VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS
Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL
Mayor Gallegos asked Ms. Dina Coleman to take roll:

Present:
Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales
Councilman John Anthony Ortega
Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo arrived at 7:30pm.

Also Present:
Administrator Nicholas Maestas
Village Clerk Renee Martinez
Finance Director Karen Shannon
Village Attorney Lance Hough

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr. Jamie Archuleta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Councilman Ortega requested an additional item under Executive Session regarding personnel matters.

Motion: Councilman John Ortega
Second: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, June 26, 2018

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Councilman Ortega stated that on Line 33, the paragraph repeated.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilman Ortega

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

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To approve the June 26, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - (It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because your particular issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately, but may direct staff to address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)

There were no public comments.

VII. PRESENTATIONS -
   A) Healing Field Presentation

Mayor Gallegos acknowledged Entact environmental and geotechnical construction service for dedication to the Veterans Healing Field of Honor. The Entact group has been instrumental in the setup and take down of the field. Robles, Rael & Anaya and Chevron, Inc. were also acknowledged for their generous sponsorships.

Mayor Gallegos also thanked Mr. Tommy Chavez of Entact who played a major role in the organizing Entact to assist the Village annually.

   B) Presentation by Village of Questa Governing Body

Judge Rael stated that he along with Ms. Dina Coleman nominated Ms. Renee Martinez as MCCA Court Clerk of the year, in which Ms. Martinez was honored at the Municipal Court Clerks Conference in July. Justice Daniels presented the Court Clerk of the Year award to Ms. Martinez with her colleagues, friends and family present.

**A 5 minute recess was taken at this time.

** Mayor Gallegos called the meeting back to order at 7:23pm.

   C) Questa Economic Development Fund Board Update - Mr. Malaquias Rael, Board Chairman

Ms. Lindsey Mapes updated the Governing Body on the following:

- Participation at the annual fishing derby, held last weekend, doubled. The event did make a little money and got some really great feedback. Ms. Dina Coleman is on contract with QEDF to help with event planning and was instrumental in this event being a success.
- Cambalache is planned for October 6th.
- 6 businesses have showed interest in the rack cards. The first 10 businesses that commit; QEDF will pay for their graphic design. They should be out soon.
- Lodgers Tax - Spoke with finance director at the Village of Eagle Nest to see if they had any pointers for Questa to get started.
- Questa to Red River Trail planning committee is looking for people who are avid hikers to help in Questa to plan where the trail will go.
- The Visitors Center is open 7 days a week for 10am to 3pm. Merchandise is available for sale.
- Beginning September 1st, we will be distributing the Questa newspaper to all mailboxes in Questa, Amalia, Costilla, Cerro, Red River and San Cristobal. We are hoping to get more advertising. We are also expanding to 24 pages.
- The Farmers Market is on from 10:00am -2:00pm every Sunday.
- The Questa welding lab may be launched in August. It is a pilot project and will be offered for 2 years; QEDF is tasked with finding an instructor.
- Lodging Project is a success and is getting off the ground. The QEDF Board is looking into developing a business plan for the lodging project. Investors may be able to invest in Questa. Questa is a one of a handful of places in New Mexico that has been listed as an Opportunity Zone. She received notice from Mr. Peter Mitchell of the NM Economic Development.

Councilwoman thanked Ms. Mapes for all of her hard work and dedication.

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IX. ACTION ITEMS

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Emergency Vehicle Procurement

Mayor Gallegos stated that this item pertains to the $50,000.00 that we received from the legislature for Police vehicles.

Chief Lamendola stated that he looked into the pricing of purchasing 2 vehicles fully equipped with police packages. Equipping the two vehicles as needed will go over the $50,000.00 we have to purchase them. Even if we add the $20,000.00 we have in our LEFP fund we still would not have enough money. If we purchased two units, they would be operational but not fully functional.

Councilman Ortega asked the Chief if he looked into the sale of vehicles and equipment we are not using. Chief Lamendola stated that they do have one vehicle they can auction off but it still needs to be stripped.

Councilwoman Gallegos asked Chief Lamendola if he is asking for the approval of the purchase of 2 vehicles. Chief Lamendola stated that he is requesting the purchase of one vehicle. Councilwoman Gallegos asked if the $50,000.00 would cover the cost of the vehicle, fully equipped. Chief Lamendola stated yes. The explorer would be a great vehicle for the winter driving conditions. Councilman Gonzalez stated that getting any emergency vehicle equipped is very expensive. He also stated that he spoke with our lobbyist and he said that if we prioritize for another vehicle on our ICIP plan we will have a good chance of getting funded for another vehicle.

Councilwoman Gallegos asked why we are purchasing the vehicle form this specific company and not in Taos County. Chief Lamendola stated that NHQ gets the vehicle straight from the dealership ready to be equipped and wired. Councilman Ortega asked Ms. Coleman if through procurement we could find a better deal. Ms. Coleman stated that yes, there is opportunity; she stated that this has not come through her office so she is not sure what kind of procurement is being used. She is aware that Don Chalmers and NHQ are on the state price agreement, but it is still up for review. Councilman Ortega asked if there was a way we could get a loan through DFA.

