AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 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 Charlie I. Gonzales
Councilmember Brent P. Jaramillo | Councilmember John A. Ortega | Councilmember Louise T. Gallegos

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) November 12, 2019 – Regular Meeting
   2) November 19, 2019 – Special Meeting
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 – Questa Economic Development Fund Board Update – Ms. Lindsay Mapes
VIII. RECOGNITION – Village of Questa Police Officer Waylon Brown
IX. ACTION ITEMS
   A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Out of State Travel – Interim Administrator
   B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – MOU between NMED and the Village of Questa
      Re: The Red River Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project
   C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Date for December Council Meeting
X. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY
XI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
XII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL
XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – (The Governing Body may convene into Executive Session at this time pursuant to the NM Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1)
   A) Limited Personnel Matters (§10-15-1(H) (2))
XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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I. Call to Order by Mayor Mark L. Gallegos
Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

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
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos arrived at 6:05pm.

III. Pledge of Allegiance
Councilman Charlie Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Agenda
Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilman Ortega

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega    YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales        YES

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

V. Approval of Minutes –

1) November 12, 2019 – Regular Meeting

Motion: Councilman Ortega
Second: Councilman Gonzales

Roll Call:

Councilman Charlie Gonzales        YES
Councilman John Ortega              YES

To approve the November 12, 2019 minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

2) November 19, 2019 – Special Meeting

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos – with submitted corrections to the Clerk.
Second: Councilman Gonzales

Roll Call:

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

To approve the November 19, 2019 minutes with submitted corrections. 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.)

There were no Public Comments.

VII. PRESENTATIONS – Questa Economic Development Fund Board Update – Ms. Lindsay Mapes

Ms. Mapes updated on the following:

- The annual Alumbrada event will be held December 15th.
- Next round of streetlight banners will be put out in January.
- Gateway signs will be ready to be placed in the spring. Councilman Gonzales requested a picture of the signs.
- December is last month that the newspaper will be running the police blotter.
- Requested pictures from the Washington DC trip to feature it in the Newspaper.

VIII. RECOGNITION – Village of Questa Police Officer Waylon Brown

Police Chief Nicolas Lamendola stated that Officer Waylon Brown attended the certification by waiver academy at the NMDPS and received his certification as a NM State Certified Police officer.

Officer Waylon Brown thanked everyone in attendance and stated that there a great cultural significance for him in Questa. He stated it is not about him but about the people and he took an oath to serve and protect the people of Questa. He thanked the Chief, Sergeant and Governing Body for the opportunity.

Mayor Gallegos thanked the Police Department for their work and congratulated Officer Brown on his accomplishment.

A motion to take a 5-minute break for refreshments for Officer Brown was made by Councilman Ortega, Seconded by Councilwoman Gallegos.

Roll Call:

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

To approve a 5-minute break. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilman Ortega

Roll Call:

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

To re-adjourn the meeting, all voted yes. Motion carried.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Approval of Out of State Travel – Interim Administrator

Motion: Councilman Gonzales
Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

Roll Call:

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

To approve the Out of State Travel for Renee Martinez, Interim Administrator. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – MOU between NMED and the Village of Questa
Re: The Red River Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project

Councilman Gonzales asked if we will be using the same Engineer as the last project. Attorney DeFillippo stated that we will be going out for RFP for the engineering services. Councilman Ortega inquired about the target work area or will it be based on what landowners agree to. Mayor Gallegos stated it is from the south bridge to Eagle Rock Lake. There are targeted areas and may change in regard to the property owners. Councilman Ortega stated it would be nice to get the flooded area at the bridge to the hatchery.

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos
Second: Councilman Gonzales

Roll Call:

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

To approve the MOU between NMED and the Village of Questa, regarding the Red River Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project. All voted yes. Motion carried.

C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Date for December Council Meeting

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Ms. Martinez requested from the Council if it is possible to one meeting in December because of the holiday’s and the Washington DC trip. She suggested to schedule the meeting for December 17th.

