



**VILLAGE OF TIJERAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.  
@ TIJERAS SENIOR CENTER**

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 Meeting ID: 818 2763 1752  
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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	✓	Y.Garcia	n/a	J.Ortiz	n/a
<b>Quorum present</b>		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>				

4. **Introduction of Guests**  
Jessica Nixon, Village Attorney  
Roberta & Andrew Padilla, Prodigy

5. **Public Comment**  
None

6. **Approval of Agenda for Monday, May 18, 2026**

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion To:</b>	Approve Agenda for Monday, May 18, 2026.	
	<b>Made by:</b>	E. Barnes	<b>Councilor Armenta- Yes</b>
	<b>Second by:</b>	M. Armenta	<b>Councilor Barnes- Yes</b>
	<b>Motion carried?</b> Yes	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>

7. **Council to Review and Approve Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes for May 4, 2026**

[Attachment A – Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes for May 4, 2026](#)

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion To:</b>	Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes for May 4,2026.	
	<b>Made by:</b>	M. Armenta	<b>Councilor Armenta- Yes</b>
	<b>Second by:</b>	E. Barnes	<b>Councilor Barnes- Yes</b>
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>

8. **Council to Call for a Public Hearing Regarding a Subdivision of Property**

[Attachment B.1 – Planning & Zoning Hearing Draft Minutes for May 13, 2026](#)

[Attachment B.2 – Zoning Application – 11795 NM 337](#)

<b>A</b>	<b>Motion To:</b>	Approve Public Hearing Regarding Subdivision of Property.
<b>C</b>	<b>Made by:</b>	E. Barnes <b>Councilor Armenta- Yes</b>



<b>T I O N</b>	<b>Second by:</b>	M. Armenta		<b>Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- n/a Councilor Ortiz- n/a</b>
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	

9. **Water Discussion with Prodigy**

Discussion with Roberta Padilla, Owner/Operator and Andrew Padilla, Owner/Operator

- Andrew Padilla – Prodigy

From the EPA. A little bit more on PFAS. And we talked also, Mayor Pro Tem Armenta was there and Audrey and Maria, Roberta and me and Angie from Prodigy. They had quite a bit from the emerging contaminants. Claudia Youngblood is the director, and they also had another sub-director and Jacob Curse, I think. Anyway, I guess we have pretty good notes. I didn't take them, but Roberta did. But mostly it was just to kind of tell the village what was going on, and we talked about next steps and then what prodigy in the village as their operators was going, what next steps were. So, I'd like to read this a little bit. It's a memo that is a draft that we possibly could send to all of the residents because of the, you know, the alarmed PFAS issue. If that's something Mayor and the council would like me to do.

- Councilor M. Armenta –

Timeline for implementing a blending plan? (Andrew Padilla – End of year because it has to be developed and has to be submitted and approved by NMED, then we have to put in place and see if what we're trying to accomplish is being done. I don't know if you remember, we talked about an emergency bypass when we first built the well. And that was going to go to that PRB, and I still have to research this, to that PRB behind the Catholic school. I believe and like I said, I haven't researched it yet, and that's what Berta was talking about. I believe if we could go directly from the well three to that PRV, we could go directly to tank one, and we could blend in tank one. And I can get flow from tank two to tank one, and I can get well one to tank one. So, we would be able to blend there, and then test immediately what's coming out of that tank, and that would be our blended water.) (Roberta Padilla - That is the hard part design section. So, you have basically from Camino Primera Agua to Village Hall approximately. And I'm not sure how much further up 33 it would go. So, some of the water is going to go one way and some of the water is going to go to the tank, right? So, we've got this section where people are not going to be getting any blended water if we start blending, right? You're going to have a section of line that is unblended.)

- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield

Let me just share with you something that I already did is they had some engineering services provided by EPA, and I went ahead and applied for those services. So, they're supposed to give us a report. I don't know how fast they are, to be honest. It's already been at least a month. And they're going to give us recommendations for the treatment and, you know, take a look at our system as a whole. And maybe if we can get that soon, then I can apply for the grant money because they're going to have a cost recommendation, you know, a cost estimate on it as well.

- Village Attorney J. Nixon

Mayor and Council, if I may, I have a little bit of knowledge about PFAS and some of the PFAS litigation that is starting to spring up across the country. And one of the biggest questions that comes up in that litigation is where is the PFAS coming from? And it comes from lots of different sources, whether it's the pipes, whether it's variations in the aquifers underneath. and what is going into those aquifers, whether it's paper mills or other factories that are contributing to some of that contamination. So it's super variable and a question that's being asked not only here in New Mexico, but across the country for where that's coming from, because it's literally in everything. So it's very hard to pinpoint that.



10. **Executive Session: Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act, Council to Close Session for the Discussion of Attorney-Client Privilege Pertaining to Threatened or Pending Litigation**

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion To:</b>	Enter into Executive Session: Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15(H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act, Council to Close Session for the Discussion of Attorney-Client Privilege Pertaining to Threatened or Pending Litigation.		
	<b>Made by:</b>	M. Armenta		<b>Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- n/a Councilor Ortiz- n/a</b>
	<b>Second by:</b>	E. Barnes		
	<b>Motion carried? Yes</b>	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	

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

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

12. **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.**

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion To:</b>	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.		
	<b>Made by:</b>	M. Armenta		<b>Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- n/a Councilor Ortiz- n/a</b>
	<b>Second by:</b>	E. Barnes		
	<b>Motion carried? Yes</b>	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	

13. **Council to Review and Approve Quote for Grizzly Rock Screen – Maintenance Department**

**Attachment C – Bear Iron Works – Quote #D1677**

- Mayor J. Bruton – Councilor Armenta recommended this for our maintenance department to use for the rock and put that rock in places where it’s needed rather than spending on rock plus delivery. It’s a really versatile kind of tool and will be a benefit for our guys.
- Councilor M. Armenta – From experience in using a grizzly for many years it services a lot of different needs especially if you get different screens, you don’t have to purchase all the screens at once but with time can look at purchasing.

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion To:</b>	Approve Quote for Grizzly Rock Screen.		
	<b>Made by:</b>	M. Armenta		<b>Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- n/a Councilor Ortiz- n/a</b>
	<b>Second by:</b>	E. Barnes		
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>	

14. **Updates**

- a. Prior Meeting Items Discussions – None



- b. Mayor J. Bruton
- i. One of our Planning and Zoning Commissioners has resigned so we're going to be looking for someone to put into his place. Ramon Garcia has quit. If you guys know anybody, please let me know.
- c. Councilors
  - Councilor M. Armenta – No updates
  - Councilor E. Barnes
- i. Anti-Donation training? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Link was sent in the calendar invite.) (Mayor J. Bruton – I had Audrey sign everybody up for this as this will be very beneficial to all, I know we talk about this a lot but better knowledge of it will give us all more understanding.)
- ii. Status on Fire Truck from Bernalillo County for donation to Mexico? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Letter was sent to Bernalillo County accepting the donation and now we're waiting for them to get back to us.)
- iii. CAP meeting with GCC- (Cler/Manager A. Caufield – More community partnering with GCC to include Route 66 Centennial celebration, provided communication to include in our newsletter.)
- iv. Shut off valve at Pine View hasn't been replace, is it necessary? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Will ask Hector to inspect and we will follow up with Vanessa and Spear D.)
  - d. Clerk A. Caufield
  - i. Application was submitted for Engineering Services for water.
  - ii. June 1<sup>st</sup> Council Meeting I will not be attending.
  - e. Deputy Clerk M. Martinez – No updates.

#### 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 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Tijeras Senior Center.

#### 16. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.

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