



**VILLAGE OF TIJERAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM**

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Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82520175088?pwd=JcXbXXCgUJ1nako2QGAMDTaaVvG6TG.1>
 Meeting ID: 825 2017 5088
 Passcode: 597885
 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	✓	J.Ortiz	✓
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Nixon – Village Attorney Charlotte Rode – Tijeras Ventures, LLC

5. **Public Comment**

Commissioner Alan Haskins – What kind of plans are in place to get arroyos cleaned up after flood from last year?

- Mayor Bruton- That’s still in the works as we’ve been driving around the Village the last couple of days and noticed that Bernalillo County has some cleaning up to do off South Zamora. We will also be getting our maintenance crew a list of roads/arroyos that still need cleaning. Our guys are busy and spread thin, the last couple of days they’ve been in training, but they will be moving on that soon.
- Councilor Armenta – The guys did clean up the arroyo on Cresenciano and do have plans to continue moving on to the others. Councilor Ortiz has proposed doing some clean up in the arroyos during our Earth Day event.
- Councilor Ortiz – Yes, I would like to get a few groups together to help with bridge, arroyo and Pocket Park clean up. April 11th will be our Earth Day and will have flyers out with the details.
- Commissioner Garcia – There is wood that can be used on private property can we make use of it? (Councilor Garcia – Mayor that is on my property can I allow him to take it?) Mayor Bruton – That is something that you deal with on your property and Village P&Z, nor Council have a say.
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6. **Approval of Agenda for Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Agenda for Tuesday, March 3, 2026.	
	Made by:	J. Ortiz	
	Second by:	E. Barnes	
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED



7. **Council to Review and Approve Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes for February 17, 2026**
[Attachment A – Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes for February 17, 2026](#)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Regular Council Minutes for February 17, 2026.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	M. Armenta		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

8. **Council to Approve Resolution 2026-13, A Contract Funding Resolution for LGRF Funds**
[Attachment B.1 – Resolution 2026-13, A Contract Funding Resolution for LGRF Funds](#)
[Attachment B.2 – Draft Application_LGRF_26-27](#)

- Mayor J. Bruton – DOT for road funds where the match is 25%.
- Councilor J. Ortiz – Camino Municipal easement to widen the road?
- Councilor M. Armenta – During design place soft curb?
- Mayor J. Bruton – Yes, we will keep that in mind during design, if approved for grant funds. We use a criticality index on how critical our roads are and choose what road we will apply funding for.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-13, Contract Funding Resolution for LGRF Funds.		
	Made by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	J. Ortiz		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

9. **Council to Approve Resolution 2026-14, A Contract Funding Resolution for MAP Funds**
[Attachment C.1 – Resolution 2026-14, A Contract Funding Resolution for MAP Funds](#)
[Attachment C.2 – Draft Application_MAP_26-27](#)

- Mayor J. Bruton - Match is also 25%, Kay Road improvements.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-14, Contract Funding Resolution for MAP Funds.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried?	PASSED	FAILED	

10. **Council to Call for a Public Hearing Regarding a Zoning Change**

[Attachment D.1 – Planning & Zoning Hearing Minutes for February 25, 2026](#)
[Attachment D.2 – Zoning Application](#)

- Councilor M. Armenta – Just to clarify: This is just an announcement/action item for the public hearing?
- Mayor J. Bruton – Yes, that is correct, this is an action to call for a public hearing.
- Attorney J. Nixon – Ordinance 240 which was the land use development code adopted in 2023, Section 26-100, upon receipt of written recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission the Village Council shall call a public hearing in order to make a decision on a zone change request application.
- Councilor J. Ortiz – Thought that Townhall was good and good to hear from the public regarding things happening in the community.
- Mayor J. Bruton – Echo that and wish we had a room full every time. I thank everyone’s input, Charolette you were great and appreciate the input from our Council.



