



AGENDA

**VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 09, 2019
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2500 OLD STATE ROAD 3
6:00 P.M**

Mayor Mark L. Gallegos
Mayor Pro-Tem Louise T. Gallegos
Councilmember Brent P. Jaramillo | Councilmember John A. Ortega | 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) Special Meeting, March 21, 2019
2) Regular Meeting, March 26, 2019
- 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) Presentation of National Library Week Proclamation
 - B) Presbyterian Medical Services - Mr. Larry Martinez, Presbyterian Medical Services Director
- VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval to move forward with evaluation committee recommendation of contract for RFP 2019-02 / Water System Improvements/Design Professional Services
 - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Ambulance Purchase Agreements
- IX. **FINANCIALS** – Karen Shannon, Finance Director
 - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – FY2019 3rd Quarter Local BARs
 - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-07 / FY2019 3rd Quarter State BARs
- X. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
- XI. **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) Acquisition of Real Estate or Water Rights - (§ 10-15-1(H)(8))
 - B) Limited Personnel Matters (§10-15-1(H) (2))
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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6:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

Mayor Pro-Tem Louise Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Village Clerk Renee Martinez called roll where a quorum was present.

Those present were:

Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo
Councilman John Anthony Ortega
Mayor Pro-Tem Louise Gallegos

Mayor Mark Gallegos was not present at this time.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Sharon Nicholson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Brent Jaramillo suggested Items A and B under Presentations be switched since Mr. Larry Martinez has to travel a long distance to get home.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales

Second: Councilman Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

1) Special Meeting, March 21, 2019

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo

Second: Councilman Ortega

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the March 21, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

2) Regular Meeting, March 26, 2019

54 Motion: Councilman Ortega
 55 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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 57 In Favor: All
 58 Opposed: None

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 60 To approve the March 26, 2019 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*
 64 *staff to address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three*
 65 *minutes.)*

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 67 There were no Public Comments.

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 69 VII. **PRESENTATIONS**

70 A) Presbyterian Medical Services - Mr. Larry Martinez, Presbyterian Medical Services Director

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 72 Mr. Larry Martinez, Region Director for the North Central Region for Presbyterian Medical Services stated
 73 that Questa has a big place in his heart. His father was born and raised in Questa and lived here until he was
 74 18. Mr. Martinez stated that he is responsible for oversight of the Questa Health Center.

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 76 Mr. Martinez went over all of the services that are provided at the Questa Health Center. The Questa Health
 77 Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center which means they turn away no one and also provide a sliding
 78 scale for those with no health insurance. He stated that the behavioral health services are growing. He
 79 introduced Ms. Patty Torres who is the administrator of the Questa Health Center now for close to 8 years.

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 81 Mr. Martinez stated that he will be back to report on situations that affect the Questa Health Center; he stated
 82 that they are here to stay and have been putting money into the facility for improvements. He thanked the
 83 Village of Questa for their support of the Questa Health Center.

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 85 Councilman Jaramillo thanked Mr. Martinez and PMS for the role the clinic plays in the community. It means
 86 a lot to the people so they don't have to travel to Taos or further for health care.

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 88 Councilman Ortega echoed Councilman Jaramillo's sentiments. He stated that PMS is doing great work with
 89 behavioral health and the opioid crisis.

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 91 Ms. Evelyn Coggins stated that we had a great dentist and have two great nurse practitioners; is there a doctor
 92 in our future that will be brought in. Mr. Martinez stated that they have been trying to recruit a doctor now for
 93 about 5 years; there are not a sufficient amount of doctors available but are trying to attract them by forgiving
 94 their student loan debt.

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 96 Councilman Gonzales thanked Mr. Martinez for being here and it is exciting to hear about all of the services
 97 that are provided. He would like to see PMS concentrate on the opioid epidemic. He stated that the Council
 98 is more than glad to help them with anything they need.

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 100 B) Presentation of National Library Week Proclamation

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 102 Mayor Pro-Tem Louise Gallegos thanked all of the library volunteers, board members and librarians for being
 103 present at the meeting tonight. Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos read the Proclamation aloud.

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 105 Library Director Sharon Nicholson stood up to say a few words. Ms. Nicholson stated that on behalf of all the
 106 library workers present tonight, they would like to express their sincere thanks. She stated that in addition to
 107 this being National Library Week, it is also Library Workers Day. Ms. Nicholson also recognized former
 108 Librarian, Ms. Carolyn Anderson. Ms. Nicholson informed the Council that they remain committed to this

community. We all know that libraries are special, and are here to stay. Libraries are more than books; we are community centers, information centers and learning centers and our library workers are extra special. Our Advisory Board Members are the people who assist in getting the programs together; they let me complain, they encourage me. Members of the Friends of the Library are present; we would not have a library without them. Ms. Nicholson also thanked the Village for honoring them.

