



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 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, May 07, 2019
2) Regular Meeting, May 14, 2019
3) Regular Meeting, May 28, 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) Questa Economic Development Fund Board Update
- VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A) Recycling Operations for the Town of Taos
 - B) Lodger's Tax
- IX. **ACTION ITEM** –
 - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-09 – Bank Account Signature Changes
- X. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**
- XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

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I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Those present were:

Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos

Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

Not Present

Councilman John Anthony Ortega

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Dina Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Gallegos requested a moment of silence; for Councilman Gonzales' cousin and for Mayor Gallegos' Dad.

A moment of silence was taken.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gallegos requested that the minutes of May 28, 2019 be removed from the agenda.

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

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, May 07, 2019

Councilwoman Gallegos stated that she has submitted her corrections to the Clerk.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales

Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

In Favor: All
 Opposed: None

To approve the May 07, 2019 meeting minutes with corrections. All voted yes. Motion carried.

2) Regular Meeting, May 14, 2019

Councilwoman Gallegos stated that she has submitted her corrections to the Clerk.

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

In Favor: All
 Opposed: None

To approve the May 14, 2019 meeting minutes with corrections. All voted yes. Motion carried.

3) Regular Meeting, May 28, 2019

****Removed from Agenda**

Mayor Gallegos thanked the Council and staff for allowing him to spend time with his family.

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Mr. John Rael, Lead Utilities Supervisor – Mr. Rael thanked the Mayor and Council and Staff for their support with getting the telemetry system. He demonstrated how this system allows him to monitor the wells and the lift stations. All the alarms and other issues are sent to his cell phone. He is able to see the water levels in the water tanks from his phone. Mayor Gallegos thanked Mr. Rael for his work in getting this going; and for all the department's hard work. Councilwoman Gallegos stated she was very proud and thanked Mr. Rael for how well he is running his department; it is through commitment and leadership that the department is running so efficiently. Councilwoman Gallegos thanked him for his commitment to the Village of Questa and its citizens.

VII. **PRESENTATIONS**

A) Questa Economic Development Fund Board Update
 Ms. Lindsay Mapes informed the Governing Body about the following:

- Just wrapped up shooting a 9-day film shoot to create two promotional videos for tourism for Questa. It is 2 minutes and 30 seconds long and will be out by July. A grant from Chevron funded this effort.
- The 17 banners will be put up next week on the downtown light posts.
- A new summer intern will be starting at the Visitors Center working in digital marketing for businesses in Questa. She will meet with business owners.
- The Farmers Market applied for and received a grant from the LOR Foundation for improvements to the market area. The Vida de Norte group and other volunteers have been out the last couple of days building an horno and other projects.
- The USDA did a site visit with 2-6 project managers. Questa is the priority community for NM this year. Now is the time to ask for money from the USDA. They visited the business park, La Cienega; they talked about land acquisition and emergency vehicles. They are very interested in La Cienega. Mayor Gallegos stated that Ms. Mapes will check into the matches and other information.

VIII. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A) Recycling Operations for the Town of Taos

Mayor Gallegos stated that it seems that the Town of Taos is attempting to relinquish some of their responsibilities of financially carrying the costs of the recycling center. They are wanting all of the surrounding communities to participate and help funding this.

Councilman Jaramillo stated that the Town of Taos is trying to force a vote on the landfill board; they want to transfer the operations of the recycling center to the landfill board. They feel that there are more people from outside of Taos that utilize the recycling center. If the landfill does not take it on, they will probably close it.

Mayor Gallegos stated he will get an update from the June 20th Landfill Meeting.

B) Lodger's Tax

Mayor Gallegos stated that he asked that this item be placed on the agenda in order to take the next step in seeing how we can develop an ordinance that makes sense; and including those who are currently in the Air B and B business and can support the 5% lodger's tax. If we can start with them, we can come back in a year or so and see how we bring in the RV parks and small motels/hospitality groups. He would like to see it get started.

IX. **ACTION ITEM** –

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-09 – Bank Account Signature Changes

Ms. Martinez stated that this Resolution is to remove Mr. Maestas from all bank accounts and to add Councilman Gonzales as a signer.

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo

Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

Roll Call:

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

To approve Resolution No. 2019-09 / Bank Account Signature Changes. All voted yes. Motion carried.

X. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Councilwoman Gallegos-

- Inquired about when the waterline project on Cabresto will be starting. Ms. Martinez stated it will begin this summer.
- Inquired about an issue with a dog on Eagle Rock road who attacked a child playing. The dog dragged the child. It was reported. The parents asked what needs to be done about this. Mayor Gallegos stated that is it important that we contact Taos County for animal control to support questionable jurisdiction areas such as Eagle Rock road. We do need to address this issue. We can address this with Sheriff Hogrefe.

Councilman Gonzales -

- The Miner's Colfax Medical Center's Outreach Mobile Clinic is at the Questa Health Center's parking lot. They are doing pulmonary health screening for all miners. He believes that we really need to think about healthcare in the community. He thinks we should see how we could get this service into the community. Over 180 miners have died since 1967. If we need to go to the NM Health Department or the Governor's office to get assistance in bringing this service in more often. We need someone to spearhead this.

Mayor Gallegos -

- We are trying to accommodate Taos Mountain Energy as best we can as they are expanding. We are having some issues with some things such as the heating and air and garage door.
- We need to schedule a work study session regarding the utility rates and possibly the ordinance.
- We are currently needing the presence of the attorney's more often.

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

Second: Councilman Gonzales

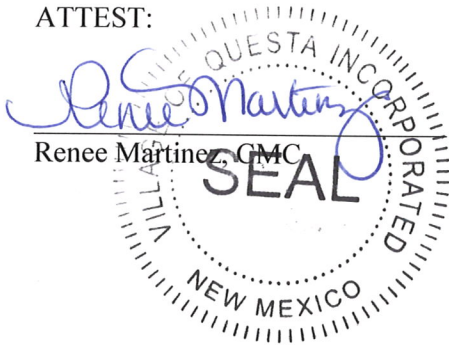
In Favor: All

Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.

ATTEST:

Renee Martinez, GMC



APPROVED:

Mark Gallegos, Mayor