councilor M. Armenta – Thank Clerk Audrey for getting Income Statements out in a timely manner.

Councilor J. Ortiz – Would also like to thank Audrey.

Councilor E. Barnes – Also would like to thank Audrey.

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

9. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2026-01 Adopting the Open Meetings Act Resolution**

Attachment C – Resolution 2026-01 Adopting the Open Meetings Act Resolution

Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – The only change: Copies of the proposed Agenda will be available four (4) calendar days prior to the meeting at the office of the Village Clerk located at 12 Camino Municipal, Tijeras NM 87059 except when intervening holidays or office closures do not allow, in which case the agenda shall be made available as soon as practicable and in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-01 Adopting the Open Meetings Act Resolution.	
	Made by:	J. Ortiz	Councilor Armenta- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes	Councilor Barnes- Yes
	Motion carried?	PASSED	Councilor Garcia- n/a Councilor Ortiz- Yes

10. **Review and Approval of McAtee Annexation**

Attachment D.1 – Planning & Zoning Draft Minutes, December 10, 2025

Attachment D.2 – Marnett Application & Lots map McAtee Place

Mayor Bruton – Lots 47 & 48 have already been combined into a singular property according to Bernalillo County website, these lots are all bordering Village of Tijeras. It makes sense that we approve as these lots are the only lots in this area that are not in Village limits aside from our open space which we will also annex.

McAtee is a private road therefore we wouldn't be responsible for maintaining, if they develop the property owner would be responsible for maintaining. (Councilor J. Ortiz – Which lots are bordering our open space? What is the average size of each lot?) Lots 41 & 42 as well as Cedar View. (Councilor M. Armenta – Drove by there and didn't see the cul-de-sac and if there is do they know that they will be responsible?) Haven't discussed that with them yet but if they will be developing on those lots they will have to come back to Planning & Zoning and at that time we will discuss the conditions. The average lot size is .35, we can require that some of the lots be combined. (Councilor J. Ortiz – Exactly what I was thinking is requiring them that they combine 2 lots.) Would like to consider purchasing lot 41 which would give access to our open space.

Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Jim & Regina own 47 & 48 which are already combined, 43,44,45 & 46 which means they would have to combine 43 & 48 and 46 & 46. Lots 41 & 42 belong to another owner so might want to purchase both lots since the lots are small. (Mayor Bruton – That's a great idea.)

Mayor Bruton – At this point this is all preliminary since the property owner still has to go through Bernalillo County which takes months at that point, we can then impose conditions discussed.

Village Attorney J. Nixon – Mayor for clarification, you are requesting from council the approval to submit the required documentation to annex lots 41,42,43,44,45,46,47 & 48 to Bernalillo County, correct? (Mayor Bruton – Yes that is correct.) (Clerk A. Caufield – No, not 41 & 42) (Mayor Bruton - Ok.) According to this application the request is for 43-48 in which 47 & 48 are combined. (Mayor Bruton – Can we pursue forcing the other property owners to annex as well?) We can pursue that according to statute with a signed petition. (Councilor J. Ortiz – I would rather ask than force residents.)



ACTION

Motion To:	Approve Marnett request for McAtee Annexation with condition that lots are combined as follows: Lots 43&44, Lots 45&46		
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	

11. **Review and Discuss Senior Center Mural Idea for Route 66 Centennial**

Attachment E – Senior Center Mural Idea

Mayor Bruton - Debra came up with the idea, which is a great idea, this doesn't necessarily need approval but thought we'd discuss as a group.

Councilor J. Ortiz – This is a great idea and would like to take part in meetings. What is the cost? (Clerk A. Caufield – We don't have a cost now, Debra will be asking for donations, and she has meetings scheduled which I will get to you.)

Councilor M. Armenta – Will it be the entire wall? (Clerk A. Caufield – Not sure at the moment but will let you)

Councilor E. Barnes – Would be nice if they used some mosaic tiles.

12. **Updates**

a. Prior Meeting Items Discussions – None

b. Mayor Bruton

i. Happy New Year to everyone. I'm excited to have retained both Councilor Armenta and Councilor Ortiz on this council, you all are amazing people, and we will continue doing great things for our community and our citizens, stay positive and move forward. Thank you all for being here, thank you to our staff as they do great things. I feel so blessed to have you all as part of our community and my life.

c. Councilors

Councilor J. Ortiz

i. Earth Day – We've been doing the same thing for the past 4 years and it's been great but think we can shift gears and clean up the arroyos as mentioned before. (Mayor Bruton – I like the idea but a bit more dangerous but we can have more conversations about what that would entail.) (Councilor M. Armenta – Maybe just work on picking up the smaller debris/trash)

Councilor M. Armenta

i. Hydro Vac Purchase? (Clerk A. Caufield – Still on order but should be delivered soon.)

ii. TPF Funds for Los Vallecitos road project spent within a reasonable time as this was a concern in the past. (Mayor Bruton – Yes, of course we will work on that. We will have a pre-construction meeting.)

iii. Start date on Pine View? (Clerk A. Caufield – Still waiting on quote to go through CES but already in process. As soon as all goes through, we will have a date.

iv. Echo what Mayor stated thank everyone and Happy New Year to all and let's continue staying positive and make it a successful year. Very grateful for all.

Councilor E. Barnes

i. Congratulations to Councilor Ortiz and Councilor Armenta, looking forward to working with you. Thank you, Audrey and Maria, for everything you do for the Village and keeping us all up to date. Happy New Year to all. (Mayor Bruton – Would also like to thank Jessica as she always keeps us in line.) (Councilor J. Ortiz – Happy New Year to all.)

d. Clerk A. Caufield – Councilor Armenta please pick up P-Card as you will be in training next week.

e. Deputy Clerk M. Martinez – Thank you all for your support and Happy New Year!



13. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Village of Tijeras will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M

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