



**AGENDA**  
**VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**  
**VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**2500 OLD STATE ROAD 3**  
**6:00 P.M.**

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

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting, September 11, 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. **PRESENTATIONS** -
  - A) Questa Economic Development Fund Board Update - Mr. Malaquias Rael, Board Chairman
- VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Intergovernmental Agreement for NRDA Project  
Re: Sewer line Extension
  - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Intergovernmental Agreement for NRDA Project  
Re: Water Well
  - C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Sole Source Contract for Telemetry System
  - D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Leadership Journey Training for Village Administrator
- IX. **DISCUSSION** – Taos County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- X. **PROJECT UPDATES**
- XI. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
- XII. **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))**
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Gallegos asked the Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll:

Present:

Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales

Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos arrived at 6:12pm.

Not Present:

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

Also Present:

Administrator Nicholas Maestas

Village Clerk Renee Martinez

Finance Director Karen Shannon

Attorney Lance Hough

Attorney Samuel DeFillippo

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Attorney Lance Hough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilman Charlie Gonzales requested an Executive Session item discussion regarding water rights. Attorney Lance Hough stated the exception for this request will fall under NM Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1-H (8) - Acquisition of Real Estate or Water Rights.

Motion: Councilman Ortega

Second: Councilman Gonzales

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Regular Meeting, September 11, 2018

Motion: Councilman Gonzales

Second: Councilman Ortega

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

To approve the September 11, 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 at this time.

VII. **PRESENTATIONS** -

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

Mr. Rael was not present.

Motion: Councilman Ortega – Table until next meeting

Second: Councilman Gonzales

To table this item until the next meeting. All voted yes. Motion carried.

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Intergovernmental Agreement for NRDA Project

Re: Sewer line Extension

Mr. Maestas stated that the proposals were in the meeting packets. Mayor Gallegos asked if they have been reviewed by legal counsel. Mr. Maestas stated yes. Mayor Gallegos asked if legal counsel had any concerns. Mr. Hough stated that it is straight forward contract and there are no issues.

Motion: Councilman Ortega

Second: Councilman Gonzales

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

To approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for NRDA Project-Sewer line Extension. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Intergovernmental Agreement for NRDA Project

Re: Water Well

Councilman Gonzales asked if this was tied to any particular parcel. Mr. Hough stated that an exact spot has not yet been identified; there is flexibility.

Motion: Councilman Ortega

Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

To approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for NRDA Project regarding the Water Well. All voted yes. Motion carried.

C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Sole Source Contract for Telemetry System

Mr. Maestas stated that we have satisfied the State requirements by posting this sole source contract for 30 days on the sunshine portal. The next step is council approval. Councilman Ortega asked if this will be funded by grant monies. Mr. Maestas stated it is capital outlay monies. Councilman Gonzales stated that there are items listed not included in the bid; are we ok with that? Councilman Ortega suggested using the remainder of the project money to include these items. Mr. Maestas stated that we can; this phase is only for the purchase of the

equipment. Councilman Gonzales inquired if there would be someone overseeing the project. Mr. Maestas stated yes, the public works supervisor Anthony Martinez, John Rael and himself.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales  
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

In Favor: All  
Opposed: None

To approve the Sole Source Contract for the Telemetry System with Hennessey Mechanical. All voted yes. Motion carried.

#### D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Leadership Journey Training for Village Administrator

Mr. Maestas stated that this is a year-long course, two days every quarter. Councilman Ortega stated that it would be a great idea if other employees can also attend this training in the future.

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos  
Second: Councilman Ortega

In Favor: All  
Opposed: None

To approve the training for Mr. Maestas. All voted yes. Motion carried.

#### IX. DISCUSSION – Taos County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Maestas stated that this plan will make the Village eligible for federal funding in case of an emergency. A representative from Taos County will be present at the next meeting to answer any questions.

#### X. PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Maestas prepared a detailed project report for the Council of all the ongoing projects. Councilman Gonzales stated this is a good report; he would like to see some target dates for the completion of the projects. Councilwoman Gallegos stated it was a great report. Councilman Ortega would like to see it as a working document with updates.

#### XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL

##### Councilman Charlie Gonzales:

- Requested that Ambitions look at updating our IPADS. He is not able to use it and prefers a laptop instead.

##### Councilman John Ortega:

- The Cambalache is having a dunk booth and is requesting participation from the mayor and council.
- Requested an update on the Lawrence Ortega property and the side by side racetrack. Mr. Maestas stated that they are trying to get that waterline adjusted on the Ortega property as soon as possible. They had hoped to do it in September but have run into some property owner issues. Three additional taps will be required and will take a good amount of time complete. We need to identify all of the lines. Mayor Gallegos stated that the lines are very old and we are responsible for everything up to the meter; we want to do this right. Mayor Gallegos stated that regarding the side by side track, we are anxious to hear what Mr. Cisneros has in mind. We would like to continue talking with Mr. Cisneros.
- Ms. Nadine Varela would like to thank the Public Works department for the work they did on installing her son's water meter. She spoke very highly of the department.

##### Mayor Gallegos:

- Community Clean-up day is Saturday. Roll off bins will be available. Councilman Ortega suggested finding a way to dispose of tires.

Mr. Christian Isely congratulated the Mayor on the CDBG \$500,000.00 that will be going to the infrastructure of the business park.

**XII. 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))
- B) Acquisition of Land or Water Rights Purchase (§ 10-15-1(H) (8))

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

Roll Call:

Councilman John Ortega	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 item listed. The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 6:59pm.

A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:31pm by Councilwoman Gallegos, seconded by Councilman Ortega.

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
Councilman John Ortega	YES

Attorney Lance Hough stated that only the Executive Session Items regarding Pending or Threatening Litigation Section 10-15-1(H) (7)) and Acquisition of Land or Water Rights Purchase (§ 10-15-1(H) (8)) were discussed.

Attorney Lance Hough thanked the Governing Body for allowing him to work with them these past couple of years. He will be moving to another law firm. The Governing Body thanked Mr. Hough for his hard work and friendship.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos  
Second: Councilman Ortega

In Favor: All  
Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

**ATTEST:**

  
Renee Martinez, CMC

**APPROVED:**

  
Mark Gallegos, Mayor