AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 23, 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, July 09, 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. 2019-13 – NMED Capital Appropriation Project Agreement #SAP 19-D2554-GF to plan, design and construct water system improvements
    B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Taos County and the Village of Questa regarding EMS
    C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-14 – Designation of location of polling place for Municipal Officer Election Day 2020

VIII. FINANCIALS – Karen Shannon, Finance Director
    A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Local BAR’s 4th Quarter FY2019
    B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution #2019-12 - State BAR’s 4th Quarter FY2019

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS
    A) 2021-2025 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)
    B) Commercial Business – Dollar General

X. MATTERS/UPDATES FROM ATTORNEY

XI. MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019
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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

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

Those present were:
Councilman John Anthony Ortega
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo
Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos arrived at 6:18pm.

Not Present:
Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Karen Shannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gallegos requested that Item IX.B be removed from the agenda.

Councilman Jaramillo motioned to move the Financials up following Public Comments followed by Discussion Items, and back to Action Items in the following order; B,C and then A. Also at the Mayor’s request, remove Item IX B.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Ortega

Roll Call:

1. Councilman Charlie Gonzales
2. Councilman John Ortega
3. Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo
4. Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

1) Regular Meeting, July 09, 2019

Motion: Councilman Jaramillo
Second: Councilman Ortega

Roll Call:

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Councilman John Ortega       YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo  YES

To approve the July 09, 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.)

Chief Nicholas Lamendola reviewed his report provided to the Council.
Regarding the ICIP discussion later in the meeting, Chief Nicholas Lamendola requested 2 new police units.

** At 6:36 pm, Ms. Lindsay Mapes of QEDF updated the Council on the following:

- New Trust protector Mr. Mike Gaillour is on board.
- Fishing Derby was a success. Thank you to Councilman John Ortega and Christian Isely for speaking at the event.
- Christmas in July was also a success in conjunction with the US Forest Service.
- Banners were put up last week on the decorative lights in town.
- The Questa tourism videos will be available next week. She will email the videos to the Council as soon as they are received.
- New Vista Volunteer is on board working on the Farmers Market.
- A Social Media intern is also in board
- Newspaper is still growing; from 28 pages to 32 pages.

VII. FINANCIALS – Karen Shannon, Finance Director
A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Local BAR’s 4th Quarter FY2019

Ms. Shannon stood for questions. There were none.

Motion: Councilman Ortega
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilman John Ortega       YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo  YES

To approve the Local BAR’s 4th Quarter FY2019 as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution #2019-12 - State BAR’s 4th Quarter FY2019

A Motion to table this item until later in the meeting was made by Councilman Jaramillo. Seconded by Councilman Ortega.

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve the tabling of Resolution #2019-12 - State BAR’s 4th Quarter FY2019. All voted yes. Motion carried.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

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A) 2021-2025 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP)

Ms. Martinez informed the Council that provided to them was last year’s plan. This is only a discussion. Councilman Jaramillo stated that from what he understands, it was mentioned that only the top 5 priorities be included. Ms. Martinez stated she will inquire with Ms. Carmen Morin from DFA.

Councilman Ortega asked if we should remove the library since we received the money for it. Ms. Martinez stated that Ms. Nicholson stated that they will need additional funds for improvements to the existing building as well as to the parking lot.

It was decided that items 1-5 should remain the same.

Ms. Vilma Bailon requested the following on behalf of the Questa EMS:
- The property next to their building for parking. There are 2 property pieces.
- Electric Gurney which costs about $34,000.00.
- Fire Department in need of some building improvements.

Councilman Jaramillo stated that we have the money in the budget to purchase the property instead of it being part of the ICIP. A discussion was held.

Councilman Ortega stated that the Fire Department need a new firetruck, sooner than later. He understands that we have other priorities right now but maybe we can purchase it through a grant or other means.

**At 6:36pm Mayor Gallegos stated that we would go back up the agenda to Public Comments for the QEDF update.

B) Commercial Business – Dollar General

Removed from Agenda.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

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

Ms. Martinez stated that the MOU has since been corrected from the last meeting.

Motion: Councilman Ortega  
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilman John Ortega: YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos: YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo: Abstained

To approve Memorandum of Understanding between Taos County and the Village of Questa regarding EMS. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-14 – Designation of location of polling place for Municipal Officer Election Day 2020

Ms. Martinez stated that this Resolution is a requirement from the Secretary of State’s Office for the Election to be held in March of 2020 identifying the polling places.
Motion: Councilman Ortega  
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos  

Roll Call:  

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

To approve Resolution No. 2019-14 – Designation of location of polling place for Municipal Officer Election Day 2020. All voted yes. Motion carried.  

C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2019-13 – NMED Capital Appropriation Project Agreement #SAP 19-D2554-GF to plan, design and construct water system improvements  
Ms. Martinez stated that this Resolution is a requirement from NMED to be submitted with the grant documents. It is for $100,000.00 to be used on Cabresto Road.  

Motion: Councilman Ortega  
Second: Councilman Jaramillo  

Roll Call:  

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

To approve Resolution No. 2019-13 – NMED Capital Appropriation Project Agreement #SAP 19-D2554-GF to plan, design and construct water system improvements. All voted yes. Motion carried.  

** The following item was tabled earlier in the meeting.  

D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution #2019-12 - State BAR’s 4th Quarter FY2019  
There were no questions.  

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos  
Second: Councilman Ortega  

Roll Call:  

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

To approve Resolution #2019-12 - State BAR’s 4th Quarter FY2019. All voted yes. Motion carried.  

X MATTERS / UPDATES FROM ATTORNEY – Attorney Chris DeFillippo  
A memo was provided by the attorney.  
Mr. DeFillippo stated that this memo describes the main projects concerning Chevron and the Village. These are proposals that have been drafted and are in the works.  

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Councilman Jaramillo stated that the one project missing from the memo is the tailings pipe slurry off of Embargo Road; the project is complete and the Village has not received what was agreed upon. Attorney DeFillippo stated that he will pass this item on to Attorney Marcus Rael.

Mayor Gallegos asked the Council to submit any questions or comments to the Attorney’s.

XI. MATTERS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mayor Gallegos informed the Council that 1.1 acres of property was purchased next to Ms. Betty Richter’s property in town by Dollar General. When he was approached by an individual about zoning for a business, he believed it was a general merchandise store; not a chain store. This individual continued to pursue the required processes. A week ago he received a call from Taos County Planning & Zoning Department Director stating that Dollar General was submitting an application and inquiring about the permitting process to place a sign on the property.

Mayor Gallegos also informed the Council regarding the meeting with Chevron, NMED, NMMD and EPA regarding Chevron applying for a different kind of water discharge permit that would probably relax the outfall levels. They talked about the tailings cover project; they are running behind schedule. He expressed his concern with the communication and how it seems that the Village is last to know.

Councilman Ortega requested an updated status on all of our projects.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman Ortega
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

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

ATTEST:

Renee Martinez, CMC

APPROVED:

Mark Gallegos, Mayor