AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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. 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.)

VI. ACTION ITEMS
   A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution 2018-32 / Municipal Officer Election Day

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM
   A) Questa Business Park Update

VIII. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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6:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Present:
Councilman John Anthony Ortega
Councilman Charlie Gonzales
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo
Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos arrived at 6:25 pm.

Also Present:
Administrator Nicholas Maestas
Village Clerk Renee Martinez
Village Attorney Chris DeFillippo

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Village Attorney Chris DeFillippo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo
Second: Councilman Gonzales

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

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

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There were no Public Comments.

VI. ACTION ITEMS

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution 2018-32 / Municipal Officer Election Day

Ms. Martinez stated that this resolution states that the Village of Questa has chosen not to opt-in to the Local Election Act and will hold their own elections.

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo
Second: Councilman Ortega

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- Councilman Brent Jaramillo: YES
- Councilman Charlie Gonzales: YES
- Councilman John Ortega: YES

To approve Resolution 2018-32 / Municipal Officer Election Day. All voted yes. Motion carried.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEM

A) Questa Business Park Update -

At this time Attorney Marcus Rael participated by phone.

Mayor Gallegos updated the Council on the meeting that was held with representatives from EDA, DFA, CDBG, engineers and Chevron. CDBG decided that they still wanted to see the Village of Questa dedicating $200,000.00 for the expansion of the Taos Mountain Energy Bar structure. When this application was put together there was a 50/50 match requirement for the Village from EDA of $1.2 million. Chevron then put in their $500,000.00 which led the Village to chase $500,000.00 from CDBG and the Village would come up with the remaining $200,000.00. In the application, it was said that the Village would solely be responsible for creating 11 new jobs. The application went through and was approved. Mr. Gabriel Cisneros was hired to secure the $500,000.00 of the CDBG funds to build out the business park. We went through the process of getting the engineers and everyone on board. Chevron stood firm and said if the Village cannot come up with our money, they would be pulling out; along with EDA.

Towards the end of this meeting, Rick Lopez of DFA told us that there are two options that we have. Option one is that the Village submits a letter taking responsibility for the 11 jobs and go from there. Option two basically forces the Village to go to the legislature and ask for the $200,000.00 to fill the void of the $2.4 million so that they can use $200,000.00 to go to Taos Mountain Energy Bar. We were hoping to come back with a signed commitment.

Councilman Jaramillo stated that EDA needs to be completed by 2019 so if we go out for legislative money we run the risk of losing that funding. We would need to get a grant extension right away which won’t look good. Mr. Maestas stated that it is required that the project begin by mid-2019, not that the funds need to be expended by that time. Councilman Jaramillo stated that even if we got legislative money we wouldn’t see it until probably January of 2020.

Mr. Cisneros stated that two things were accomplished at that meeting:

- CDBG did not have an issue with extending the time until as long as we needed to.
- EDA didn’t have any issues
- We have 3 years from the date we signed the grant agreement with DFA to fill the 11 jobs

He stated we are fine when it comes to the time for the funding agencies. He stated that he and the Senator met with CDBG; their scope of the project is for infrastructure, not for building. They still want us to proceed with adding $200,000.00 for Taos Mountain Energy Bar. First they were in agreement, now they’re not.

Councilman Ortega stated that his frustration is that Taos Mountain Energy Bars did not hire one single miner. We need to start looking at jobs for these miners so they don’t have to keep relocating elsewhere for work.

Councilman Gonzales stated that if something was to come up that we can’t get the money from the Legislature we should work with DFA so they can lend us the money contingent on something.
Mayor Gallegos asked that the Council allow him and Mr. Cisneros move forward with further conversation with the Senator and DFA. We will get the ball rolling and move forward.

VIII. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR AND COUNCIL.

Councilman Ortega inquired about the curfew that is still in effect or has it been lifted. Mayor Gallegos stated that he believes it is still in effect. He will look into it. Mayor Gallegos has asked Chief Lamendola to do a monthly report to keep the Council updated regarding the activity in Questa. Councilman Ortega stated that he does not believe it is the youth who are committing the burglaries and that they deserve another chance.

Councilwoman Gallegos asked for an update on Officer Shore’s memorial. She stated that she found out that his badge was on display at the Department of Public Safety. She stated that this is at the request of Ms. Chapman and Councilwoman Gallegos would appreciate if we can get this going.

Councilman Gonzales thanked the Mayor and Council as well as the staff for all their hard work. Councilwoman Gallegos stated that it is the employees that make us proud and make us shine; we thank them for their hard work and dedication.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Ortega

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

ATTEND:

RENEE MARTINEZ, CMC

APPROVED:

MARK GALLEGOSS, MAYOR

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