VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS
Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL
Mayor Gallegos asked Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll.

Present:
Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos
Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

Not Present:
Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Also Present:
Village Clerk Renee Martinez
Finance Director Karen Shannon
Fire Chief Mark Ortega
Attorney Lance Hough

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Attorney Lance Hough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Mayor Gallegos requested that the Administrator Report be removed. Councilman Gonzales requested the addition of Executive Session regarding pending or threatening litigation.

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Gonzales

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- Regular Meeting, May 22, 2018

Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos
In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the May 22, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

- Regular Meeting, May 08, 2018

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the May 08, 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. PRESENTATION -
A) Dream Tree Project - Mr. Miles Bonny

Mr. Miles Bonny was present to update the Governing Body on the services provided to the youth of Taos County by the Dream Tree Project. The Dream Tree Project offers emergency teen shelter, a transitional home and resources for youth throughout northern New Mexico, including Colfax, Mora, Rio Arriba, Taos and Union counties. Councilwoman Gallegos asked how the Village can help. Mr. Bonny stated that clothing and shoe donations, as well as blankets and bedding are always needed. Councilman Jaramillo asked how the project collaborates with other non-profits throughout the County. Mr. Bonny stated that he is also involved with Taos Alive as well as with Taos Men’s Shelter and CYFD. Councilman Gonzales asked if the project receives legislative funding. Mr. Bonny stated that he is not sure about the legislative funding but they do receive some state and federal grants. Mayor Gallegos thanked Mr. Bonny for his presentation.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEM
A) 2018 CDBG Project Discussion

Mayor Gallegos stated that the Village is applying for this year’s CDBG funding. There are water improvements along the main arteries of town that needed as well as transite lines that need to be removed on Cabresto Road. A public hearing will be held on Thursday at 4:00pm here at the Council Chambers. Councilwoman Gallegos stated that she will not be able to attend. The application is due to the state by June 22nd so we will have to hold a special meeting on possibly the 19th to approve the resolution. Councilman Gonzales suggested Embargo Road and La Cienega. Councilman Jaramillo stated that we need to pick a project that is not funded by a different source. Mayor Gallegos stated that he will get the information on what lines have already been replaced, and which projects will be covered by the ROD and the NRDA.

IX. ACTION ITEMS
A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision / Enchanted Circle of Governments (IGC), Joint Powers Agreement

Mayor Gallegos stated that this agreement goes along with the Resolution that follows. Mayor Gallegos asked if there were any questions regarding this JPA. There were none.

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Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the Enchanted Circle of Governments (IGC), Joint Powers Agreement. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision / Resolution No. 2018-08 - Enchanted Circle of Governments (IGC), Joint Powers Agreement**

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Roll Call:

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

To approve Resolution 2018-08 / Enchanted Circle of Governments (IGC), Joint Powers Agreement. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision / Resolution No. 2018-09 Questa Creative Council (QCC)**

Mayor Gallegos stated that this was presented to us at an earlier Council meeting. This would assist the QCC in future endeavors.

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

Roll Call:

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

To approve Resolution 2018-09 / Questa Creative Council (QCC). All voted yes. Motion carried.

**D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision/ Wilson & Co. Invoice**

Mayor Gallegos stated that Wilson & Co., has submitted an invoice regarding the MAP project on Cabresto Road; they are a CES contractor.

Ms. Shannon stated that she was asked by Mr. Maestas to inquire about the GRT and why it is not the GRT for Questa. Ms. Shannon inquired and received the following response from them: ‘The services are for pre-construction activities and pre-construction management; by state law we have to assign the work to one of our three offices – Albuquerque, Rio Rancho or Las Cruces. Our services are professional services and not construction. Therefore; we cannot change the GRT to Questa.’

Mayor Gallegos stated that this is the final piece of the preliminary engineering design for the MAP project. Councilman Charlie Gonzales asked if we have all the plans here. Mayor Gallegos stated yes, up to North Kiowa Road. Councilman Charlie Gonzales asked if we can request that we get all the plans and other documents from

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them before we release the payment. Mayor Gallegos stated that this payment will go from the Village to CES; who in turn will pay the engineers.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

To approve the Wilson & Co. Invoice. All voted yes. Motion carried.

X. **FINANCIALS** – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director
   A) Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC., - Invoice for Asset Depreciation Contract

Ms. Shannon stated that our capital asset and depreciation has been completed. It was delivered via email on May 24th. This invoice is for payment to the firm who completed this. This will remove 2 of our audit findings that have been continuous. Ms. Shannon stated this was a group effort. Councilman Gonzales requested a letter of thanks go out to the staff from the Council thanking them for their work.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

Roll Call:

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

To approve invoice to Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC, for the Asset Depreciation Contract. All voted yes. Motion carried.

XI. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilwoman Gallegos asked if we hired summer help for the public works. Mayor Gallegos stated yes, Mr. Ralph Gallegos was hired on a temporary basis. He will be primarily be working parks & recreation, as well as streets. He will also assist with public works when needed.

Mayor Gallegos asked who will be going to the Municipal League Annual Conference in Roswell. Please let Ms. Shannon know if you will be going so that reservations can be made.

Mayor Gallegos stated we will be advertising for a full time certified officer.

Mayor Gallegos stated also that we are getting more complaints regarding the beacon light. We are looking for more options.

Mayor Gallegos informed the Council that Kyle and Brooks of Taos Mountain Energy Bars have been able to meet all employment obligations with the NMEDD. They are seeking more funding to take their company to the next level, and need some collateral. The Village is the lienholder of the equipment in the building. They are asking that the Village release the lien. This will have to be approved first by the NMEDD. Councilman Jaramillo stated that we should talk to Teresa at NMEDD before we send a letter. He stated that we signed 2 documents; the ordinance and the Project Participation Agreement (PPA) – He is sure it states in one of the documents how we would release the equipment; such as repeal the ordinance etc. He does not have an issue with this but it would be best to check with Teresa first.

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Mayor Gallegos stated that Mr. Eliu Romero is requesting the 23 acres he donated to the Village be reverted back to him. Councilman Jaramillo stated there was a reversion done that we need to look into. Mayor Gallegos stated he will have our attorney look into it.

XIII. 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))

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

Roll Call:

Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales 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 7:09pm.

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

Roll Call:

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

Mayor Gallegos stated for the record that only the item listed was discussed during closed session. There was no action taken.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo
Second: Councilman Gonzales

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.

ATTEST:  

Renee Martinez, CMC

APPROVED:

Mark Gallegos, Mayor

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