

1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
 2 **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
 3 **TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2018**
 4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
 5 **7:00PM**

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

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

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 15 Present:

- 16 Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales
- 17 Councilman John Anthony Ortega
- 18 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos

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

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 22 Also Present:

- 23 Administrator Nicholas Maestas
- 24 Village Clerk Renee Martinez
- 25 Finance Director Karen Shannon
- 26 Village Attorney Lance Hough

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

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

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- 36 Motion: Councilman John Ortega
- 37 Second: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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- 39 In Favor: All
- 40 Opposed: None

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

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 45 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting, June 26, 2018**
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- 47 • Regular Meeting, June 26, 2018

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

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- 51 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
- 52 Second: Councilman Ortega

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- 54 In Favor: All
- 55 Opposed: None

56 To approve the June 26, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.
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58 VI. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*
59 *your particular issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately, but may direct staff*
60 *to address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*
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62 There were no public comments.
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64 VII. **PRESENTATIONS** -

65 A) Healing Field Presentation
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67 Mayor Gallegos acknowledged Entact environmental and geotechnical construction service for dedication to the
68 Veterans Healing Field of Honor. The Entact group has been instrumental in the setup and take down of the field.
69 Robles, Rael & Anaya and Chevron, Inc. were also acknowledged for their generous sponsorships.
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71 Mayor Gallegos also thanked Mr. Tommy Chavez of Entact who played a major role in the organizing Entact to
72 assist the Village annually.
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74 B) Presentation by Village of Questa Governing Body
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76 Judge Rael stated that he along with Ms. Dina Coleman nominated Ms. Renee Martinez as MCCA Court Clerk
77 of the year, in which Ms. Martinez was honored at the Municipal Court Clerks Conference in July. Justice Daniels
78 presented the Court Clerk of the Year award to Ms. Martinez with her colleagues, friends and family present.
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80 **A 5 minute recess was taken at this time.
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82 ** Mayor Gallegos called the meeting back to order at 7:23pm.
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84 C) Questa Economic Development Fund Board Update - Mr. Malaquias Rael, Board Chairman
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86 Ms. Lindsey Mapes updated the Governing Body on the following:
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- 88 • Participation at the annual fishing derby, held last weekend, doubled. The event did make a little money
89 and got some really great feedback. Ms. Dina Coleman is on contract with QEDF to help with event
90 planning and was instrumental in this event being a success.
- 91 • Cambalache is planned for October 6th.
- 92 • 6 businesses have showed interest in the rack cards. The first 10 businesses that commit; QEDF will pay
93 for their graphic design. They should be out soon.
- 94 • Lodgers Tax – Spoke with finance director at the Village of Eagle Nest to see if they had any pointers for
95 Questa to get started.
- 96 • Questa to Red River Trail planning committee is looking for people who are avid hikers to help in Questa
97 to plan where the trail will go.
- 98 • The Visitors Center is open 7 days a week for 10am to 3pm. Merchandise is available for sale.
- 99 • Beginning September 1st, we will be distributing the Questa newspaper to all mailboxes in Questa,
100 Amalia, Costilla, Cerro, Red River and San Cristobal. We are hoping to get more advertising. We are
101 also expanding to 24 pages.
- 102 • The Farmers Market is on from 10:00am -2:00pm every Sunday.
- 103 • The Questa welding lab may be launched in August. It is a pilot project and will be offered for 2 years;
104 QEDF is tasked with finding an instructor.
- 105 • Lodging Project is a success and is getting off the ground. The QEDF Board is looking into developing
106 a business plan for the lodging project. Investors may be able to invest in Questa. Questa is a one of a
107 handful of places in New Mexico that has been listed as an Opportunity Zone. She received notice from
108 Mr. Peter Mitchell of the NM Economic Development.

