



**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF TIJERAS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025, AT 6:00PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND ZOOM**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83748845460>

Meeting ID: 837 4884 5460  
Dial: (720)707-2699

1. **Call to Order**

Call to Order by Mayor Jake Bruton at 6:00pm

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jake Bruton

3. **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**

MA	X	EB	X	YG	X	JO	X
<b>Quorum present</b>			<b>Yes</b>				

4. **Introduction of Guests**

Nathan Mulvihill, Village Attorney

5. **Public Comment**

Public Comment by Jimmy Chavez; Jimmy spoke for two minutes. Mr. Chavez’s main concern was a mandate that would require all residents to be connected to the Village water system. Mr. Chavez stated he is against a proposal of this type. Mr. Chavez stated his household had an excellent water system with good water quality and he has no need for Village water. Mr. Chavez asked Council to consider residents on a fixed income and how this would impact their budgets. Mayor thanked Mr. Chavez for his input.

6. **Approval of Agenda:**

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion:</b>	To approve Agenda for Jan 21, 2025	
	<b>Made by:</b>	Garcia	<b>Councilor Armenta- Yes Councilor Barnes- Yes Councilor Garcia- Yes Councilor Ortiz- Yes</b>
	<b>Second by:</b>	Armenta	
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>
	Motion Carried		



7. **Council to Review and Approve Previous Minutes**

Attachment A – Draft Meeting Minutes Jan 6 2025

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion:</b>	To approve Minutes for Jan 6, 2025 – with Amendments	
	<b>Made by:</b>	Armenta	<b>Councilor Armenta-</b> Yes
	<b>Second by:</b>	Barnes	
	<b>Motion carried?</b> Motion Carried	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>

Councilor Armenta requested changes that clarified his questioning of the maintenance team schedule for trees and weeds.

8. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2025-03 Rate Increase for Water Service**

Attachment B – Resolution 2025-03 Rate Increase for Water Service

Attachment C – Resolution 2025-03 Water Rate Increase Sheet

Attachment D – Water Rate Increase Analysis

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion:</b>	To approve Resolution 2025-03 Water Rate Increases, Including Attachment B, C & D	
	<b>Made by:</b>	Ortiz	<b>Councilor Armenta-</b> Yes
	<b>Second by:</b>	Garcia	
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>

- Mayor Bruton asked for a motion if there were not any questions and clarified that this rate increase was to bring us closer to our goal for a self-sustaining water fund and that per ordinance, there will also be another 3% increase on July 1, 2025.
- Councilor Barnes stated that after his thorough review, that he believes this increase to be fair and equitable for both residential and commercial customers.
- Councilor Armenta wanted to be sure it was noted that there were discussions at Council meetings along with water workshops – open for the public to attend.

9. **Council to Review and Approve Resolution 2025-04 Funding Extension Request for WPF-5693**

Attachment E – Resolution 2025-04 Funding Extension Request Water Trust Board WPF-5693

Attachment F – NMFA Extension Request Letter re Water Trust Board WPF-5693

<b>A C T I O N</b>	<b>Motion:</b>	To Approve Resolution 2025-04 Funding Extension for NMFA WPF-5693	
	<b>Made by:</b>	Garcia	<b>Councilor Armenta-</b> Yes
	<b>Second by:</b>	Barnes	
	<b>Motion carried?</b>	<b>PASSED</b>	<b>FAILED</b>



## 10. **Updates**

- a. Prior Meeting Items Discussions: No previous meeting items.
- b. Mayor: Tank 3 is in progress. Baillo road construction is scheduled to begin in February. There is a meeting regarding Pine View on Wednesday at 9am with both Councilor Armenta and Councilor Barnes scheduled to attend. Pocket Park is on the calendar for the final inspection, as the punch list items from the last inspection have been completed. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, May 3 which will officially introduce the park to the public. There will be food and beverage vendors and a band. The Mayor is also asking for the children of Tijeras residents to put their hands on the wall of Well 3, along with the entirety of the Governing Body. Additional information will follow as May nears.
- c. Councilors
  - i. Councilor Garcia: Only a baby update at this time. Councilor Garcia introduced her daughter to the Governing Body and residents in attendance. Councilor Garcia also stated that the Pocket Park looked great.
  - ii. Councilor Ortiz: No updates at this time
  - iii. Councilor Barnes: Requested dates for Municipal Day in Santa Fe and inquired if we had meetings scheduled with our legislators.
  - iv. Councilor Armenta: Asked about hiring a Grant Writer and how the Herbicide/Pesticide certifications for the Maintenance team were going.
- d. Clerk
  - i. Blood Drive tomorrow
- e. Deputy Clerk: N/A

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

The next meeting of the Governing Body of the Village of Tijeras will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 6pm in the Council Chambers.

## 12. **Adjournment**

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