Councilman Jaramillo stated that he believes that Mr. Maestas should inform everyone on the Capital Outlay monies. Mr. Maestas stated that the Village has received \$580,000.00 for the expansion of the library this year from the Legislature. We are all very excited about this.

Councilman Gonzales stated that he was working with Senator Cisneros a few years back and the brother of the Governor of Pojoaque asked if they knew if anyone was a need of a building. Councilman Gonzales stated that we were in need of a building to house a library. The Governor stated we could have the building if the Village pays to get it up to Questa. We got it to Questa and everyone pitched in to put it together and this became the Questa Public Library. He thanked the library workers and the volunteers.

Councilman Ortega stated that our library is very important in our community. It is the backbone of getting our kids involved in the community. Thank you for all the programs that have been implemented. He thanked them for doing such an amazing job.

Councilman Jaramillo thanked Ms. Nicholson and all of the volunteers, Board Members and Advisory Board. He thanked Ms. Carolyn Anderson for all her hard work in getting the library going, along with her husband Andy.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos stated that she cannot say thank enough; the library is very near and dear to her heart. She was part of the advisory council and then a board member. Whatever they need, I will be there.

A motion was made at 6:45pm to take a short recess by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Gonzales.

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To take a short recess. All voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion to resume the meeting was made by Councilman Gonzales, seconded by Councilman Ortega.

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To resume the meeting. All voted yes. Motion carried.

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval to move forward with evaluation committee recommendation of contract for RFP 2019-02 / Water System Improvements/Design Professional Services.

Mr. Maestas stated that the deadline to submit proposals was April 4, 2019. The evaluation committee reviewed them yesterday and decided on the recommendation before you.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos stated that the evaluation committee is recommending the award go to WH Pacific with a total of 482 points.

Councilman Jaramillo asked who the members of the evaluation committee were. Mr. Maestas stated that the members included Ms. Vilma Bailon, Mr. John Rael and Mr. Gordon Robinson.

Councilman Gonzales made a motion to award the contract to WH Pacific.

Councilman John Ortega asked Mr. Maestas why he believes the number of proposals was so low this time around. Mr. Maestas stated that he is not sure; he did notify all the previous bidders about this new RFP. It was published the same way as the last one.

Councilman Gonzales move to approve the recommendation of the committee which is WH Pacific.

Councilman Ortega then seconded the motion.

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

To approve moving forward with the evaluation committee recommendation of WH Pacific for RFP 2019-02 / Water System Improvements/Design Professional Services. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Ambulance Purchase Agreements

Mr. Maestas stated the memo in the meeting packet from our CPO, Ms. Dina Coleman, outlines the process that we went through for the procurement of an ambulance. Before moving forward with the purchase, council approval was needed.

Motion: Councilman Ortega

Second: Councilman Gonzales

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

To approve the Ambulance Purchase Agreements. All voted yes. Motion carried.

IX. FINANCIALS – Karen Shannon, Finance Director

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – FY2019 3rd Quarter Local BARs

There was no discussion.

Motion: Councilman Ortega

Second: Councilman Jaramillo

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

To approve the FY2019 3rd Quarter Local BARs. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-07 / FY2019 3rd Quarter State BARs

There was no discussion.

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo

Second: Councilman Ortega

Councilman Gonzales thanked Ms. Shannon for her hard work. Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos also thanked Ms. Shannon.

Roll Call:

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

219 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
 220 Councilman John Ortega YES
 221 Mayor Pro-Tem Louise Gallegos YES

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 223 To approve Resolution No. 2019-07 / FY2019 3rd Quarter State BARs. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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 225 **Mayor Mark Gallegos arrived at the meeting at this time. (7:18pm)

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

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 229 Mayor Gallegos informed the Council that he was at the school board meeting regarding the property for the
 230 Village well. They asked for an evaluation of the cost of the property before they donate the lot. The school
 231 board is concerned about the Village being able to keep the gate locked and secure because there was a third
 232 party who thought they had rights to go through that gate; a survey was done showing they have no access.
 233 Mayor Gallegos stated that they asked him to make the request to the Council to put an adequate gate.

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 235 Councilman Jaramillo suggested we consider placing a section of asphalt where the gate sits. It may help with
 236 melting the snow quicker.