Councilman Gonzalez stated that the key word is safety and there is no way that he would put anyone at risk by trying to penny pinch.

Motion: Councilman Gonzalez - To approve the purchase of the 2019 Ford Explorer

Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Gallegos: YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo: YES
Councilman John Ortega: NO
Councilman Charlie Gonzalez: YES

To approve procurement for the purchase of an emergency vehicle. With a 3-2 vote. Motion carried.

Councilman Jaramillo stated that Chief Lamendola and Mr. Maestas should think about taking out a loan for a second vehicle and pay it back within 3 years. Mayor Gallegos asked Chief Lamendola to try and bring the price down if possible and possibly use it as leverage for a down payment on another vehicle. Councilman Gonzales agreed with Councilman Jaramillo. Councilman Ortega stated that he hopes that Chief understands his vote; he just believes that we need 2 vehicles instead of one.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2018-13 / NMDOT Coop Project

Ms. Martinez stated that this Resolution was put back on the agenda for approval for the reason that as she was reviewing the minutes of the last meeting, the vote was 2-1. A Resolution must be passed by a majority of the Council, which means the Resolution should have been passed by all 3 Councilmembers.

Councilman Ortega voted no on this Resolution at the last meeting with the hope that Mr. Maestas would have gone out and looked for the funding for our match. Mr. Maestas stated that he did not find anything since the last

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meeting. Councilman Jaramillo asked if this was requested from the QEDFB. Mayor Gallegos stated that he was not able to get it on the agenda for matters from village council. Mr. Maestas stated that he met with Ms. Shannon on the grants and matches. We have a couple of years for this grant to expire so we have time to look for money.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Councilman Ortega asked what the timeframe for this grant is. Mr. Maestas stated it expires in 2020. Councilman Ortega stated that he is concerned with all of the match money we need to come up with. Councilman Jaramillo stated we should apply for a waiver. Time has come again that we need the money from the QEDFB to match these grants. Councilman Jaramillo asked that the staff show the grants and matches when creating the budget. It was discussed to get this information to the Council.

Roll Call:
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
Councilman John Ortega YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

To approve Resolution No. 2018-13 / NMDOT Coop Project. All voted yes. Motion carried.

X. FINANCIALS – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director
A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of 4th Quarter Internal BARs

There were no questions.

Motion: Councilman Ortega
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the 4th Quarter Internal BARs. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2018-14 – Final FY 2018 DFA BARs

There were no questions.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilman Ortega

Roll Call:
Councilwoman Gallegos YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
Councilman John Ortega YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

To approve Resolution No. 2018-14 — Final FY 2018 DFA BARs. All voted yes. Motion carried.


There were no questions.

Motion: Councilman Ortega

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Second: Councilman Gonzales

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Gallegos YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
Councilman John Ortega YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

To approve Resolution No. 2018-15 – FY 2018 4th Quarter Report. All voted yes. Motion carried.

D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2018-16 – FY 2019 Final Budget Adoption

There were no questions.

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
Councilman John Ortega NO
Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

To approve Resolution No. 2018-16 – FY 2019 Final Budget Adoption. All voted yes. Motion carried.

XI. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY

Attorney Lance Hough stated that Mr. Marcus Rael was planning on attending this meeting but is celebrating his 20 year wedding anniversary. He is planning on being here at the next Council Meeting.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION - (The Governing Body may convene into Executive Session at this time pursuant to the NM Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1)

A) Pending or Threatening Litigation - (§ 10-15-1(H) (7))
B) Limited Personnel Matters - (§ 10-15-1(H) (2))

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilman Gonzales. Seconded by Councilman Ortega.

Roll Call:

Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
Councilman John Ortega YES

Mayor Gallegos stated that the Governing Body will go into Executive Session to discuss only the items listed. The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 8:27pm.

A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:04pm by Councilwoman Gallegos, seconded by Councilman Ortega.

Roll Call:

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Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales  YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo  YES
Councilman John Ortega  YES

Attorney Lance Hough stated that only the Executive Session Items regarding Pending or Threatening Litigation Section 10-15-1(H) (7)) as well as Personnel Matters Section 10-15-1(H) (7)) were discussed.

XIII. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Ortega informed the Governing Body that he will soon be completing his Leadership Journey program that he began one year ago. His graduation from this program will be August 8th. He stated that it has been a really great program and recommends it to the Council and staff.

Mayor Gallegos commended the public works staff for their work on the meters. This cuts the meter reading time in half. Mayor Gallegos also stated that it would be great to plan an employee picnic in the near future.

Councilman Gonzales stated that we are a small community with a small staff and it upsets him that we have to have an Executive Session regarding personnel issues. Training is important. We are one unit and we have to work together. This issue should have been taken care of internally and not have come to us.

Councilwoman Gallegos noted that the next village meeting is scheduled during the NMML Annual Conference. Mayor Gallegos stated we can plan on a heavy agenda the first meeting in August and plan from there.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilman Ortega

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

APPROVED:

[Signature]

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