AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2500 OLD STATE ROAD 3
6:30 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. PUBLIC HEARING
The Village of Questa Governing Body will hold a Public Hearing in order for the public to provide input to the Village of Questa 2019/2020 annual fiscal budget.

VI. FINANCIALS – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director
A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision Review & Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Interim Budget

VII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

Mayor Pro-Tem Louise Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Those present were:
Mayor Pro-Tem Louise T. Gallegos
Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo
Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Not Present:
Mayor Mark Gallegos

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Sharon Nicholson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Ortega requested a moment of prayer for Mayor Gallegos and his family. Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos led a prayer for the Gallegos family.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilman Ortega  
Second: Councilman Gonzales

In Favor: All  
Opposed: None

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

V. PUBLIC HEARING

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Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos opened the public hearing at 6:36.

Ms. Karen Shannon stated that she set up an interim budget balance recap report.

The General Operating Fund for the new budget will start with a beginning cash of $466,326.00; Revenues at $766,648.00, no transfers-in. The expenditures are $951,875.00; Transfers-out to other funds are $131,730.00. We do have a required 1/12th reserve requirement of $39,322.00 and an ending cash of $70,046.64. These numbers are a bit different than what was included in the packet for the reason that the

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quote for the repair of the roof at the fire department came in much higher than anticipated. Monies from the
General Fund were taken to cover this expense. Councilman Gonzales asked how much the repair will cost.
Ms. Shannon stated the quote came in at $61,942.00. Councilman Ortega asked if we found out if the
$50,000.00 we received from the legislature could be used to cover this cost. Ms. Martinez stated she would
look into it.

Ms. Shannon went over the changes for each fund.

A discussion was held regarding money in the grant writer line item. Councilman Ortega asked if this money
could be used to send a couple employees to a grant writing class. Mr. Christian Isely stated that he believes
that the money was given from QEDF specifically for Mr. Amalio Madueno; suggested the Village go before
the QEDF and clarify.

A discussion was held regarding the gas conversion at the Business Park. Councilman Ortega asked if the
Village has contacted Kit Carson to see if an energy audit can be done; it might be worthwhile for them to
come and look at it before we invest money into the conversion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos closed the public hearing at 7:06.

VI. FINANCIALS – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director
A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Review & Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Interim
Budget

Ms. Shannon stood for any questions. She stated that she has not received any changes to the budget from
the Council. Councilman Ortega stated that he has a hard time approving the budget with the administrator
position still built into it; for the fact that that money has been taken out and spend elsewhere. He feels that
if we are approving a budget where money can be moved from one area to be spent elsewhere, there really is
no point for the Council to vote on it because our approval doesn’t matter. A discussion was held.

Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES
Councilman John Ortega NO
Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES
Mayor Pro-Tem Louise Gallegos YES

To approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Interim Budget with a 3-2 vote. Motion carried.

VII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilman Gonzales thanked the staff and everyone who worked on the Healing Field; it was a great success.

Councilman Ortega thanked the staff, Mayor-Pro Tem Gallegos, Chevron and all volunteers.

Councilman Jaramillo stated that it went over well; he thanked the staff, volunteers and sponsors. He also
asked if the staff would be going back to working regular hours since Mr. Maestas is no longer with the
Village. Ms. Martinez stated that we have not gone back to that schedule and have not really considered it
since it is still working for everyone and we make sure we are always here for the customers and that our
work is getting done. Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos stated that the important thing is that the work is getting done
and the public is being taken care of; we are public servants. She stated that the staff knows how it is working
and if it works this way she does not see any reason for it to change. Mayor Pro-Tem Gallegos also thanked

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the staff for the work on the Healing Field as well as the day to day work. She stated that there is less criticism
out in the public and work is getting done. She stated that we are going to need more volunteers and
organizations involved because so many of the flags need to be replaced as well as the labels.

Councilman Jaramillo asked who the lead person from the Village will be to assist with the library group.
Ms. Martinez stated that between herself, Ms. Coleman and Ms. Shannon, we can work well with the library
group.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Ortega
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.

APPROVED:

Louise Gallegos, Mayor Pro-Tem

Mark Gallego
Mayor