



## **AGENDA**

### **VILLAGE OF QUESTA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021**

**6:00 P.M**

**VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
2500 OLD STATE ROAD 3**

### **NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Mayor Mark L. Gallegos

Mayor Pro-Tem Louise T. Gallegos

Councilmember Charlie I. Gonzales | Councilmember Brent P. Jaramillo | Councilmember John Anthony Ortega

- I. **CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS**
- II. **ROLL CALL**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Regular Meeting May 25, 2021
- 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**
  - A) Mr. Steve Rael – Meter Relocation
- VIII. **POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration & Possible Decision – Meter Relocation
- IX. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2021-13 / Sponsorship and Project Match Commitment for Transportation Project Fund – Lower Embargo/Lama Road Bridge
  - B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2021-14 / Sponsorship and Project Match Commitment for Transportation Project Fund – South Kiowa Road Bridge
  - C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2021-15 / Sponsorship and Project Match Commitment for Transportation Project Fund – Upper Embargo Road Roadway Overlay
  - D) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Amendment #3 / Robles, Rael & Anaya, Legal Services
  - E) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Amendment #3 / Robles, Rael & Anaya, Legal Oversight
  - F) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Amendment #3 / Ambitions, IT Services
  - G) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Amendment #3 / Universal Professional Services/ Lobbying Services
- X. **DISCUSSION ITEM**
  - A) Temporary RV Spaces
- XI. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- XII. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION** - Renee Martinez, CMC / Interim Administrator
- XIII. **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**
  - A) Concerns and/or Announcements
  - B) New Business to be considered at future Council Meetings.
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

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3 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
4 **TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021**  
5 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
6 **6:00PM**

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

9 Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

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11 **II. ROLL CALL**

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

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14 **Those present were:**

15 Mayor Mark Gallegos  
16 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
17 Councilman John Anthony Ortega  
18 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo  
19 Councilman Charlie Gonzales  
20 Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator  
21 Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO  
22 Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director  
23 Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya  
24 Steve Rael, Questa Resident  
25 John Rael, Village Public Works Supervisor

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27 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

28 Ms. Karen Shannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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30 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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32 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

33 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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35 **Roll Call:**

36 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
37 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
38 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
39 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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

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43 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting Minutes May 25, 2021**

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45 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

46 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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48 **Roll Call:**

49 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
50 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

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51 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 52 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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54 To approve the May 25, 2021 minutes as presented. All voted yes. Motion carried.

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57 **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*  
 58 *your issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may direct staff to address*  
 59 *issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*

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61 No one present for public comments.

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63 **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

64 A) Mr. Steve Rael – Meter Relocation

65 Mr. S. Rael requested to come before the Mayor and Council to ask for the approval of a meter relocation  
 66 request. Mr. S. Rael's meter was moved during the new water line project on Cabestro Road. Prior to the initial  
 67 move of the meter, Mr. S. Rael stated that he and our VOQ Public Works Supervisor John Rael had spoken  
 68 about the meter move and both had reasons on why and where the meter should be, but Mr. John Rael did  
 69 make a final decision based on the Village's best interest while taking Mr. S. Rael's want into consideration.  
 70 Mr. S. Rael is not happy with the new placement and is now asking for the meter to be relocated.

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72 **VIII. POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM**

73 A) Discussion, Consideration & Possible Decision – Meter Relocation

74 A discussion was had, and a decision was made as to if and where the meter can be moved. The request for  
 75 the meter to be moved was approved. John Rael and Steve Rael need to communicate where is the better  
 76 placement for meter for both the Village and Mr. Rael.

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78 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

79 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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81 **Roll Call:**

82 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

83 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

84 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

85 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos NO

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87 Councilwoman Gallegos is concerned with the Village being in violation of the Anti-Donation Clause.

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89 To approve Meter Relocation. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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91 **IX. ACTION ITEMS**

92 A) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Resolution No. 2021-13 / Sponsorship and Project Match  
 93 Commitment for Transportation Project Fund – Lower Embargo/Lama Road Bridge

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95 Ms. Martinez explained some background information regarding the request for the funding.

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97 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

98 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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99 **Roll Call:**

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100 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 101 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
 102 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 103 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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105 To approve Resolution No. 2021-13 / Sponsorship and Project Match Commitment for Transportation Project  
 106 Fund – Lower Embargo/Lama Road Bridge. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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108 **B)** Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2021-14 / Sponsorship and Project Match  
 109 Commitment for Transportation Project Fund – South Kiowa Road Bridge

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111 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

112 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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114 **Roll Call:**

115 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

116 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

117 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

118 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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120 To approve- Resolution No. 2021-14 / Sponsorship and Project Match Commitment for Transportation  
 121 Project Fund – South Kiowa Road Bridge. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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123 **C)** Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Resolution No. 2021-15 / Sponsorship and Project Match  
 124 Commitment for Transportation Project Fund – Upper Embargo Road Roadway Overlay

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126 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

127 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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129 **Roll Call:**

130 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

131 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

132 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

133 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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135 To approve Resolution No. 2021-15 / Sponsorship and Project Match Commitment for Transportation Project  
 136 Fund – Upper Embargo Road Roadway Overlay. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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138 **D)** Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Amendment #3 / Robles, Rael & Anaya, Legal Services  
 139 Mr. DeFillippo made a brief statement regarding this amendment and the representation he has been able to  
 140 provide on behalf of Robles, Rael & Anaya.

