



**VILLAGE OF TIJERAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM**

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Meeting ID: 827 8708 7595

Passcode: 876449

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	n/a
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Nixon, Attorney

5. **Public Comment**

None

6. **Approval of Agenda for Monday, July 20, 2026**

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Agenda for Monday, July 20, 2026.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Not Present
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	

7. **Council to Review and Approve Previous Minutes for July 6, 2026**

[Attachment A – Regular Council Meeting DRAFT Minutes for July 6, 2026](#)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2026.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta-Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Not Present
	Second by:	M. Armenta		
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	



8. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2026-28 Adopting the FY2027 Final Budget**

[Attachment B.1 – Resolution 2026-28 Adopting the FY2027 Final Budget](#)

[Attachment B.2 – Final – Budget Recap, Summary, Detail FY2027](#)

- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Debt schedule was updated and also had to adjust the reserve. There is a high-level summary which is included, which come from DFA which also has the updated cash balances.
- Councilor Y. Garcia – I would like to thank you all for your hard work.
- Mayor J. Bruton- Yes, thank you Audrey.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-28 Adopting the FY2027 Final Budget.		
	Made by:	E. Barnes		Councilor Armenta-Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Not Present
	Second by:	Y. Garcia		
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	

9. **Council to Review and Approve of Income Statement as of June 30, 2026**

[Attachment C – Income Statement as of June 30, 2026](#)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Income Statement as of June 30, 2026.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Not Present
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	

10. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2026-29 Approval of Budget Adjustment Request #1**

[Attachment D.1 – Resolution 2026-29 Approval of Budget Adjustment Request #1](#)

[Attachment D.2 – FY2026 BAR No. 1](#)

- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – If you look at fund our fire fund 209, the estimated budget was \$112K but the actual award was \$168K, which is why we need the BAR to capture the difference so that it doesn't look like we have a deficit. The report also shows detailed information for all funding accounts with revenue versus expenditures. This is a very high-level reflection of where we're doing good in some areas and recognizing expenses that you all as the governing body have approved.
- Mayor J. Bruton – In the past there used to be multiple BARs throughout the year and having only one is better than multiple. Thank you, Audrey.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-29 Approval of Budget Adjustment Request #1		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Not Present
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	



11. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2026-30 Approving and Accepting the FY2026 4th Quarter Financial Report**

[Attachment E – Resolution 2026-30 Approving and Accepting the FY2026 4th Quarter Financial Report](#)

- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – The income statement is also attached here which ties together from our system to DFA for the fiscal year 27 budget.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-30 Approving and Accepting the FY2026 4 th Quarter Financial Report.		
	Made by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Armenta-Yes
	Second by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Barnes- Yes
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Not Present

12. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2026-31 Acceptance and Authorizations for NMDOT LGRF Award**

[Attachment F.1 – Resolution 2026-31 Acceptance and Authorizations for NMDOT LGRF Award](#)

[Attachment F.2 – LGRF Award L300399](#)

- Mayor J. Bruton – This is the one we spoke about in our previous meeting for Camino Municipal project, but of course we need a resolution to accept and authorize the award.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-31 Acceptance and Authorizations for NMDOT LGRF Award.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes		Councilor Barnes- Yes
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Not Present

13. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2026-32 Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to Cultural Properties Restoration Fund**

[Attachment G.1 – Resolution 2026-32 Authorizing A Cultural Properties Restoration Fund Grant Application](#)

[Attachment G.2 – Cultural Properties Grant Application](#)

- Mayor J. Bruton – This is a grant that Audrey found for restoring historic properties. It's a little over \$400,000.00 and our match is about \$67,000.00. Audrey did a great job at finding this.
- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – This is for construction only, we had design money but were lacking construction funds. Molen Corbin for there help with this as well, John Pate pulled in all the right subject matters so I would like to also recognize them as well. This will also include stabilization, Molzen Corbin did inspect the church and it's structurally sound to be rented, but if we don't repair it soon it's not going to be structurally sound.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-32 Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to Cultural Properties Restoration Fund.		
	Made by:	Y. Garcia		Councilor Armenta- Yes
	Second by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Barnes- Yes
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Not Present

14. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2026-33 Acceptance and Authorizations for Water Trust Board Grant Award WPF-6945**

[Attachment H.1 – Resolution 2026-33 Acceptance and Authorizations for Water Trust Board Grant Award WPF-6945](#)



Attachment H.2 – Water Trust Board WPF-6945 Award Letter

- Mayor J. Bruton – This is grant loan which is 20/80, so it's 20% loan, but it's \$1.2 million grant loan for construction of the sewer system. This will get us across the board into the next phase of our project.
- Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – With the approval that you all authorized reallocate funds from water to wastewater and with this grant we should have enough funding to make this project whole.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-33 Acceptance and Authorizations for Water Trust Board Grant Award WPF-6945.		
	Made by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Armenta-Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes		Councilor Barnes- Yes
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Not Present

15. Updates

- Prior Meeting Items Discussions - None
- Mayor J. Bruton
 - Well 1 is back up and running, I hope everyone received the message that Audrey sent via TextMyGov as well as email. The driver that drives the pump is what went out, Prodigy went ahead and replaced it got it back up and running within a little over 24 hours. In the meantime, we did have to bring Well 3 on but by now there shouldn't be any of that water circulating through our water system.
- Councilors

Councilor Y. Garcia

 - Maria and I talked about the car show for our event, my cousin is the president of a car club so I will reach out to him to see if they would like to participate. I will also be signing up for a slot, and I'm sure Councilor Armenta and Councilor Ortiz will too. Maria, you also mentioned you have a list of prior participants, correct? (Deputy Clerk M. Martinez – Yes, that is correct.) I have a few family members that might want to sign up as well, I will update you soon.
 - GCC – This has always been an issue, but it's been coming up again in the Village with regards to maybe they can add more trees? I know you all meet with them, is there a way residents can also attend those meetings? Are those meetings available on Zoom? (Mayor J. Bruton – Residents are always welcome to attend meetings. I know Quarry 1 is complete, they completed drainage, seeding and also added more trees, but that does take some time to grow.) (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – We will ask the progress of the reclamation in our next meeting, during our last meeting they said it was going well but taking time due to the lack of rain. Meetings are not available on Zoom.)

Councilor M. Armenta

 - August 22nd is the date for our event, correct? Who's the band? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – That is correct, and the band is Tripple X. I have the contact information for them.) (Councilor Y. Garcia – He's in charge of everything but the payments go to Renee.)
 - Route 66 signs, will they be installed before our event? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Still trying to get permission from NMDOT to drill on that right of way, so they will not be up before our event.)
 - Thank our maintenance team as well as the volunteer youth group for cleaning out the arroyos. I'm very thankful for them and their hard work.
 - Thank you, guys, for addressing the Boyden lights, it sure is a big difference now.

Councilor E. Barnes

 - Pine View – Erosion problem, update on the concrete, guard rail? (Clerk/Manager A. Caufield – Erosion, I will follow up with Vanessa. Concrete – when project is completed,



Hector will take care of the concrete. Guard rail – postponed due to earth problem but will be completed soon.)

- d. Clerk A. Caufield
 - i. Maria's putting everything together for the Route 66 Celebration, and she's doing a fantastic job. Thank you, Maria, for all the hard work.
- e. Deputy Clerk M. Martinez
 - i. Route 66 Centennial Celebration – Debra is helping with Vendor sign-ups, so I want to thank her. And then of course, Councilor Garcia thank you for helping with the car show sign-ups.

16. Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Village of Tijeras will be held on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

17. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.

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