- Councilor Y. Garcia – Thank our neighbors as well not just our residents as our Townhall was very productive and was good to hear from all.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Call for a Public Hearing Regarding Zone Change for Tijeras Ventures LLC.	
	Made by:	J. Ortiz	Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	M. Armenta	
	Motion carried?	PASSED	

11. Updates

- a. Prior Meeting Items Discussions - None
- b. Mayor J. Bruton
 - i. Working on getting survey done on our open space so we can start the road and getting permits to residents to help with getting all the excess wood out. Will also get a few more surveys that we need to be done in the community. Hoping to start cutting out the road in early summer and will start sending notices soon.
 - ii. Our Route 66 Monument signs have shipped, Audrey, Maria, and I decided on two locations, entering the Village on each side. We will be placing one on a property which we already spoke to the property owner, and they are ok with it which we will be helping with them with PNM hook-up. One location is after the transfer station and the other on Anna King's property. (Clerk/Manager – A. Caufield – The shipment will arrive in an enclosed trailer and it's 16' tall, we only have two maintenance guys right now so if we can get any help that would be great.) (Councilor J. Ortiz – Yes, of course we can help.)
 - iii. Next meeting will be Monday March 30th at 6:00 PM due to notice for zoning change which we are required to abide by. We will publish in two separate publications' on ABQ Journal and the independent which will pass our requirements for publication.
- c. Councilors

Councilor J. Ortiz

 - i. Earth Day is April 11th and I would like to assemble different teams, if you can get with Hector and see what needs to be done at the Pocket Park and Arroyos and of course will still do the traditional of picking up trash around the Village. (Mayor Bruton – Have you started on the T-Shirt design?) Yes, I will text you all separately with my ideas.) (Cler/Manager A. Caufield – Councilor Ortiz, I will need any expenses or time spoken about this event to report for this grant, if you can please keep track of that and email me that would be great for reporting purposes.) Yes, I will.
 - ii. Several people have reached out regarding the publication on the news regarding our water and the PFAS contamination, I understand that a lot is out of our control but think that we should all be made aware of things. (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Testing was not coming from the same place and can't pinpoint where the contamination came from. The mayor's directive was to install approved testing valves at each location, we're waiting on NMED to re-schedule the tests.) Mayor J. Bruton – We knew what was going on and knew it was on the news, but they were supposed to test post treatment and pre dispensing to public and was not done that way. We decided to place knew spickets which also requires that the person doing the testing has to be dressed and gloved up a certain way due to possible contamination. I also told our water operators to get ahead of this. When we asked NMED what we should do they told us we're not required to do anything until 2030. We must determine where these contaminations are coming from and don't think NMED should have reported this at this point) Thank you guys.

Councilor E. Barmes

 - i. On February 20th Councilor Ortiz and I attended the GCC CAP meeting. Shared photographs with them from February 1st where there was a large emission over the Village, according to them they didn't see that, and they will look into it. (Mayor J. Bruton – Unfortunately the



Village can't do anything as they are not in Village limits, they are regulated by the state.) They will have the ammonia this summer and they will be closed for 4-6 weeks to clean. Agustin Montoya was there and brought GRT from the plant and he suggested we speak up about getting GRT from them, (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – I don't think we can because they aren't in Village limits.) (Attorney J. Nixon - Something we can explore, to request GRT as it's done in other county's)

- ii. Phase 2 of Pine View? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – We will be applying for TPF funding at the end of June for that phase.)

Councilor M. Armenta

- i. Spoke to Peter Kubiak from NMDOT regarding speed limit signs and he can't guarantee anything, but he will investigate it for us.
- ii. Thank you all for the information about the water issue as I also had residents reach out to be about that.

Councilor

- i. TextMyGov for Planning & zoning Hearings & Council Meetings? (Mayor J. Bruton – Considered that but thought that residents would get inundated with texts and start ignoring, the best way for residents to stay informed is on our website and our public postings.) Understand all must stay informed and use their resources.
 - ii. Earth Day – Will household items be accepted? (Mayor J. Bruton – no, only trash) (Councilor J. Ortiz – We will leave the dumpsters out if they're not full after Earth Day and residents can fill with anything else.)
- d. Clerk A. Caufield –
- i. Confirmation has been received from NMDOT that they will come out and look at speed limit and guard rails.
 - ii. Audit was submitted and will present soon.

Councilor E. Barnes – Would like to send our condolences to BCSO for their for the loss of our officer. (Mayor J. Bruton – Yes, thank you for reminding us about that.) (Councilor J. Ortiz – Yes, our resident Mr. Ross who is here tonight is with the County Sheriffs Department and we're sorry for your loss.)

- e. Deputy Clerk M. Martinez – Senior Center Mural – Debra didn't get any volunteers for the project but I know Mayor Bruton and you all liked the idea so I will be looking at finding muralist who will follow through with the project and will keep you all updated. (Mayor J. Bruton – Yes, I think this is a great idea which will beautify our community.)

12. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Village of Tijeras will be held on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:54PM.

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