

**VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:30PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 7:36pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Gallegos asked Village Clerk Renee Martinez to take roll.

Those present were:

Councilor Brent Jaramillo
Councilor Lawrence Ortega
Councilor Miguel Romero was present via telephone.

Councilor Julian Cisneros was not present.

Also present:

Village Clerk Renee Martinez

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Tommy Lyles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Gallegos requested that we move Item VIII up to follow Public Comments.

Motion: Councilor Ortega
Second: Councilor Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - January 7, 2016 Special Meeting

** Meeting still in session.

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.)*

Opened at 7:38pm. There were no Public Comments. Closed at 7:39pm.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS - (Discussion, Consideration and Action)

A) Resolution #2016-01 – 2016 Municipal Election Recount / Recheck Costs

Attorney Charles Rennick stated that he just spoke with Village Clerk Renee Martinez regarding this Resolution. He stated that the State follows a different set of Statutes than Municipalities do and is recommending that we strike this item at this time.

Motion: Councilor Jaramillo

Second: Councilor Ortega

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

To table Village of Questa Resolution No. 2016-01. All voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Appointment of 2016 Municipal Election Precinct Officials

Village Clerk Renee Martinez informed the Governing Body that in their meeting packet is the list of the proposed 2016 Municipal Election precinct workers as well as their compensation.

Motion: Councilor Ortega

Second: Councilor Jaramillo

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

To approve the Appointment of 2016 Municipal Election Precinct Officials as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

C) Resolution #2016-02 – Authorization to Open Account (Airport)

Village Clerk Renee Martinez informed the Governing Body that this Resolution is for authorization to open an account for federal funds that we receive for the airport from the FAA. We are also requesting that this account be opened at People's Bank.

Motion: Councilor Ortega

Second: Councilor Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilor Lawrence Ortega YES

Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

Councilor Miguel Romero YES

To approve Village of Questa Resolution No. 2016-02 authorizing the Village of Questa to open an account for the Questa Municipal Airport at People's Bank. All voted yes. Motion carried.

D) Designation of Certifying Official for CDBG Grant # 15-C-RS-I-01-G-09

Village Clerk Renee Martinez informed the Governing Body that this will authorize Village Administrator Loretta Trujillo to act on behalf of the Village as the Certifying Official for the CDBG Grant. Councilor Ortega inquired who else would be signing on behalf of the Village. Ms. Martinez stated that Mayor Gallegos would be signing as well as the Chief Elected Official.

Motion: Councilor Ortega
Second: Councilor Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To approve Ms. Loretta Trujillo as the Certifying Official for CDBG Grant # 15-C-RS-I-01-G-09. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**At this time Mayor Gallegos asked the Governing Body to recess this meeting in order to re-convene the meeting of January 7, 2016.

Motion: Councilor Jaramillo
Second: Councilor Ortega

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To recess the meeting of January 12, 2016. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**At 7:47pm Mayor Gallegos asked the Governing Body to reconvene the January 12, 2016 meeting that was recessed earlier.

Motion: Councilor Ortega
Second: Councilor Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

To reconvene the meeting of January 12, 2016. All voted yes. Motion carried.

VII. PRESENTATIONS –

A) Mr. Bill Patten, CEO, Taos Health Systems
Re: Taos County Mill Levy

Taos Health Systems CEO, Mr. Bill Patten presented a power point relating to the proposed Taos County Mill Levy. He requested the support from the Village of Questa.

Mr. Charlie Gonzales expressed his concerns with transporting of patients and not getting the information out to everyone.

Councilor Ortega stated that he would like to be on record to say that he supports this effort.

IX. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilor Ortega requested that the Water Rights item from Ms. Karen Cortez be placed on the agenda for the council to make a decision on. Also, regarding the hold up on the Fiscal Agent issue. Councilor Ortega stated that he spoke with Steve Lacey at DFA and they now want to use the initial agreements prepared by the Village. Their attorney's do not want to do it anymore. Councilor Ortega stated that we need to hold a Work Study Session to discuss the ongoing projects so we can move forward on them. We also need to get Gabe Cisneros on the CDBG project. It was decided to hold a Work Study session. Mayor Gallegos asked the Council to assist Ms. Trujillo with these projects with their expertise and knowledge. Councilor Jaramillo suggested that Mayor Gallegos assist Ms. Trujillo with prioritizing. Councilor Ortega agreed for the reason that we need these projects to get done. He is willing to assist her but she needs to take the lead. Councilor Ortega suggested a Work Study session outside of a meeting even if it is on a weekend. He stated that something need to happen regarding these state agencies holding us back.

Councilor Jaramillo stated that he and the Mayor as well as Ms. Martinez and Ms. Bouyer attended the Legislative IGC luncheon in Taos.

Mayor Gallegos stated that they did locate the \$90,000.00 for river restoration that has been sitting for the past four years or so. It must be used by June 30, 2016. We need to decide on which location we want to use this money.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilor Ortega
Second: Councilor Jaramillo

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46pm.

ATTEST:

Renee Martinez, Village Clerk

APPROVED:



Mark Gallegos, Mayor