

1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
2 **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
3 **TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018**
4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
5 **6:00PM**

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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 6:00pm.

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11 II. **ROLL CALL**

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13 Mayor Gallegos asked Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll.

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15 Present:

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17 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos
18 Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales
19 Councilman John Anthony Ortega
20 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo arrived at 6:18pm

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22 Also Present:

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

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29 III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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31 Mr. Lucas Rael led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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33 IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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35 Mayor Gallegos asked that the Council consider removing Item VII. A. Mr. Colonius is not able to attend.

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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**

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47 • Regular Meeting, June 12, 2018

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49 Councilwoman Gallegos stated that she did let Ms. Martinez know of some typographical errors.

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51 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
 52 Second: Councilman Ortega

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 54 In Favor: All
 55 Opposed: None

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 57 To approve the June 12, 2018 meeting minutes with corrections. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 59 • Joint Meeting with Taos County, June 18, 2018

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 61 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
 62 Second: Councilman Ortega

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 64 In Favor: All
 65 Opposed: None

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 67 To approve the June 18, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 69 • Special Meeting, June 19, 2018

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 71 Motion: Councilman Ortega
 72 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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 74 In Favor: All
 75 Opposed: None

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 77 To approve the June 19, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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

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 83 There were no public comments.

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 85 VII. **PRESENTATION -**

86 A) Questa to Red River Trail - Mr. Carl Colonius

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 88 ****Removed from Agenda.**

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

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 92 Mr. Malaquias Rael updated the Governing Body on the following:

- 93 • Looking into Lodger's Tax and how other small communities handle it.
 94 • Scheduling meeting regarding the Business Park
 95 • Village's potential shortfall of match for EDA grant; QEDF is looking at ways to fill that gap.
 96 • Work with Village in attracting businesses to the Business Park and possible ways of doing that. Mr.
 97 Christian Isely suggested a work session.
 98 • Fishing Derby will be held on July 21st at Eagle Rock Lake
 99 • Met with Mr. Terry Bruner regarding possible funding from USDA; for possibly the library extension.
 70 • Met with RCAC to assist with moving our lodging project forward

- 101 • The July edition of the local newspaper will be coming out soon; it will be 20 pages. It is growing because
- 102 of the people contributing articles as well as the ads that are being sold.
- 103 • Banner project – The QCC will assist with the banners.
- 104 • Entry Signs – The QCC will also be assisting with 3 signs that will be located at each entry of town.
- 105 • Welding Lab – working on this currently to get going later on this year.
- 106 • Visitors Center is selling Questa merchandise.

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108 **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

109 **A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Sewer Classification Change Request**

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111 Mr. Maestas stated that we are asking for guidance regarding this request. Councilman Ortega stated that if we
112 are going to allow this request we should allow it for similar businesses such as the car wash. It is something we
113 have to look into for other businesses. Mr. Maestas stated that he spoke with the owner of the car wash and let
114 him know this avenue was available for him to come in and make a request from the Council. Councilman Ortega
115 stated that we need to look at the Water and Sewer ordinance again to see how it is affecting businesses.
116 Councilman Gonzales stated that if the owner of this property is going to sell it she is going to pass the issue to
117 the new owner. Councilwoman Gallegos stated that she agrees with Councilman Ortega’s suggestion of
118 reviewing the ordinance so it is fair across the board. Councilman Gonzales stated that if it is going to come back
119 to the Council at a later time that it come back with a solution.

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121 A motion was made by Councilman Ortega to table this item until the Council can review the Water and Sewer
122 Ordinance. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallegos.

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124 Roll Call:

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| 126 | Councilman Brent Jaramillo | YES |
| 127 | Councilman John Ortega | YES |
| 128 | Councilwoman Louise Gallegos | YES |
| 129 | Councilman Charlie Gonzales | YES |

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131 To approve the table of this item. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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133 **B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Request for Zoning Variance**

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135 Mr. Maestas stated that this request came to him from Mr. Martin Martinez, who is here this evening. The variance
136 is for a new garage to be placed on Mr. Martinez’s property. The request is that the garage be placed 5 feet from
137 the property line; the current ordinance calls for 25 feet. Mr. Martinez showed a map of the location of the
138 proposed garage. The garage is 30x40.

