



**AGENDA**  
**VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 09, 2021**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M**

~ NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC ~

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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) February 23, 2021 Regular 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. **PRESENTATION/UPDATE**
  - A) Presentation by Mr. Daniel Hutchinson, Director of LOCALOGY regarding donation of vehicles from NCRTD
  - B) Presentation by Mr. Dan Roper, NM Coordinator of Angler Conservation Program / Trout Unlimited
- VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2021-04 – a Resolution in support of protection of local watershed & pursuing Outstanding National Resource Water protections for the Upper Rio Grande
  - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2021-05 - FY 2022 NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) Resolution
  - C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Ordinance #2015-141 - Village of Questa Water and Sewer Ordinance (Continuance from the February 23, 2021 Regular Meeting)
- IX. **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)
  1. Acquisition of Real Estate or Water Rights - (§ 10-15-1(H) (8))
- XI. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- XII. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION** - Renee Martinez, CMC / Interim Administrator
- XIII. **MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**VILLAGE OF QUESTA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021  
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
6:00PM**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS**

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

Those virtually present were:

Mayor Mark Gallegos

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo – not present at 6:02pm arrived at 6:06pm

Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator

Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO

Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director

Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

Daniel Hutchinson, Director of LOCALOGY

Dan Roper, NM Coordinator of Angler Conservation Program / Trout Unlimited

Axie Navas, Director of NMEDD

Christian Isely, Chevron Representative

Toner Mitchell, Trout Unlimited

Those present by phone:

None present

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Mark Gallegos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

Mr. DeFillippo requested the removal of item C. from the agenda

C.) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Ordinance #2015-141- Village of Questa Water and Sewer Ordinance ( Continuance from the February 23, 2021 Regular Meeting)

**Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**Second:** Councilman John A. Ortega

**Roll Call:**

Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	Not Present
Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

A motion to approve the agenda as amended with the removal of C.) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Ordinance #2015-141- Village of Questa Water and Sewer Ordinance ( Continuance from the February 23, 2021 Regular Meeting) . All voted yes. Motion carried.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 23, 2021**

A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**Second:** Councilman John A. Ortega

**Roll Call:**

Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	Not Present
Councilman Charlie Gonzales	YES
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

To approve the February 23, 2021, 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 was no one from the public available for public comments.

Ms. Renee Martinez stated that she did not receive any emails or prior requests for Public Comment participation.

**VII. PRESENTATION/UPDATE**

**A.)** Presentation by Mr. Daniel Hutchinson, Director of LOCALOGY regarding donation of vehicles from NCRTD

Mr. Hutchinson would like to request that the Village consider trying to get vehicles on behalf of several of the nonprofit entities from NCRTD. There was much discussion and Mayor decided to look into how the Village can assist while avoiding any anti donation issues that can possibly arise if not handled appropriately. As more conversation went on a recommendation was made to Mr. Hutchinson to look into other entities that can purchase out right.

**B.)** Presentation by Mr. Dan Roper, NM Coordinator of Angler Conservation Program / Trout Unlimited.

A presentation was given by Mr. Roper and Ms. Navas providing information about their program that focuses on protecting water quality on the Rio Grande for outdoor recreation. They are requesting the support of our Mayor and Council of their program designation. There were several questions by the Village

Council to the presenters that were answered. A copy of the presentation will be provided to Mayor and Council.

### **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

**A.)** Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2021-04 a Resolution in support of protection of the local watershed & pursuing Outstanding National Resource Water protections for the Upper Rio Grande

**Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

**Roll Call:**

Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
Councilman Charlie Gonzales	NO
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

A motion to approve the Resolution No. 2021-04 a Resolution in support of protection of the local watershed & pursuing Outstanding National Resource Water protections for the Upper Rio Grande. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

**C.)** Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution 2021-05- FY 2022 NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) Resolution

Ms. Martinez explained the background of the Resolution.

**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 to approve the Resolution 2021-05- FY 2022 NMDOT Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) Resolution. All voted yes. Motion carried.

**C.)** Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Ordinance #2015-141- Village of Questa Water and Sewer Ordinance ( Continuance from the February 23, 2021 Regular Meeting)

Item C. was removed from agenda

**IX. 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)

**1.** Acquisition of Real Estate or Water Rights – (§ 10-15-1(H) (8))

A motion to enter Executive Session was made by Councilwoman Gallegos and Seconded by Councilman Jaramillo

**Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

**Roll Call:**

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

The Governing Body entered Executive Session at 6:51 pm

A motion was made to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:19 pm by Councilman Ortega, seconded by Councilman Gonzales

**Motion:** Councilman John Ortega

**Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

**Roll Call:**

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

Mayor Gallegos stated that there was no action taken during Executive Session only discussion regarding the Acquisition of Real Estate or Water Rights – (§ 10-15-1(H) (8))

**X. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya**

- Red River Contract status update, at this time it has not been finalized.
- Chevron meeting regarding the Rock Pile project, Mr. DeFillippo is available if there are questions regarding the meeting.

Councilwoman Gallegos asked if the Rock Pile Project is a seasonal project, this is also a concern for locals that are interested in employment. Mr. DeFillippo is going to look into this further.

**XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION- Ms. Renee Martinez, CMC /Interim Administrator**  
Ms. Martinez provided a report in the packet. She also gave an update on the following:

- The FY 2019-2020 Audit Presentation will take place next meeting.
- Business Park CDBG grant agreement was received for signatures

Councilman Ortega asked about the small cities funding amounts for the past couple years. Ms. Shannon stated in 2017 it was \$177,000.00, in 2018 it was almost \$132,000.00, in 2019 it was \$390,000.00, in 2020 was \$408,000 and 2021 \$124,000.00. Councilman Ortega asked what was budgeted and she stated \$90,000.00 was budgeted for FY 20-21

Councilman Gonzales asked for a brief library update which was provided by Ms. Martinez. He also asked if the fire department can do the fire hydrant inspection, or does that need to be outsourced? Further conversation was had by all and decided that options would be further looked into.

Councilman Ortega asked the status of Cabresto Waterline Project, and Ms. Martinez provided an update and stated progress is being made and the project is moving forward. There was more conversation regarding the waterline and paving project and updates will be provided with the progress and weekly status.

**XIII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

The following items were discussed:

- Councilwoman Gallegos has been receiving complaints about the uncleanliness of the Family Dollar Store and inquired about what leverage the Village may have to enforce cleanliness and safety. Conversation was had by all and included information from Mr. DeFillippo. It was recommended that complaints go to the County and the landlords of the property.
- The Village will look into adopting a Fire Code to have a foundation for enforcement of a code.
- Can a plan be made for a community clean-up day? A tentative month would be April, an actual day has not been set.
- An update was given regarding a meeting with Youth that are interested in creating a skate park at the Municipal Park. These youth will be scheduling a cleanup day in April at the park.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

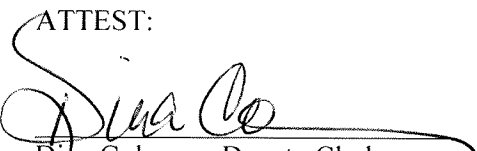
**Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

**Roll Call:**

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 pm

ATTEST:

  
Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Mark Gallegos, Mayor

