



AGENDA
VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 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** –
 - A) Work Study Session August 17, 2021
 - B) Special Meeting August 26, 2021
 - C) Regular Meeting September 14, 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. Questions regarding Cabresto Road Infrastructure Water/Roadway - Mr. Lawrence Ortega & Cabresto Road Residents
- VIII. **PUBLIC HEARING**
 - A) Village of Questa Red River Restoration Project Preliminary Plan Information
- IX. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - B) Cannabis Registration Fee Ordinance
 - C) Security Cameras
- X. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- XI. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION** - Renee Martinez, CMC / Interim Administrator
- XII. **MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**
 - A) Concerns and/or Announcements
 - B) New Business to be considered at future Council Meetings.
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

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6:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR MARK L. GALLEGOS

Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

II. ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

Those present were:

Mayor Mark Gallegos
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Councilman John Anthony Ortega
Councilman Charlie Gonzales
Councilman Brent Jaramillo
Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator
Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO
Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director
Chris Phillips, Riverbend Engineering
Ms. Rosaline Ortega, Questa/ Village Resident
Mr. Ernie Martinez, Village Resident
Mr. Donald Gallegos, Village Resident
Adrian Maestas, Owner - La Case Dispensary, San Luis, CO.
Leonard Garcia, Owner - La Case Dispensary, San Luis, CO.

Present by Phone:

Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Karen Shannon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Second: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Roll Call:

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

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Ms. Martinez asked for the minutes from August 17, 2021, to be removed due to technical difficulties.

A) Regular Meeting August 17, 2021- Removed

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B) Special Meeting August 26, 2021

Motion: Councilman Charlie Gonzales

Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

To approve the minutes of August 26, 2021 as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried

C) Regular Meeting September 14, 2021

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman John Anthony Ortega

Roll Call:

Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

To approve the minutes of September 14, 2021 as presented. Majority 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.)

Ms. Rosaline Ortega was present to share concerns regarding the following:

- Her brother-in-law, Floyd George Ortega has not been placed on the Veterans Memorial Wall after numerous requests, she brought proof that her brother-in-law was in Vietnam and now leaves this in the hands of the Village.
- The Molycorp Field is not in a condition to allow for little league to use it. The parents and league would like to help get the field taken care of so the league can have a place to practice and play.

La Casa Cannabis owners Adrian Maestas and Leonard Garcia from the San Luis Valley / Alamosa area came in to introduce themselves and express their interest in bringing their business to the area. They are interest in opening a marijuana growing operation. They provided valuable and detailed information about how they run their business in Colorado and shared how their experience has been positive for their communities.

VII. Questions regarding Cabestro Road Infrastructure Water/Roadway - Mr. Lawrence Ortega & Cabestro Road Residents

Ms. Rosaline Ortega was present on behalf of her husband Lawrence Ortega. She expressed concerns regarding the following:

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Ms. Ortega stated that she has concerns with the construction on Cabresto Road and the lack of accommodations for residents that live along the project area. The waterline project has caused disruption on the road and is in terrible condition. She would like to return to the next meeting and get some answers to her concerns.

Mayor Gallegos stated that Ms. Martinez would follow up with Ms. Ortega and he also gave a brief update covering the upcoming paving project, the projected start date and anticipated work to be done.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING – Chris Phillips, Riverbend Engineering

A) Village of Questa Red River Restoration Project Preliminary Plan Information
Mr. Phillips gave a very extensive update / presentation on the status of the project. There were a couple of residents present that had questions regarding the project that Mr. Phillips was able to answer. He also stated that he is willing to meet one on one with residents if needed. Mr. Phillips left a preliminary plan map of the project area. This map is available for review in the Village Administrative Office.

His presentation was followed with some further discussion between all regarding the preliminary map.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Ms. Martinez and Ms. Shannon gave a brief overview of the proposed ARPA funding List as follows:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Suggested Amount</u>
<u>EMS</u>	PPE	Covid Safety Equipment	\$5,000
	Storage for PPE	Covid Safety Equipment	\$20,000
<u>Admin</u>	Covid Testing Kits	Covid Safety Equipment	\$5,000
	Broadband for Chambers	Covid Related	
<u>Vehicle</u>		Covid Related	\$40,000
<u>Water</u>	Meters	Infrastructure Economic Development	
	Pipe, fittings, etc.	Infrastructure	
	Reflective Vests, Gloves	Covid Safety Equipment	
<u>Sewer</u>	Lift Stations	Infrastructure Economic Development	\$unknown amount
	Pipe, fittings, etc.	Infrastructure	\$unknown amount

