



**VILLAGE OF TIJERAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026, 6:00 P.M.**

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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	✓
Quorum present		Yes	No				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Jessica Nixon, Attorney

5. **Public Comment**

Nathan Hawkins-

- Subdivision is fully recorded, and wanted to ask if it's ok that we place a culvert to help with the water/erosion problem in the area as it's currently washed out due to the recent rainstorms. (Mayor J. Bruton – I don't see a problem, nor would you have to appear in front of Planning & Zoning Commission for approval if it's installed within your property.) The culvert will be placed within our property lines.
- Bernalillo County was out on Friday with front end loaders, backhoes, and dump trucks cleaning up the mud and rocks that were washed out due to the rainstorms and have had to come out a few times already. The wash out goes down to the substation up to the parking lot curve and causes a mess with mud. We're worried that the washout will impact emergency services when needed and we want to make sure that if the mess impacts them that it doesn't fall on us because we didn't cause that. The washout started after PNM finished their project. (Councilor J. Ortiz – Do you know if Bernalillo County has tried to speak to PNM about this?) I don't know. (Mayor J. Bruton – I can talk to Bernalillo County and let them know a little about this issue, the Village can't use resources as we would be violating anti-donation laws.)

6. **Approval of Agenda for Monday, September 21, 2026**

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Agenda for Monday, September 21, 2026.		
	Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Not Present Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	



7. **Council to Review and Approve Previous Minutes for August 21, 2026**

[Attachment A – Regular Council Meeting Draft Minutes for August 21, 2026](#)

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes for August 21, 2026.		
	Made by:	M. Armenta		Councilor Armenta-Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Not Present Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	E. Barnes		
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	

8. **Council to Approve Resolution 2026-36 Accepting the Transportation Project Fund Grant Agreement LP30074**

[Attachment B.1 – Resolution 2026-36 Accepting the Transportation Project Fund Grant Agreement LP30074](#)

[Attachment B.2 – LP30074 Agreement](#)

- Mayor J. Bruton – \$173,000.00 with 5% match, funds will be used for design for pedestrian project.
- Councilor J. Ortiz – Bernalillo County typically uses cement curbs and asphalt; will we be doing the same or will we go with the traditional sidewalks?
- Mayor J. Bruton – We will work with our engineers and see what's more cost-effective and most practical.

ACTION

Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-36 Accepting the Transportation Project Grant Agreement LP30074.		
Made by:	E. Barnes		Councilor Armenta-Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Not Present Councilor Ortiz- Yes
Second by:	J. Ortiz		
Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	

9. **Council to Approve Resolution 2026-37 Accepting the Transportation Project Fund Grant Agreement LP30075**

[Attachment C.1 – Resolution 2026-37 Accepting the Transportation Project Fund Grant Agreement LP30075](#)

[Attachment C.2 – LP30075 Agreement](#)

- Mayor J. Bruton – Grant funds will be used to complete the road project to complete the Pine View area, design is already complete, this will go towards construction.
- Councilor E. Barnes – We had some erosion on Pine View Road, and it's gotten worse with the recent rainstorms. If we don't have funds for riprap, can we include it in this particular project if the funds are available?
- Mayor J. Bruton – We may have enough but we have to read the agreement in detail to make sure that we can use funds.

A C T I O N	Motion To:	Approve Resolution 2026-37 Accepting the Transportation Project Fund Grant Agreement LP30075.		
	Made by:	J. Ortiz		Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Not Present Councilor Ortiz- Yes
	Second by:	M. Armenta		
	Motion carried? Yes	PASSED	FAILED	



10. Updates

- a. Prior Meeting Items Discussions - None
- b. Mayor J. Bruton
 - i. Temporary Grounds Maintenance Position is posted on our website, if you all know of anyone who may be interested, please send them our way this way we get some help with the weeds and trees.
 - ii. Trunk or Treat October 23, more details soon.
- c. Councilors
 - Councilor M. Armenta
 - i. Spoke to Audrey and we still haven't had anyone apply for the temp job and the vegetation and trees are out of control and our Pocket Park is still closed. There's a lot more coming soon like the renovation of the Veterans Memorial/Luis Garcia Park and our Open Space/Trails that will need a lot of upkeep and our current crew has a lot already. (Mayor J. Bruton – Yes, that's what Maria and I were talking about, and we might be examining the idea of revamping and swelling the size of our maintenance crew. Have a dedicated maintenance employee mainly focused on the grounds like weeds, trees, beautification and so on. I'm assuming that we haven't had much traction because it is a temporary position which will end in a couple of months.) (Councilor J. Ortiz – We all look kind of bad whenever our streets, sidewalks, and parks are in disarray. I support the permanent position if the budget allows.)
 - ii. Summer Concert – Thank you all for supporting that, it was a success yet again and hopefully we continue doing it next year for our community.
 - iii. Suspicious situation with a gentleman while Maria and Audrey were here, can we maybe look into security guard? (Mayor J. Bruton – Yes, I was made aware of that situation, and we think it was a one off, and we don't think he'll be back, but we will definitely stay alert.)
 - Councilor J. Ortiz
 - i. East Mountain Celebration participation? They reached out to me to help with the car show. Maria if you could please send me your car show participant contact. Should I promote their event on our social media? (Deputy Clerk M. Martinez – We weren't approached about it or invited to participate this year. I will email you what I have.) (Mayor J. Bruton – Yes, that's fine we don't mind posting their event on our social media.)
 - Councilor E. Barnes
 - i. GCC Cap Meeting – Stainless steel tank where they will be storing the ammonia hasn't arrived, but it should be arriving January 27th. GCC is planning to host a tour next quarter and they're asking if we would like to join them. (All Councilors present would like to join.)
 - ii. Pine View – Guard Rails are uneven due to the asphalt coming out of the holes due to the rain, it looks like it wasn't compacted right. (Mayor J. Bruton – That should be under warranty, and we will get with Mozen to get that corrected.) Have we heard from PNM about the tie down on the power pole? (Deputy Clerk M. Martinez – We have not seen any updates, but I will follow up with Audrey when she returns to the office.)
 - iii. Fiber Optic along Highway 66, will they be coming into the Village? (Mayor J. Bruton – Yes, that project came through about 3 years ago. They will be coming down 14 and 66.)
 - iv. I was approached by the Ex-mayor at the post office, and she showed me a flyer on her phone about bringing back our Volunteer Fire Department? (Mayor J. Bruton – No, that's not happening. When we absolved that we contracted with Bernalillo County for 15 years.)
 - v. Thank the Maintenance Department. Spear D took out some of my trees and rock between my property and the one next to me during construction and the decretive rock was not placed back. The guys leveled it out and put rock, it looks great very nice job. Please give my kudos to the maintenance department.
- d. Clerk A. Caufield – Not present.



- e. Deputy Clerk M. Martinez
 - i. Audrey and I will be attending Clerks Institute October 19-23.

11. **Time and Place of Next Meeting**

The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Body of the Village of Tijeras will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

12. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 P.M.

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