



AGENDA

VILLAGE OF QUESTA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020

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 Brent P. Jaramillo

Councilmember Charlie I. Gonzales | Councilmember John A. Ortega | Councilmember Louise T. Gallegos

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- 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) March 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting
 - 2) March 16, 2020 - Special Meeting
 - 3) March 18, 2020 – Emergency Meeting
 - 4) April 21, 2020 – Emergency 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. **REVIEW OF 2020/2021 FY INTERIM BUDGET**
- VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - MOA between the NMONRT / Questa Municipal Water Supply Well
 - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - MOA between the NMONRT / Questa Sewer Line Extensions & Imp.
 - C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - EMS Hazard Pay Request
 - D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Questa Police Department New Vehicle Purchase
- IX. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**
- X. **ADJOURNMENT**

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I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

II. ROLL CALL

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

Those present in the virtual meeting were:

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

Councilman Charlie I. Gonzales

Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos

Councilman John Anthony Ortega

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman John Ortega led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilman Ortega

Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

1) March 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Councilwoman Gallegos stated there was a typographical error on page 4.

Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

52 Second: Councilman Ortega

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54 Roll Call:

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56 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

57 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

58 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES

59 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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61 To approve the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as amended. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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63 2) March 16, 2020 - Special Meeting

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65 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

66 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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68 Roll Call:

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70 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

71 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

72 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES

73 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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75 To approve the March 16, 2020 Special Meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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77 3) March 18, 2020 – Emergency Meeting

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79 Motion: Councilman Gonzales

80 Second: Councilman Jaramillo

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82 Roll Call:

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84 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

85 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

86 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES

87 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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89 To approve the March 18, 2020 Emergency Meeting minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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91 4) April 21, 2020 – Special Meeting

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93 Councilwoman Gallegos stated there was a typographical error on page 4.

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95 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

96 Second: Councilwoman Gallegos

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98 Roll Call:

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100 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

101 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

102 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

To approve the April 21, 2020 Special 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.)*

There were no comments from the public.

VII. **REVIEW OF 2020/2021 FY INTERIM BUDGET**

Ms. Karen Shannon reviewed the interim budget with the Council. She stated that a COLA has been included in the interim budget.

Ms. Raynelle Cordova, EMS Coordinator stated that she is looking for ways to save money in her department as well as being creative in ways to bring money in. She would like to hire more staff to keep the 24-hour coverage going and running the 2 ambulances.

The library requested additional staff when the addition to the library is completed in December.

Mayor Gallegos stated that if we enter into a 2-year contract with the Sheriff's department, we could save about \$200,000.00. We can use this money to fill the voids at the Library or EMS. Ms. Shannon stated that some other savings would be the fuel for the vehicles, repairs on vehicles and also the cell phones and radios. Councilman Ortega asked what a contract would cost with the Sheriff's Department. Mayor Gallegos stated it would cost about \$200,000.00 annually. It would be a flat rate. We are currently in a temporary contract but would like to enter into a long-term contract. Councilwoman Gallegos stated she was in favor of contracting with the County. Councilman Gonzales stated that we don't have much of a choice until we know where our GRT's will be; he would like to see some money go to the EMS. Councilman Ortega stated that he is fine with a long-term contract as long as we see in writing what they will be providing for that amount of money before any decision is made. A discussion was held.

Ms. Shannon stated that the waste-water department in the enterprise fund is struggling. She suggested using the bond reserve account or one of the two CD's we have in reserve.

Councilman Jaramillo stated it is up to Ms. Shannon and Ms. Martinez to present a balanced budget to the Council. He stated that the Interim budget does not require an approval from the Council.

It was decided that the staff move forward with building the budget with the additions, if possible as well as getting the numbers regarding the police department.

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - MOA between the NMONRT / Questa Municipal Water Supply Well

Village Attorney DeFillippo stated that this MOA amount is \$33,4878.75. Councilman Gonzales asked if we have a location for the well. Mayor Gallegos stated no, not yet.

Councilman Jaramillo stated that these two projects have been a long time coming and many years in the making.

