VILLAGE OF QUESTA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 01, 2015
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
8:00AM

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK GALLEGOS

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Gallegos asked Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll.

Those present were:

Councilor Miguel Romero
Councilor Lawrence Ortega
Councilor Brent Jaramillo
Councilor Julian Cisneros

Also present:

Administrator Loretta Trujillo
Finance Director Karen Shannon
Village Clerk Renee Martinez

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Jaramillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilor Jaramillo
Second: Councilor Romero

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the agenda as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

V. FINANCE DEPARTMENT –Ms. Karen Shannon–
A.) (Discussion, Consideration and Action) 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget

Village Administrator, Loretta Trujillo informed the Council that a change was made from the last version on page three regarding the transfers in/out. The transfer ‘in’ from Corrections Fund to General Fund has changed from $22,200.00 to $25,400.00. In turn, the ‘out’ transfer from the Corrections Fund changed from $22,200.00 to $25,400.00. Mayor Gallegos stated that we will be struggling again this fiscal year in the EMS department. Ms. Trujillo stated that the EMS budget is on page 35 of the budget. She stated that we are anticipating $150,000.00 in

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revenues and of that, $70,000.00 is from Taos County. Ms. Trujillo stated that based on what we have collected this year, we are budgeting only $45,000.00 in receivables from insurances for the ambulance services. One full time and two part time EMS employees were budgeted for. Councilor Romero asked about what happens if one of them go on vacation. Mayor Gallegos stated that the others will have to make it work. Ms. Shannon stated that there are two EVO’s who are also part-time. Ms. Trujillo stated that the concern is that we cannot have an employee volunteer for the same job they are getting paid for. These employees will only be able to work their 20 hours, period. She stated that they are going to have to rely on their volunteers to cover. Ms. Trujillo stated that it has been a struggle working on this department’s budget. Councilor Jaramillo requested we go over the changes made since the last meeting. Ms. Trujillo stated that the franchise tax was increased from $30,000.00 to $35,000.00. GRT infrastructure was increased from $42,000.00 to $45,000.00. Municipal GRT increased from $220,000.00 to $250,000.00. Property Tax from $82,000.00 to $90,000.00.

Motion: Councilor Ortega
Second: Councilor Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the 2015-2016 Preliminary Budget as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilor Cisneros
Second: Councilor Romero

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10am.

ATTEST: 

Renee Martinez, Village Clerk

APPROVED:

Mark Gallegos, Mayor

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