



AGENDA

**VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 John Anthony Ortega
Councilmember Charlie I. Gonzales | Councilmember Brent P. Jaramillo | 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** – A) October 13, 2020 Regular B) October 20, 2020 Special
- 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. **DISCUSSION ITEM**
 - A) Taos Behavioral Health Request
- VIII. **FINANCIALS** – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director
 - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - FY-2021 1st Quarter Local BARs
 - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2020-19 / FY-2021 1st Quarter State BARs
- IX. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- X. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION** - Renee Martinez, CMC / Interim Administrator
- XI. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**
- XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid of service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the Village Clerk at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Public documents, including the agenda and minutes, can be provided in various accessible formats. Please contact the Village Clerk at 575-586-0694 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

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I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:0 pm

II. ROLL CALL

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

Those virtually present were:

Mayor Mark Gallegos

Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo

Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator

Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO

Karen Shannon – VOQ Finance Director

Chris DeFillippo – Attorney, Robles, Rael & Anaya

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attorney Chris DeFillippo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Martinez requested the removal of the approval of October 20, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Second: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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

Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 27, 2020

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 13, 2020

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Second: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

To approve the October 13, 2020, Regular 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 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 participants present virtually or in person for public comments.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) Taos Behavioral Health Request

Mayor Gallegos presented a request made by Taos Behavioral Health. TBH programs provide comprehensive health services to individuals, families, and groups to support them in developing positive behaviors and making life – affirming choices. TBH has requested the use of the Village of Questa C.A. Cisneros Youth and Family Center as a location to address the needs of high-risk youth within the Questa and surrounding areas. TBH has a COVID Safe plan of action if their request should be granted. TBH's request is being considered and will be placed on a future meeting agenda. TBH will be asked to provide a formal presentation to the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Gonzales asked Attorney Chris DeFillippo if there are any issues with allowing TBH into the building that the Village should be aware of and Mr. DeFillippo stated that he did not see any issues at this time.

Councilman Jaramillo mentioned a contract that was created in the pass and can possibly be used for this program and he also recommends that we consider allowing TBH to pay utilities for their use of the space.

Councilwoman Gallegos recommends that further discussion and consideration be taken regarding this program and would like to see it on the agenda once all the information is in order and reviewed by Attorney DeFillippo.

Ms. Martinez shared more information about the services the TBH would like to provide to our Northern NM area. There are many referrals being sent to TBH from families in our area and having a space to operate out of in Questa would be ideal for TBH.

Councilman Gonzales agrees with bringing this program into the Village he stated that it is long over due to have such a program in Questa.

Councilman Ortega also agrees with the program coming into Questa and states that it is desperately needed in this area of the county. He would like to see a presentation made on next agenda.

VII. FINANCIALS – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director

A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - FY-2021 1st Quarter Local BARs

Ms. Shannon was available for questioning and no questions were asked.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

A motion was made to approve the- FY-2021 1st Quarter Local BARs as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2020-19 / FY-2021 1st Quarter State BARs

Ms. Shannon stated that she had to include the Cares Act Funding that was awarded to the Village which she places in fund 21800 Intergovernmental Grants in the amount of \$67, 500. For Village expenses and in 29900 Other Special Revenue Fund is the Cares Act portion for small businesses in the amount of \$47,925. The other items were revenues and expenditures that were not yet budgeted.

Motion: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Second: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. 2020-19 / FY-2021 1st Quarter State BARs as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried

IX. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY - Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

Mr. DeFillippo gave updates to the following items.

- MOU between the Village of Questa and Questa Independent Schools regarding the marquee has been approved and signed by both parties. The Village will now have access to inputting information on the marquee once the logistics are worked out.
- MOU between the Village of Questa and the Taos County Sheriff's Office regarding law enforcement services. Mr. DeFillippo will be meeting with Mr. Randy Autio, Taos County Attorney on Wednesday October 28, 2020. They will be reviewing the proposed agreement provided by Sheriff Hogrefe as well as discussing the insurance concerns regarding the Village of Questa Police unit and the use of the Questa PD building.

- Chevron meeting regarding water rights. Chevron has indicated that they have approved providing 1841(one thousand eight hundred forty one) acre feet of water for a one time lease that will completely remove the history of over diversion that the Village has had until this point. In addition, Chevron will be providing a permanent 148.7 (one hundred forty-eight . seven) acre feet of water designed to help the Village avoid diversion in the next 40 years. Mr. DeFillippo thanked Mr. Wallace and Mr. Campbell for making this happen.

Councilman Gonzales thanked Mayor Gallegos, Chevron and Robles Rael and Anaya for their efforts in making this happen with Chevron.

Mayor Gallegos is pleased with this outcome after many conversations and meetings.

Councilwoman Gallegos was very complimentary to all involved in this successful outcome.

Councilman Jaramillo recommended that the Village of Questa do some type of press release thanking Chevron. Councilman Gonzales agreed.

X. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Martinez proposed the following items requesting the Mayor and Council's support.

- Due to the rise in COVID case Ms. Martinez would like to close the Village Administrative office on Election Day on Tuesday Nov. 3, 2020 to lessen the risk of exposure to employees.
- Halloween Drive by Event for the children in the community to be held on Friday October 30, 2020 from 3-5. The Village will practice all COVID safe recommendations.

With some discussion the Mayor and Council were in support of both items that Ms. Martinez brought forth.

XII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL

- Councilwoman Gallegos appreciated Ms. Shannon adding the GRT listing into the financial packet.
- Mayor Gallegos gave an update to the Council regarding the mobile units from the Red River Charter School that were on the QISD school board meeting agenda. Mayor Gallegos has requested that the Village be able to obtain one or more of the mobile units to bring in a daycare program. The School board unanimously agreed to take the Village's request into consideration and go through the process with PED and DFA to see if it could be approved through DFA.
- The base course at the Business Park has been laid down by a local sub-contractor. Contractors will move forward with paving should the weather allow.
- Snowfall has kept the Public Works department very busy all day. Mayor Gallegos asked that all Councilors support the PW by encouraging the community to be patient as the PW crew continues to take care of the roads as quickly as possible.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

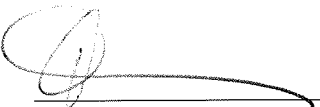
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

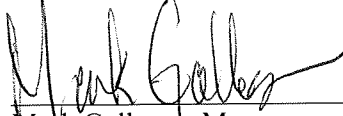
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

ATTEST:


Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:


Mark Gallegos, Mayor

