

1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
 2 **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
 3 **TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018**
 4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
 5 **6:00PM**

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 7 I. **CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS**

8 Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
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10 II. **ROLL CALL**

11 Mayor Gallegos asked Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll.
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13 **Present:**

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 15 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos
 16 Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales
 17 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo
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19 **Not Present:**

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 21 Councilman John Anthony Ortega
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23 **Also Present:**

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 25 Village Clerk Renee Martinez
 26 Finance Director Karen Shannon
 27 Fire Chief Mark Ortega
 28 Attorney Lance Hough
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30 III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

31 Attorney Lance Hough led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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33 IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

34 Mayor Gallegos requested that the Administrator Report be removed. Councilman Gonzales requested the
 35 addition of Executive Session regarding pending or threatening litigation.
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37 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

38 Second: Councilman Gonzales
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40 In Favor: All

41 Opposed: None
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43 To approve the agenda as amended. All voted yes. Motion carried.
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45 V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 46 • Regular Meeting, May 22, 2018
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48 Motion: Councilman Gonzales

49 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos
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51 In Favor: All
 52 Opposed: None

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

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- 56 • Regular Meeting, May 08, 2018

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58 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

59 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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61 In Favor: All
 62 Opposed: None

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64 To approve the May 08, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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

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70 There were no public comments.

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72 VII. **PRESENTATION** -

73 A) Dream Tree Project - Mr. Miles Bonny

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

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85 VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEM**

86 A) 2018 CDBG Project Discussion

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88 Mayor Gallegos stated that the Village is applying for this year's CDBG finding. There are water improvements
 89 along the main arteries of town that needed as well as transite lines that need to be removed on Cabresto Road.
 90 A public hearing will be held on Thursday at 4:00pm here at the Council Chambers. Councilwoman Gallegos
 91 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
 92 a special meeting on possibly the 19th to approve the resolution. Councilman Gonzales suggested Embargo Road
 93 and La Cienega. Councilman Jaramillo stated that we need to pick a project that is not funded by a different
 94 source. Mayor Gallegos stated that he will get the information on what lines have already been replaced, and
 95 which projects will be covered by the ROD and the NRDA.

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97 IX. **ACTION ITEMS**

98 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision / Enchanted Circle of Governments (IGC), Joint Powers
 99 Agreement

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

103 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
 104 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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 106 In Favor: All
 107 Opposed: None

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

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

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 115 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
 116 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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 118 Roll Call:
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 120 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 121 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
 122 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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

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 127 **C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision / Resolution No. 2018-09 Questa Creative Council (QCC)**
 128 Mayor Gallegos stated that this was presented to us at an earlier Council meeting. This would assist the QCC in
 129 future endeavors.

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 131 Motion: Councilman Jaramillo
 132 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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 134 Roll Call:
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 136 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 137 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
 138 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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

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 142 **D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision/ Wilson & Co. Invoice**
 143 Mayor Gallegos stated that Wilson & Co., has submitted an invoice regarding the MAP project on Cabresto
 144 Road; they are a CES contractor.

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

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

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

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158 Motion: Councilman Gonzales

159 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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161 In Favor: All

162 Opposed: None

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

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

167 A) Carr, Riggs & Ingram, LLC., - Invoice for Asset Depreciation Contract

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

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174 Motion: Councilman Gonzales

175 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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177 Roll Call:

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179 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

180 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

181 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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

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186 XI. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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211 XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - (The Governing Body may convene into Executive Session at this time
212 pursuant to the NM Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1).
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214 A) Pending or Threatening Litigation - (§ 10-15-1(H) (7))
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216 A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilman Gonzales. Seconded by Councilman
217 Jaramillo.

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219 Roll Call:

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- 221 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
- 222 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
- 223 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
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225 Mayor Gallegos stated that the Governing Body will go into Executive Session to discuss only the items listed.
226 The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 7:09pm.
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228 A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:04pm by Councilwoman Gallegos, seconded by
229 Councilman Gonzales.

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231 Roll Call:

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- 233 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
- 234 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
- 235 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
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237 Mayor Gallegos stated for the record that only the item listed was discussed during closed session. There was no
238 action taken.
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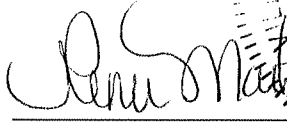
240 XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

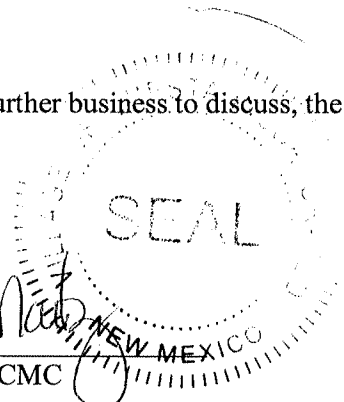
241 Motion: Councilman Jaramillo
242 Second: Councilman Gonzales
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244 In Favor: All
245 Opposed: None
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247 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06pm.
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250 **ATTEST:**

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Renee Martinez, CMC



APPROVED:


Mark Gallegos, Mayor