139 Motion: Councilman Jaramillo
140 Second: Councilman Ortega

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143 Roll Call:

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| 145 | Councilman Brent Jaramillo | YES |
| 146 | Councilman John Ortega | YES |
| 147 | Councilwoman Louise Gallegos | YES |
| 148 | Councilman Charlie Gonzales | YES |

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150 To approve the variance request for Mr. Martin Martinez. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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152 **C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Award for RFP 2018-01 / IT Services**

153 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
 154 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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156 Roll Call:

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158	Councilman Brent Jaramillo	YES
159	Councilman John Ortega	YES
160	Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES
161	Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES

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163 To approve the award of RFP 2018-01 to Ambitions Consulting Group. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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165 **D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Award for RFP 2018-02 / Legal Services**

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167 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
 168 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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170 Roll Call:

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172	Councilman Brent Jaramillo	YES
173	Councilman John Ortega	YES
174	Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES
175	Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES

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177 To approve the award of RFP 2018-02 to Robles, Rael & Anaya. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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179 **E) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Award for RFP 2018-03 / Legal Oversight to
 180 Chevron Mining Operation and Economic Development Services**

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182 Councilman Ortega asked if the invoices for these services are similar to the ones for the regular legal services;
 183 as far as the breakdown. Ms. Shannon stated that the invoices that are submitted to her are not itemized. She
 184 receives them and submits them directly to Chevron who then sends the Village payment and we in turn pay the
 185 law firm. Councilman Ortega asked if it is ok that we don't see the itemized invoices; can we ask to see them.
 186 Ms. Shannon stated that we can ask for them. .

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188 Motion: Councilman Gonzales
 189 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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191 Roll Call:

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193	Councilman Brent Jaramillo	YES
194	Councilman John Ortega	YES
195	Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES
196	Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES

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198 To approve the award of RFP 2018-03 to Robles, Rael & Anaya for Legal Oversight to Chevron Mining Operation
 199 and Economic Development Services. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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201 **F) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Award for RFP 2018-04 / Geotechnical Engineering
 202 Consulting Services and Oversight**

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204 Motion: Councilman Gonzales – Having worked with Dr. Miller since 2003.

205 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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207 Roll Call:

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209 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

210 Councilman John Ortega YES

211 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

212 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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214 To approve the award of RFP 2018-04 to Miller Geotechnical Consultants. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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216 IX. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY**

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218 Attorney Lance Hough thanked the Council for attending the joint meeting with Taos County officials for the
219 update from Attorney Marcus Rael and Dr. Miller.

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221 Councilman Ortega asked if the lawsuit regarding Mr. Cintas v. Village of Questa and Police Chief Lamendola
222 get resolved. Attorney Lance Hough stated that it is still at the early stages until it proceeds to litigation.

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224 X. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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226 Mr. Maestas submitted a report. Not on the report is that EMS is currently moving in to the public safety building
227 next door.

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229 Mayor Gallegos stated that regarding the business park, the governing body needs to make a decision about using
230 a CES firm or go out for RFP regarding project management for the business park. Phase I build-out has been
231 completed by Wilson & Co. CDBG is questioning how we are going to move forward with getting an engineer
232 on board. Councilman Gonzales understood that going through CES would be quicker and suggests we use CES.
233 Councilman Jaramillo asked Mr. Hough what matching source was identified as in the CDBG application.
234 Councilman Jaramillo stated that his concern is that we cannot go with CES for EDA funds since we tied EDA
235 to CDBG. Mayor Gallegos stated that we tied Chevron money to CDBG. Councilman Jaramillo stated that he
236 believes that we have to go meet with Local Government Division to get the answer if it is all one pot of money.
237 A discussion was held regarding all funding sources and their requirements. Councilman Gonzales asked Mr.
238 Isely if he can get something in writing regarding as to what Chevron is committing to. Mr. Isely suggested that
239 Councilman Gonzales take a look at the letter that was given to the Village last year regarding this. Councilman
240 Ortega suggested we go through the RFP process so that there are no questions left on the table. Councilwoman
241 Gallegos stated that there are questions she still has as far as the process or which is the better way to go. Mayor
242 Gallegos stated that he and Mr. Maestas will go to Santa Fe and meet with Mr. Steve Lacey and get more
243 information and come back and report to the Council.

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245 Mayor Gallegos informed the Council that there is a water conservation ordinance that was adopted in 2011. Due
246 to the drought conditions, how do we want to get this information out to the public? Councilwoman Gallegos
247 stated that we need to remind the public about conserving water; either in the newspaper, on the water bills or
248 post flyers or the marquee. Councilman Gonzales asked when the telemetry system was going to get fixed; he
249 understood it was already being worked on. Mr. Maestas stated that we have not worked on the system, only
250 assessed it. Mayor Gallegos suggested that we really look at enforcing the ordinance so that we are not sitting
251 here in November with no water. Councilman Jaramillo suggested starting with a media campaign. A draft will
252 be sent to the Council for review before it is put out to the public.

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254 Mayor Gallegos stated that there is still some funding left over for road improvements. Councilman Ortega stated
255 that since we are planning on paving Cabresto we should not put any more money into that road temporarily. We
256 should fix the pot holes on Embargo Road. Councilman Gonzales agreed.

257 XI. ADJOURNMENT

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259 Motion: Councilman Ortega

260 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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262 In Favor: All

263 Opposed: None

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265 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

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267 **ATTEST:**

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Renee Martinez
Renee Martinez, CMC

APPROVED:

Mark Gallegos
Mark Gallegos, Mayor