AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2018
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2500 OLD STATE ROAD 3
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Mark L. Gallegos
Mayor Pro-Tem John A. Ortega
Councilmember Brent P. Jaramillo | Councilmember Louise T. Gallegos | Councilmember Charlie I. Gonzales

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 1) Regular Meeting, September 25, 2018
                                2) Special Meeting, October 4, 2018

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.)

VII. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS
     A) Questa Police Department

VIII. ACTION ITEMS
      A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution 2018-25 / Taos County Hazard Mitigation Plan
      B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Bid for Red River Restoration Project (Below Eagle Rock Lake)

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS
     A) Village of Questa Animal Welfare Ordinance 2015-144
     B) Funding Requests for QEDF

X. FINANCIALS
    A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution 2018-26 / Adoption of DFA Uniform Chart of Accounts

XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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6:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO-TEM JOHN ORTEGA
Mayor Pro-Tem John Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

II. ROLL CALL
The Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll:

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

Not Present:
Mayor Mark Gallegos

Also Present:
Administrator Nicholas Maestas
Village Clerk Renee Martinez
Finance Director Karen Shannon
Municipal Judge Michael Rael
Police Chief Nicholas Lamendola

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chief Lamendola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
1) Regular Meeting, September 25, 2018
Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the September 25, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

2) Special Meeting, October 4, 2018

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Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos  
Second: Councilman Gonzales  

In Favor: All  
Opposed: None  

To approve the October 04, 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.)

Mr. Larry Sanchez expressed his concern regarding the intersection of SR 522 and Embargo Road going up to the Food Pantry, Senior Center and Head Start. It is very dangerous. He would also like to see a turning lane at the Family Dollar / Hardware entrance.

VII. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

A) Questa Police Department

Chief Lamendola introduced the two newly hired Police Officers. Officer Zachary Garcia and Officer Waylon Brown. Mr. Garcia is State certified and Mr. Brown is Federally Certified and will work on getting his NM Certification. Councilman Jaramillo, Councilwoman Gallegos, Mayor Pro-Tem Ortega and Councilman Gonzales all welcomed the new officers to the Village of Questa. Mayor Pro-Tem Ortega asked Chief Lamendola if Officer Brown has a suitable vehicle available for him. Chief Lamendola stated that they are working on some minor issues and equipping the Tahoe for his use.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution 2018-25 / Taos County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Maestas stated that this plan will allow us to be eligible, in the event that there is a natural disaster or emergency, to receive assistance from FEMA, through Taos County. Mayor Pro-Tem Ortega stated that he was involved in developing this plan and it has been about a two year process to get this plan done. He stated that it is a great plan and will benefit the Village of Questa.

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo  
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  YES  
Councilman Brent Jaramillo  YES  
Councilman Charlie Gonzales  YES  
Mayor Pro-Tem John Ortega  YES  

To approve Resolution 2018-25 – Taos County Hazard Mitigation Plan. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Bid for Red River Restoration Project (Below Eagle Rock Lake)

Mr. Maestas stated that this was advertised in the Albuquerque Journal. We had one respondent, Andamo’s Excavation & Trucking at $98,675.43.

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos  
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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Councilman Gonzales asked who would be overseeing the project. Mr. Maestas stated that he would be involved in the process along with the engineer, Mr. Chris Philips.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ortega asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
Mayor Pro-Tem John Ortega YES

To approve Approval of Bid for Red River Restoration Project (Below Eagle Rock Lake) to Andamo Sanchez. All voted yes. Motion carried.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS
A) Village of Questa Animal Welfare Ordinance 2015-144

Judge Michael Rael expressed his concern regarding the Ordinance and the enforcement of it. Judge Rael stated that in the last 18 years that he has been judge, he has only had a couple of cases regarding animal control. The problem he is seeing is that we do not have any teeth to back up this ordinance. If we are going to keep this ordinance can we have someone in the police department trained to take care of animal control?

Chief Lamendola stated we need a proper vehicle, equipment and the certification. We only have 3 officers right now with only one on duty at a time.

Judge Rael asked the Council to please look at this ordinance and decide if we should have it. We need to do something.

Councilman Gonzales suggested we talk to the County and see if they are interested in a joint agreement to have their animal control officer come up here and help us out. He does not think using the officers we have is a good idea; they are very busy and the security of the community is very important. Councilman Jaramillo stated that it would cost about $200,000.00 to get an animal control program in place. He stated the reason we voted to approve this ordinance is that volunteer citizens were going to act as the animal control and pick up the animals and our police department would issue the citations and this really never happened.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ortega asked that we bring in the Friends of the Animals group and see what they are doing and what our options are. He stated that he does not believe we need a full time animal control officer.

It was suggested that we consider talking to the Chief of Police for the Town of Taos and possibly working out something with their animal control. Councilwoman Gallegos stated she will talk to the Friends of the Animals group and see what their role is currently. Mayor Pro-Tem Ortega suggested we look at the ordinance again and look at revising it.

B) Funding Requests for QEDF

Mr. Maestas stated that the QEDF works on their budget annually and the Village at this time the Village submits their funding requests. Mr. Maestas would like to get the funding request ideas from the Governing Body regarding this.

Councilman Gonzales would like to look at the funding they have given the Village in the last few years. He would like to know how much money is available to the Village.

Councilman Jaramillo stated that he would like to see the QEDF fund our grant matches. They put a stop to funding infrastructure projects a few years ago. We don’t have money to fund our other departments because we

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are having to come up with all of these grant matches. There is the argument about what is economic
development. We also need to look at the MOU with the QEDF and the Village; it states that the Village does
have input on the QEDF annual budget. This has not been happening.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ortega stated that it looks like every year we are getting less and less from the QEDF. We need
to sit down and meet with them.

X. FINANCIALS
   A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution 2018-26 / Adoption of DFA Uniform Chart of
      Accounts

Ms. Shannon stated that a Resolution approved by council is needed to adopt the DFA uniform chart of accounts.

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

Mayor Pro-Tem Ortega asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos       YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo           YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales          YES
Mayor Pro-Tem John Ortega            YES

To approve Resolution 2018-26 – Adoption of DFA Uniform Chart of Accounts. All voted yes. Motion carried.

XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mr. Maestas informed the Council about the following:

- We will be needing a fiscal agent for the CDBG project. He is inquiring about this.
- Taos County Economic Development Council will have certification classes in Questa.
- The water line for Mr. Lawrence Ortega is still in the works. There are some issues that need to be
  ironed out. We are needing an easement from Mr. Jimmy Ortega.

Councilman Gonzales:

- Would like to see some meeting held in Questa in order to promote our community.
- Asked Chief Lamendola to send a letter to the State Police office thanking them for their assistance in
  the community.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ortega:

- Thanked the Staff for being at the meeting this evening and for all their hard work.
- Asked Mr. Maestas if any proposals were received by Mr. Cisneros for the side by side track. Mr.
  Maestas stated that he is in contact with Mr. Cisneros.

Councilwoman Gallegos:

- Thanked Chief Lamendola for staying on top of the fallen Officer Memorial request.

XII. ADJOURNMENT
Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Gonzales

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

ATTEST:

Renee Martinez, CMC

APPROVED:

John Ortega, Mayor Pro-Tem