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142 Ms. Coleman gave a brief update regarding the current amendments that were brought before the Mayor and  
 Council for approval.

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144 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

145 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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146 **Roll Call:**

147 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 148 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
 149 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 150 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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152 To approve Amendment #3 / Robles, Rael & Anaya, Legal Services. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

153 **E) Discussion, Consideration & Decision - Amendment #3 / Robles, Rael & Anaya, Legal Oversight**

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155 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

156 **Second:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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158 **Roll Call:**

159 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 160 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
 161 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 162 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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164 To approve Amendment #3 / Robles, Rael & Anaya, Legal Oversight. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

165 **F) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Amendment #3 / Ambitions, IT Services**

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167 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

168 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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170 **Roll Call:**

171 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 172 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
 173 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 174 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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176 To approve Amendment 3 / Robles, Rael & Anaya, Legal Oversight . Majority voted yes. Motion carried

177 **G) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – Amendment #3 / Universal Professional Services/ Lobbying**  
 178 **Services**

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181 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

182 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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184 **Roll Call:**

185 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 186 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
 187 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 188 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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190 To approve Amendment #3 / Universal Professional Services/ Lobbying Services. Majority voted yes. Motion  
 191 carried.

**X.) DISCUSSION ITEM**

**A) Temporary RV Spaces**

Mayor shared with the Council the need to create an agreement, ordinance, special permit or something that will support temporary and / or short-term RV stays. There has been an increase in requests from residents to the Village asking for allowance of RV's to be placed on their land for short term RV rental. This has come about due to the new Rock Pile Reclamation project that has brought in traveling workers to the Questa area.

The Mayor and Council discussed the ideas and options to look into to support the need. Mr. DeFillippo also provided some information on the ways to structure the ideas and how the drafting of the special use permit would be possible.

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

Mr. DeFillippo gave updates to the following matters:

- Update and invite to the quarterly meeting between EPA, Chevron and the Village of Questa to be held Thursday June 10, 2021. There was much conversation regarding all the issues that need to be addressed at the meeting such as the ongoing contaminated soils on Embargo, plumb studies, tailings, health studies, the ditch association and having a complete clean up. .
- Recommendation for the Village to create a Planning and Zoning Board . This board will assist in zoning and variance requests that come in. They will review all requests and make recommendations to Mayor and Council as they support the Zoning Ordinance.
- Llano Ditch Association request for payment. Mr. DeFillippo is still waiting for documentation stating that the Village owns the property being invoiced.
- Cell tower update, there should be a team to come out and provide 4G soon.

**XII. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION- Ms. Renee Martinez, CMC /Interim Administrator**

Ms. Martinez gave updates to the following matters.

- The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Healing Field of Honor was a success due to the help of Entact and Councilwoman Gallegos for assisting with getting the ball rolling.
- The Library Grand Opening is scheduled for Sat. June 12, 2021 at 1pm.
- There are 3 new employees coming on board in the next week, Receptionist, Public Works Laborer, Library Assistant
- Public Works Department did receive the vehicles from the EMS Department.

Councilwoman Gallegos was very appreciative of the porta potties.

Councilman Ortega received positive feedback about the Healing Field from some folks out of Angel Fire. He also asked if the Village has gone out to bid on the Cabresto Paving Project yet and how long once it has been out to bid will we see actual work happening. Ms. Martinez stated that the Village would advertise for bids for at least 21 days and follow the process of procurement and that could take several weeks to complete.

**XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

**A) Concerns and/or Announcements**

- Mayor brought a request forward on behalf of the Village Public Works Department. The Public Works would like the Council to consider using any carryover funding that may be available from the project to replace PRV Vault. This will allow for a more sufficient and functioning system. Councilor Jaramillo asked if CDBG was okay with making the change to the scope? Ms. Martinez and Mayor Gallegos assured him that they had spoken to Mr. Lacy at the CDBG office and felt confident that the request would be approved by Mr. Lacy and his department. Councilman Gonzales asked if the current contractor was doing this work, Mayor Gallegos stated that the Contractor is not as he is working on his current contract scope of work.

- Mayor gave an update on meeting that he had with Mr. David Kisten with Sandia Labs, LANL and Workforce Solutions. They have interest in the business park to assist in getting businesses into the business park. Councilman Gonzales asked if the prior engineers were responsible with doing the work on the vault.

**B) New Business to be considered at future Council Meetings.**

There was ongoing conversation regarding the upcoming meeting that the attorney referenced above. The Council was encouraged to email Mr. DeFillipo their questions and concerns to be shared during the June 10, 2021 EPA, Chevron and Village meeting.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

**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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

ATTEST:

  
Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Mark Gallegos, Mayor