



## Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes March 10, 2026

### **1. Call the Meeting to Order**

Mayor Isabella Salazar called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

### **2. Roll Call**

Present were Mayor Isabella Salazar, Councilor Jimmy Atkison, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron, Councilor Joe Kalisek, Councilor Leona Wylie, Library Director Crystal Weigel, Finance and Administration Director Arnold Ramirez, Town Clerk Amberlee Olivas, Police Chief Scott Conner, Senior Center Director Whitney Jaramillo, Director of Public Works Joe Garcia, Dennis Merrill, James Taylor, Carl Tennison, Lisa Bell, Tina Jackson, and Janice Derrick. Absent was Councilor Amber Hitchcock.

### **3. Approval/Disapproval of the Agenda**

Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve the agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—No, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Absent, The motion carried.

### **4. Approval/Disapproval of the Meeting Minutes from 02/24/2026**

Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve the meeting minutes from February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Absent. The motion carried.

### **5. Department Reports**

Councilor Leona Wylie moved to approve the department reports. Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Absent. The motion carried.

### **6. Public Comments**

**Carl Tennison** – If we condemn the building at the park, will it remain Eddie Jaramillo’s field? And will the new concession stand contain bathrooms? Carl informs the Council that empty beer bottles are being left at the park again.

**Tina Jackson & Lisa Bell** – As owners of the Little Giggles, they’ve spent over ten thousand dollars on sewer lines. Their plumber has shown them that the Town’s portion is not installed efficiently. Instead of running downward, it is working upwards, therefore causing a backup. Tina and Lisa asked the Council when this can be fixed.

### **7. Mayor, Councilor, and Department Head Comments**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron** thanked everyone in attendance. She thanked Public Works Director, Joe Garcia, for a job well done with on the tedious tasks.



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**Councilor Joe Kalisek** informed everyone that Capitan, NM, has one officer. Councilor Joe reminds citizens that the condemned building must be hauled off. With the increase in winds, debris is flying into neighboring yards.

**Mayor Isabella Salazar** thanked everyone in attendance. NMDOT is doing construction from the state line to Roswell, NM. It is expected to be a seven-phase project. The Town of Tatum is asking NMDOT to add two sections of rumble strips.

The Town received capital funding in the amount of \$350,000 for cemetery improvements.

May 8<sup>th</sup> is the elected officials meeting in Santa Fe, NM. The Mayor informed citizens that if the winds are high, the flag is not flown. The next council meeting, previously scheduled for March 24 is canceled and will be rescheduled to April 1.

### 8. Action Items

#### A. Consideration and Approval of Knocking Down the Concession Stand at Eddie Jaramilo Baseball Field. (Mayor Isabella Salazar)

No Motion Made

#### B. Consideration and Approval of Quote No. H3515-157473 in the amount of \$8,297.33 for Chairs at the Tatum Senior Center Using Funds Provided By Lea County Commissioner Dee Ann Kimbro. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve the Quote No. H3515-157473 in the amount of \$8,297.33 for chairs at the Tatum Senior Center using funds provided by Lea County Commissioner Dee Ann Kimbro. Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Absent. The motion carried.

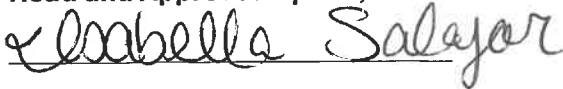
#### C. Consideration and Approval of Mayor Isabella Salazar To Bid On Property 226 S Ave A, Tatum, NM at Lea County Delinquent Property Tax Auction. (Mayor Salazar)

Councilor Jimmy Atkison moved to approve the bid to not exceed \$10,000 for the property at 226 S Ave A. Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron seconded the motion. Roll Call: Councilor Jimmy Atkison—Yes, Mayor Pro-Tem Mary Jiron—Yes, Councilor Joe Kalisek—Yes, Councilor Leona Wylie—Yes. Councilor Amber Hitchcock—Absent. The motion carried.

### 9. Adjournment

Mayor Isabella Salazar adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Read and Approved April 1, 2026.



Mayor, Isabella Salazar



Finance and Administration Director, Arnold Ramirez