AGENDA

VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 09, 2019
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2500 Old State Road 3
Questa, NM
6:00 P.M

~ NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC ~

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) Regular Meeting, June 25, 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. ACTION ITEMS
   A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-11 – Capital Appropriation Project C5193413 to plan, design and construct improvements to Cabresto Road.
   B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Taos County and the Village of Questa regarding EMS
   C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Voting Delegate and Alternate – NMML Annual Business Meeting
   D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Custodian Job Description

VIII. FINANCIALS – Karen Shannon, Finance Director
   A) Approval of Out of State Travel

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS
   A) Water and Sewer Ordinance #2015-141
   B) Property Acquisition on North Kiowa Road

X. MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

Mayor 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 John Anthony Ortega
Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Karen Shannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Gonzales

Roll Call:

Councilman Charlie Gonzales               YES
Councilman John Ortega                     YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo              YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos               YES

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

1) Regular Meeting, June 25, 2019

Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilman Ortega

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the June 25, 2019 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.)

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There were no public comments.

Ms. Renee Martinez requested a moment to introduce the new Village Administrative Assistant/Receptionist, Ms. Sarah White. Ms. White brings great customer service skills as well as office management skills. Mayor Gallegos and the Council welcomed Ms. White to the Village of Questa team.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-11 – Capital Appropriation Project C5193413 to plan, design and construct improvements to Cabresto Road.

Ms. Martinez stated that this resolution is a requirement from the NMDOT Capital Outlay Bureau for the $300,000.00 for Cabresto Road.

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo
Second: Councilman Ortega

Roll Call:

Councilman Charlie Gonzales  YES
Councilman John Ortega  YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo  YES

To approve Resolution No. 2019-11 – Capital Appropriation Project C5193413 to plan, design and construct improvements to Cabresto Road. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Taos County and the Village of Questa regarding EMS

Motion: Councilman Ortega
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

Councilman Gonzales requested a discussion regarding the amount. A discussion was held.

Councilman Ortega rescinded his original motion and motioned to table the item until the amount is clarified. Seconded by Councilwoman Gallegos.

Roll Call:

Councilman Charlie Gonzales  YES
Councilman John Ortega  YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  YES
Councilman Brent Jaramillo  ABSTAIN

To table the Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Taos County and the Village of Questa regarding EMS until the said MOU is clarified. All voted yes. Motion carried.

C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Voting Delegate and Alternate – NMML Annual Business Meeting

Ms. Martinez stated that the NMML Annual conference is in August and the NMML is requesting that the Governing Body once again vote on a voting delegate and an alternate for the business meeting.

It was decided that Councilman Charlie Gonzales be the voting delegate and Mayor Gallegos be the alternate.
Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Gonzales

Roll Call:

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

To approve Councilman Charlie Gonzales be the voting delegate and Mayor Gallegos be the alternate at the NMML Annual Meeting. All voted yes. Motion carried.

D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Custodian Job Description

Ms. Martinez stated that the job description for Custodian has been completed and is awaiting Council approval. This position is 8 hours/week at $15.00 per hour.

Motion: Councilman Ortega
Second: Councilman Gonzales

Roll Call:

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

To approve the job description for the Custodian position. All voted yes. Motion carried.

VIII. FINANCIALS – Karen Shannon, Finance Director

Ms. Shannon gave the Governing Body a copy of the cash recap report. Ms. Shannon also requested to hold a Special Meeting to close the 4th Quarter and to approve the final budget by July 31st.

A) Approval of Out of State Travel

Ms. Shannon stated that Ms. Coleman has requested out of state travel to attend the 2019 Caselle Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. The amount of the trip and conference are provided for council consideration.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilman Ortega

Roll Call:

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

To approve the out of state travel for Ms. Dina Coleman. All voted yes. Motion carried.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Water and Sewer Ordinance #2015-141

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Mayor Gallegos requested this item be on the agenda so that we can decide when we can review this ordinance as well as review the rate study. Ms. Martinez requested the staff be present at this meeting to go over the items that they are finding difficult to follow and enforce; as well as all connection fees.

Councilman Ortega asked how many residents have hooked up to the sewer on Cabresto and Abra since the sewer was put in. Ms. Martinez stated that she believes that only a couple of people have paid to connect. Councilman Ortega asked if there are any programs or grants that can assist people with the connection cost. Ms. Coleman stated that we can look into some services for assistance. Councilman Ortega requested a copy of the ordinance as well as the rate study.

B) Property Acquisition on North Kiowa Road

Mayor Gallegos stated that there are some property acquisitions that have been in question on North Kiowa Road when the road got re-aligned. He is requesting that staff work with legal counsel to get these properties in order. Councilman Gonzales agreed, this issue has been going on for years. Councilman Jaramillo stated it is going to be difficult. Mayor Gallegos stated that either way it needs to be resolved. Councilwoman Gallegos stated that we need to do whatever we can to get it cleaned up. It was decided to allow legal counsel to take a look at these properties and come up with a resolution.

X. MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Councilwoman Gallegos-

- There are a lot of complaints about Verizon’s service. Councilman Jaramillo stated that Verizon is not on the tower it is Comnet putting out a signal that mirrors Verizon. He suggested letters be sent to Comnet from the Village as well as citizens. Mayor Gallegos state that our attorneys are talking with T-Mobile representatives.
- The Fishing Derby is on Saturday at Eagle Rock Lake. Ms. Coleman asked the Council if they would be available for a welcoming. Councilman Ortega committed to being there.

Councilman Ortega-

- Vida Del Norte is planning a welcome home event at the VFW for the members who went to the conference in Dallas. He invited everyone to attend. Mayor Gallegos stated we can help with some refreshments, just let us know.

Councilman Jaramillo –

- Inquired if we have the funding to fix the light poles that are down or the ones that are not working. Ms. Coleman stated that Council recommended that we wait until there are at least 5 lights to repair before we call someone in to fix them because of the cost. She stated that we will take a count of the ones that are out and go from there.

Mayor Gallegos -

- There will be an EPA quarterly meeting on July 19th in the morning. It will be an update on the tailings project.

Councilman Gonzales -

- Requested that anything that Chevron is doing that they put it in writing and maybe do a monthly report to us.
- The fire department all worked very well together today at the fire in Cerro. It seemed to run very smoothly.

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

219 Motion: Councilman Ortega
220 Second: Councilman Jaramillo
223 In Favor: All
225 Opposed: None
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227 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.

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233 Renee Martinez, CMC
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235 APPROVED:
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238 Mark Gallegos, Mayor
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