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 238 Mayor Gallegos stated that the school board just wants to make sure the property is secure. He asked the
 239 Council for their consent to submit a commitment letter to the school board stating that we will address that
 240 western gate. As we are constructing the building and the fence, we will see how much it will cost us for
 241 additional security.

242 It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the letter of commitment.

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 244 Mayor Gallegos stated that graduation is the same weekend as memorial weekend. The police department
 245 would like to bring in extra help. Chief Lamendola will come before the governing body with the request.

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 247 Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos stated that the Little League president approached her with some concerns regarding
 248 the field. He stated that there is a gate that needs some repair. Also, a while back, a request was made to Chief
 249 Lamendola that we get a memorial for Officer Shores and he has been dragging his feet on it. She stated that
 250 she did tell him that the individual that made the request was in very poor health and wanted to know that he
 251 was not forgotten because he saved the life for our Mayor who was in office at that time. He stated that is was
 252 a matter of funding, and she told him that she could help with the funding, to just let her know. She stated that
 253 she has not heard from him and would like to be on record to say she is very upset and disappointed with Chief
 254 Lamendola.

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 256 Councilman Ortega asked if we could do a Proclamation in Officer Shores memory until a memorial is placed
 257 at the police department. Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos stated that she is not very coherent at this point.
 258 Councilman Ortega also stated for the record that he was not happy with the article in the April edition of the
 259 Questa newspaper. He received calls about it and believes it was done in very poor taste. He does understand
 260 that we have no oversight of the paper but the article regarding the 'local toilet cleaners' should not have been
 261 in there. He thinks at the very least, an apology is owed to the Questa citizens. Mayor Gallegos stated that
 262 Councilman Ortega speaks on behalf of the entire Governing Body in regards to this. This is not how we want
 263 our community represented. He stated that he will be meeting with Ms. Mapes very soon to discuss this with
 264 her. Councilman Jaramillo suggested an apology to the citizens be published in the May edition of the paper.
 265 Councilwoman Gallegos stated that yes, people understood it was a joke, but we have been trying to get away
 266 from that label for many years now and for her to bring it up again by calling us just 'toilet cleaners' is
 267 disappointing. Councilman Ortega stated that this is how a lot of people make a living and it is not what their
 268 proper job title is. Councilwoman Gallegos stated that these people take pride in their work. Councilman
 269 Gonzales also state that he was also very disappointed and hurt; having someone come from somewhere else
 270 and label us this way is uncalled for. He believes she should move on and look for work elsewhere.
 271 Councilman Ortega stated that the whole purpose of that paper was to promote economic development in this
 272 community; be a part of the rebranding efforts. This does not help; it hurts us.

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Councilman Ortega stated that he received a complaint about a yard and asked if we have an ordinance in place that would address this. Mayor Gallegos stated that we aggressively pursued a property a few years ago and it cost the Village a lot of money. He stated that we will look into the Ordinance and see how we can be proactive about working with the property owner to get it cleaned up. Councilman Ortega stated that getting the roll offs here for cleanup day is also important. A discussion regarding the dumpsters was held. Mayor Gallegos asked Mr. Dan Darnell of Waste Management if bins are available for a cleanup day. Mr. Darnell stated that there are. Councilman Ortega stated that in the interest of economic development maybe the QEDF can assist with the tipping fees associated with the cost.

Councilman Ortega asked Ms. Martinez if she is still posting agendas at the post office and supermarket. He has a couple of constituents call him about it. Ms. Martinez stated that she is still posting at those places as well as on the Village website. It was suggested to post agendas in several of the local businesses as well. Ms. Martinez stated that she will post at several different locations.

Councilman Jaramillo stated that there is a dumpster off South 522 that has trash by the dumpster that has been there for over a week that contains construction materials.

XI. 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) Acquisition of Real Estate or Water Rights - (§ 10-15-1(H)(8))

B) Limited Personnel Matters (§10-15-1(H) (2))

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

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Maestas requested that HR be present in Executive Session regarding Item B.

Mayor Gallegos stated that the Governing Body will go into Executive Session to discuss only the items listed. Ms. Martinez would be called in for the discussion regarding Item B.

The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 7:50pm.

A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:06pm by Councilman Gonzales, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos.

Roll Call:

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

Mayor Gallegos stated that only the Executive Session Items regarding Acquisition of Real Estate or Water Rights - (§ 10-15-1(H)(8)) and Limited Personnel Matters - (§10-15-1(H) (2)) were discussed. Attorney Chris DeFillippo concurred.

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 9:08pm.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:


Renee Martinez, CMC


Mark Gallegos, Mayor