Motion: Councilman Ortega
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

Roll Call:

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

To approve the December meeting be scheduled for December 17th. All voted yes. Motion carried.

X. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY

Attorney Chris DeFillippo stated that he and Village staff met with Mr. Miller who is working on the 40-year water plan for the Village.

Councilman Ortega inquired about the traffic study regarding the Dollar General. Attorney DeFilippo stated that he has not received anything as of yet. Councilman Jaramillo asked why we are requesting the traffic study when we have no jurisdiction; let the state shut them down. Councilman Jaramillo stated that they will have to eventually apply for a permit to apply for the driveway. Attorney DeFilippo stated that they comply with the Village ordinances and will have to comply with the state also. However, the Village does have a valid concern with the health and safety of the citizens of the Village. Councilman Gonzales stated that he believes we should let the NMDOT know our concerns. Councilman Ortega stated that he believes that the item on the agenda for approval last meeting regarding the Dollar General we should not have had to vote on; it should not have been on the agenda. A discussion was held regarding an historic district. Councilman Gonzales requested that our attorney review HB74 and the Village Historic Preservation Ordinance. Attorney DeFillippo will let the Council know when the traffic study is completed and available for review.

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Ms. Martinez reported on the following:

- Working on a possible MOU with the Taos County Planning & Zoning. Met with Mr. Edward Vigil to come up with some ideas and possible training.
- Working with Taos County on an MOU regarding the Senior’s Center.
- Working with our Airport Consultants regarding the CIP for the Airport.
- Village Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30pm at the Sundance in Red River.

Ms. Dina Coleman updated on the following events for December:

- Christmas Tree lighting will be held December 11th at 4:30pm; music and food will be available.
- Village Christmas Dinner will be held on Thursday,

XII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

Councilwoman Gallegos inquired about the following:

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• The dead fish at Eagle Rock Lake. Mayor Gallegos stated that there is the possibility that there was not enough water going through so there was not enough oxygen for the fish. He will update the Council as soon as he gets an answer from NM Game and Fish.

Councilman Jaramillo:

• Informed the Council that he and Councilman Ortega attended the NLC City Summit in San Antonio, Texas. They attended many workshops and game changer sessions regarding the Opportunity Zones and other economic development related sessions. Also, Paul Swenson, President, Creator and Founder of the Healing Field Foundation stated that he would be at our next healing field event; Questa is the 3rd longest running healing field in the country.

Councilman Ortega:

• Inquired if jackets and coveralls have been purchased for the public works crew. Ms. Coleman stated that jackets were purchased.

Mayor Gallegos:

• Met with Christian Isely and Inspire Early Childhood and Day Care Center in Taos. There are a lot of programs available to us if we are interested in this for having this program at the Senior Center.
• A grant application was submitted jointly from the Village and Taos County regarding affordable housing through the MFA.

XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – (The Governing Body may convene into Executive Session at this time pursuant to the NM Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1)

**A) Limited Personnel Matters (§10-15-1(H)(2))**

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Councilman Ortega. Seconded by Councilman Gonzales.

Roll Call:

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

Mayor Gallegos stated that the Governing Body will go into Executive Session to discuss only the items listed.

The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 7:29pm.

A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:48pm by Councilman Gonzales, seconded by Councilman Ortega.

Roll Call:

| Councilman John Ortega | YES |
| Councilman Brent Jaramillo | YES |

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Councilwoman Louise Gallegos   YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales   YES

Mayor Gallegos stated that only the Executive Session Item regarding Limited Personnel Matters (§10-15-1(H) (2)) was discussed. This statement was concurred by Attorney Chris DeFillippo.

XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Councilman Ortega
Second: Councilman Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

**ATTEST:**

Renee Martinez, CMC

**APPROVED:**

Mark Gallegos, Mayor

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