109 Councilwoman thanked Ms. Mapes for all of her hard work and dedication.
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111 IX. ACTION ITEMS

112 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Emergency Vehicle Procurement

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

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

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

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125 Councilwoman Gallegos asked Chief Lamendola if he is asking for the approval of the purchase of 2 vehicles.
126 Chief Lamendola stated that he is requesting the purchase of one vehicle. Councilwoman Gallegos asked if the
127 \$50,000.00 would cover the cost of the vehicle, fully equipped. Chief Lamendola stated yes. The explorer would
128 be a great vehicle for the winter driving conditions. Councilman Gonzales stated that getting any emergency
129 vehicle equipped is very expensive. He also stated that he spoke with our lobbyist and he said that if we prioritize
130 for another vehicle on our ICIP plan we will have a good chance of getting funded for another vehicle.
131 Councilwoman Gallegos asked why we are purchasing the vehicle from this specific company and not in Taos
132 County. Chief Lamendola stated that NHQ gets the vehicle straight from the dealership ready to be equipped and
133 wired. Councilman Ortega asked Ms. Coleman if through procurement we could find a better deal. Ms. Coleman
134 stated that yes, there is opportunity; she stated that this has not come through her office so she is not sure what
135 kind of procurement is being used. She is aware that Don Chalmers and NHQ are on the state price agreement,
136 but it is still up for review. Councilman Ortega asked if there was a way we could get a loan through DFA.
137 Councilman Gonzales stated that the key word is safety and there is no way that he would put anyone at risk by
138 trying to penny pinch.

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

141 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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143 Roll Call:

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145 Councilwoman Gallegos YES

146 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

147 Councilman John Ortega NO

148 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 170 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
 171 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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

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 179 Roll Call:
 180 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
 181 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 182 Councilman John Ortega YES
 183 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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

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 187 X. **FINANCIALS** – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director

188 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of 4th Quarter Internal BARs

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 190 There were no questions.

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 192 Motion: Councilman Ortega
 193 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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 195 In Favor: All
 196 Opposed: None

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

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

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 202 There were no questions.

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 204 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
 205 Second: Councilman Ortega

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 207 Roll Call:
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 209 Councilwoman Gallegos YES
 210 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 211 Councilman John Ortega YES
 212 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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

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 216 C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2018-15 – FY 2018 4th Quarter Report

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 218 There were no questions.

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 220 Motion: Councilman Ortega

221 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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223 Roll Call:

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225 Councilwoman Gallegos YES

226 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

227 Councilman John Ortega YES

228 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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

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

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234 There were no questions.

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236 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

237 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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239 Roll Call:

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241 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

242 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

243 Councilman John Ortega NO

244 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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

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248 **XI. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY**

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250 Attorney Lance Hough stated that Mr. Marcus Rael was planning on attending this meeting but is celebrating his
251 20 year wedding anniversary. He is planning on being here at the next Council Meeting.

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

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256 **A) Pending or Threatening Litigation - (§ 10-15-1(H) (7))**

257 **B) Limited Personnel Matters - (§ 10-15-1(H) (2))**

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

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261 Roll Call:

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263 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

264 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

265 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

266 Councilman John Ortega YES

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

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

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274 Roll Call:

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- 276 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
- 277 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
- 278 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
- 279 Councilman John Ortega YES

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 281 Attorney Lance Hough stated that only the Executive Session Items regarding Pending or Threatening Litigation
 282 Section 10-15-1(H) (7)) as well as Personnel Matters Section 10-15-1(H) (7)) were discussed.
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284 **XIII. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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 286 Councilman Ortega informed the Governing Body that he will soon be completing his Leadership Journey
 287 program that he began one year ago. His graduation from this program will be August 8th. He stated that it has
 288 been a really great program and recommends it to the Council and staff.
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290 Mayor Gallegos commended the public works staff for their work on the meters. This cuts the meter reading time
 291 in half. Mayor Gallegos also stated that it would be great to plan an employee picnic in the near future.
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293 Councilman Gonzales stated that we are a small community with a small staff and it upsets him that we have to
 294 have an Executive Session regarding personnel issues. Training is important. We are one unit and we have to
 295 work together. This issue should have been taken care of internally and not have come to us.
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297 Councilwoman Gallegos noted that the next village meeting is scheduled during the NMML Annual Conference.
 298 Mayor Gallegos stated we can plan on a heavy agenda the first meeting in August and plan from there.
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300 **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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 303 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
 304 Second: Councilman Ortega

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 306 In Favor: All
 307 Opposed: None
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309 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm.
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311 **ATTEST:**

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 Renee Martinez, CMC

APPROVED:


 Mark Gallegos, Mayor

