



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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1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
 2 **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**
 3 **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 09, 2018**
 4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
 5 **6:00PM**

7 I. **CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR PRO-TEM JOHN ORTEGA**

8 Mayor Pro-Tem John Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

10 II. **ROLL CALL**

11 The Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll:

13 Present:

14 Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales
 15 Councilman John Anthony Ortega
 16 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos
 17 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

19 Not Present:

20 Mayor Mark Gallegos

22 Also Present:

23 Administrator Nicholas Maestas
 24 Village Clerk Renee Martinez
 25 Finance Director Karen Shannon
 26 Municipal Judge Michael Rael
 27 Police Chief Nicholas Lamendola

29 III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

30 Chief Lamendola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

32 IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

33 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

34 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

36 In Favor: All

37 Opposed: None

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

41 V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

42 1) Regular Meeting, September 25, 2018

44 Motion: Councilman Gonzales

45 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

47 In Favor: All

48 Opposed: None

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

52 2) Special Meeting, October 4, 2018

54 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
55 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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57 In Favor: All
58 Opposed: None

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60 To approve the October 04, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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

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

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70 VII. **NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS**

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

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80 VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

81 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution 2018-25 / Taos County Hazard Mitigation Plan
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83 Mr. Maestas stated that this plan will allow us to be eligible, in the event that there is a natural disaster or
84 emergency, to receive assistance from FEMA, through Taos County. Mayor Pro-Tem Ortega stated that he was
85 involved in developing this plan and it has been about a two year process to get this plan done. He stated that it
86 is a great plan and will benefit the Village of Questa.

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88 Motion: Councilman Jaramillo
89 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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91 Roll Call:

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93 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
94 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
95 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
96 Mayor Pro-Tem John Ortega YES

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

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

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

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106 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
107 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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

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

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 114 Roll Call:

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 116 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
 117 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 118 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
 119 Mayor Pro-Tem John Ortega YES

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

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 124 IX. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

125 A) Village of Questa Animal Welfare Ordinance 2015-144

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 153 B) Funding Requests for QEDF

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

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

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

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

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

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 171 X. **FINANCIALS**

172 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution 2018-26 / Adoption of DFA Uniform Chart of
 173 Accounts

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

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 177 Motion: Councilman Jaramillo

178 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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

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 182 Roll Call:

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 184 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

185 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

186 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

187 Mayor Pro-Tem John Ortega YES

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

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191 XI. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

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193 Mr. Maestas informed the Council about the following:

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

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200 Councilman Gonzales:

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

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206 Mayor Pro-Tem Ortega:

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

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212 Councilwoman Gallegos:

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

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216 XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

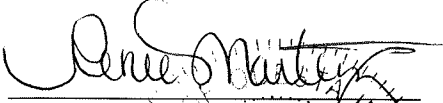
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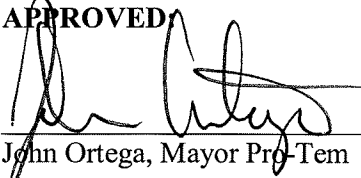
218 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
219 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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221 In Favor: All
222 Opposed: None

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

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226 **ATTEST:**

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230 Renee Martinez, CMC

APPROVED:

John Ortega, Mayor Pro-Tem