155 Motion: Councilman Gonzales

156 Second: Councilman Ortega

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158 Roll Call:

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160 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES

161 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

162 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

163 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

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165 To approve MOA between the NMONRT and the Village of Questa for the Questa Municipal Water Supply
166 Well. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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168 **B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - MOA between the NMONRT / Questa Sewer Line**
169 **Extensions & Imp.**

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171 Village Attorney DeFillippo stated that this MOA is \$1,965,478.16.

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173 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

174 Second: Councilman Ortega

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176 Roll Call:

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178 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

179 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

180 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES

181 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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183 To approve the MOA between the NMONRT and the Village of Questa for Questa Sewer Line Extensions &
184 Improvements. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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186 **C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - EMS Hazard Pay Request**

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188 Ms. Martinez stated that she received a request from the EMS Director for the EMS staff to receive hazard pay
189 during the Covid-19 pandemic. A spreadsheet was made available to show the possible cost per payroll at each
190 possible rate. Councilman Gonzales asked if we will be able to apply to the federal government to reimburse
191 us for these expenses? Councilman Ortega stated that he is willing to approve it and also revisit it at a future
192 meeting. Councilwoman Gallegos stated that they sacrifice their lives everyday, we should be able to give them
193 hazard pay.

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195 It was decided that Ms. Martinez sit with staff and decide on which rate would best fit our budget; the Council
196 will revisit it at the end of the fiscal year and decide if to continue with it or not, dependent on the Covid-19
197 outlook.

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199 Motion: Councilwoman Gallegos

200 Second: Councilman Gonzales

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202 Roll Call:

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204 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

205 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

206 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES
 207 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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209 To approve the EMS Hazard Pay Request. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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211 **D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Questa Police Department New Vehicle Purchase**

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213 Ms. Martinez stated that the Village received the insurance check from the last police vehicle that was deemed
 214 totaled by the insurance company as well as money in our LEPF Fund that we need to expend by the end of this
 215 fiscal year; this is enough money to purchase a new police vehicle. We would like to buy the basic vehicle
 216 without the equipment. Ms. Dina Coleman stated that we currently have \$46,317.77 in the LEPF fund to use
 217 and has received some quotes for some Ford F150 trucks.

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219 Motion: Councilman Gonzales

220 Second: Councilman Ortega

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222 Roll Call:

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224 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

225 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

226 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES

227 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

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229 To approve the new vehicle purchase. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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232 IX. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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234 Councilman Gonzales stated that people continue to use the dumpsters who are not paying for the service. He
 235 is requesting we move forward with putting lock bars on the dumpsters. He also inquired about the bins out at
 236 the mud bog area. He also expressed his concern with the dust at the tailings blowing around.

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238 Councilwoman Gallegos asked for an update on the Healing Field. Ms. Martinez stated that the Village of
 239 Questa is moving forward as planned with the viewing of the flags at a distance, only. She stated that she has
 240 been in contact with Mr. Geno Young at ENTACT and they are willing to set up the field and take it down.
 241 Councilwoman Gallegos thanked the staff for all their hard work.

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243 Mayor Gallegos stated that most are following the social distancing and wearing masks. The businesses are also
 244 complying. Public Nuisances are being addressed in various areas and the Sheriffs department are assisting us
 245 as well. Ms. Herrera has been working with Waste Management to address some problem areas. There have
 246 been concerns on Gonzales Road about illegal dumping; it is being addressed.

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248 X. **ADJOURNMENT**

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250 Motion: Councilman Gonzales

251 Second: Councilman Ortega

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253 Roll Call:

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255 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

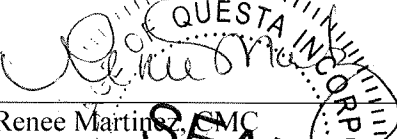
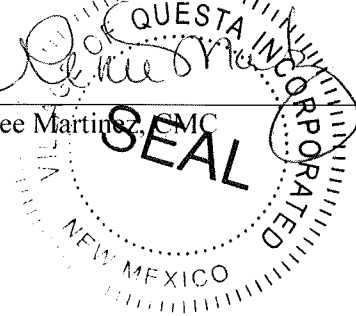
256 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

257 Councilwoman Louise T. Gallegos YES

258 Councilman Charlie Gonzales

259 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.
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262 **ATTEST:**

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265 Renee Martinez, CMC
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APPROVED:


Mark Gallegos, Mayor