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143	<u>Llano Rd Sewer</u>	Economic Development		\$unknown amount
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145	<u>Recreation</u>	Skate Park	Covid Outdoor Recreation	\$unknown amount
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147	<u>Horse Arena</u>		Covid Outdoor Recreation	\$unknown amount
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149	<u>Corrals Well/Electric</u>	Infrastructure		\$30,000.
150		Economic Development		
151				
152	<u>Park Gates & Cameras</u>	Covid Safety Equipment		\$unknown amount
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154 There was open discussion on the proposed expenditures. Mayor and Council also gave some ideas to how
 155 they would like to see the money spent.

156 The following list was recommended to add in and consider:

- 157 • Go To Meeting Subscription
- 158 • PRV's and Tapping tool for live taps - \$12,000.00
- 159 • Refurbish Corrals - \$30,000.00
- 160 • Crisis Intervention - \$15000.00
- 161 • Administration – Windows for ventilation - \$40,000.00

162 B) Cannabis Registration Fee Ordinance

163 Mr. DeFillippo looked into the option of charging a Cannabis fee to all applications. He stated that House Bill
 164 2 does provide limitations on what local municipalities can do and what they are capable of doing, however,
 165 it does not address fees specifically. The state does have numerous bills for application, but the municipality
 166 does not have direction on whether or not a local municipality can attach fees to their local applications. He
 167 will continue to research this and follow up next meeting. There was a bit more conversation regarding this
 168 topic, it will be under continued review and consideration.

169 C) Security Cameras

170 Mayor gave the Council an update on the recently installed surveillance cameras placed in the center of town,
 171 located on the Veteran's Memorial Corner. Mayor stated that the future plan is to continue to place cameras
 172 throughout town adding a new tool to the police department toolbox that will greatly assist them. Council had
 173 ideas on other areas where cameras can be placed.

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

175 Mr. DeFillippo gave a brief update regarding the quarterly EPA meeting that was held in September.

176 He let the Council know that there is a scheduled meeting to go look at the rock pile project. That is tentatively
 177 scheduled for October 20, 2021, he will be in touch with a time once he receives that info from Mr. Isely the
 178 Chevron Representative.

182 XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION - Renee Martinez, CMC / Interim Administrator

183 A) Concerns and/or Announcements

184 Ms. Martinez gave an update on the following.

- 185 • Capital Outlay funds of \$300,000.00 for Cabestro Road
- 186 • NMDOTPF funds were also received, \$507, 000.00 received to rehabilitate the Embargo Bridge, a
 187 match is required,
- 188 • Ms. Martinez will be sending out a waiver request to NMDOT.

- NM Community Development Meeting was held to address our request to CDGBG for \$300,000.000. The Village of Questa was awarded \$150,000.00. This additional funding will go to assist the waterline incurred expenses.
- Election School is scheduled, and Ms. Martinez and Ms. Coleman will attend.
- A tentative cleaning up day is set for Saturday October 23, 2021.
- Consideration on Trunk or Treat event, for Friday October 29, 2021
- Ms. Shannon looked into the Fire Department loan pay off, she updated the Council on the process.

B) New Business to be considered at future Council Meetings

No new business

- Councilman Ortega would like the STOP sign on Cabestro replaced
- Councilman Ortega would like a follow up with NM Gas about the fence that NM Gas stated can cover the "yellow eye sore" in town. Ms. Martinez will reach out.
- Councilwoman Gallegos acknowledged and thanked Ms. Shannon for the service of her son Jesse serving in Kuwait.
- Councilman Jaramillo asked about dumpsters for clean-up day.
- Mayor Gallegos brought up his recent concerns with law enforcement and their staffing issues. He spoke with Mr. Steve Miera the Under Sheriff. He will continue to work with them to support the contract that is currently held. Mayor would like to see the Sheriffs come to a meeting and explain to the Village Council what their schedule is and how they are providing services. Councilman Gonzales suggests that the Village look into an alternate plan of how law enforcement services can be provided, so we can be prepared. Councilman Jaramillo recommends the consideration of a different type of fee schedule. Councilman Ortega asked Mr. DeFillippo if there is a breach of contract by the Sheriff's department, can the Village get the truck back that was a part of the contract. Mr. DeFillippo stated that, yes, it is possible depending on the actual breach.

XIII. 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 7:50 pm.

ATTEST:


Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk



APPROVED:


Mark Gallegos, Mayor