



**AGENDA**  
**VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING**  
**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

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Mayor Mark L. Gallegos  
Mayor Pro-Tem Charlie I. Gonzales  
Councilmember Louise T. Gallegos | Councilmember Brent P. Jaramillo | Councilmember John Anthony Ortega

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**NOTE:** This tele-conference meeting will allow the Village Council to conduct the meeting without Council members being physically present and in accordance with the NM Open Meetings Act. There will be no live audience present. Members of the public wishing to participate can do so by calling toll free **1-866-899-4679** and entering access code **421-010-981** or from a computer, tablet, or smartphone at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/421010981> .

- 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) Regular Meeting January 25, 2022
- 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 ITEMS**
  - A) Update on House Bill 50 – Public Retirees Returning to Work
  - B) MOU Between Taos County/Taos County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Questa for Law Enforcement Assistance
- VIII. **FINANCE DEPARTMENT** – Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director
  - A) Discussion regarding the estimated EMS Budget for FY 2023
- X. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- XI. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION** – Ms. Renee Martinez, Interim Administrator / CMC
- 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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1 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
2 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
3 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022**  
4 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
5 **6:00PM**

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

13 Mayor Gallegos called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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15 **II. ROLL CALL**

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

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19 **Those present virtually were:**

- 20 Mayor Mark Gallegos
- 21 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
- 22 Councilman John Anthony Ortega
- 23 Councilman Charlie Gonzales
- 24 Councilman Brent Jaramillo
- 25 Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator
- 26 Sarah White, Administrative Assistant
- 27 Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO
- 28 Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director
- 29 Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- 30 Elizabeth Roberts, Village Receptionist
- 31 Raynelle Sanchez, EMS Director / Asst. Fire Chief
- 32 Jerry Hogrefe, Taos County Sheriff
- 33 Gayle Martinez, Living Word Ministries
- 34 Steve Miera, Taos County Under Sheriff
- 35 DRNC11

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37 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

38 Ms. Dina Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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40 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

41 A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

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43 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

44 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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46 **Roll Call:**

47 Councilman John Anthony Ortega        YES

48 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT  
 49 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 50 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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 52 A motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.  
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54 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 25, 2022**

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 56 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
 57 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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 59 **Roll Call:**

60 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
 61 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT  
 62 Councilman Charlie Gonzales YES  
 63 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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 65 To approve the January 25, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.  
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67 **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*  
 68 *your issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may direct staff to address*  
 69 *issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*

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 71 **VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

72 **A) Update on House Bill 50 – Public Retirees Returning to Work**

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 74 Ms. Martinez provided an update on the House Bill 50, she also informed that House Bill 106 will be going  
 75 to the house floor tomorrow. House Bill 106 allows for Law Enforcement Retirees to return back to work in  
 76 the field.

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 78 Councilman Ortega asked if Mr. Gabe Cisneros the Village of Questa Lobbyist, will advocate for House Bill  
 79 106 on behalf of the Village. Mayor was supportive of this request and encouraged Ms. Martinez to reach out  
 80 to Mr. Cisneros.

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 82 **B) MOU Between Taos County/Taos County Sheriff's Office and the Village of Questa for Law Enforcement**  
 83 **Assistance**

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 85 Ms. Martinez has presented this agreement as it is due for approval and /or extension. Ms. Martinez would like  
 86 this contract approval to be brought forth at the next council meeting.

87 There was much conversation between all parties regarding some concerns with animal control and speeding  
 88 along highway 522 and how these can be supported in the law enforcement agreement renewal. There's also  
 89 a request to have recurrent monthly reports provided to Ms. Martinez, keeping the Village up to date on what  
 90 is going on within the Village limits. It was also suggested that concerns with law enforcement be submitted  
 91 to the Sheriff and /or Under - Sheriff. If they are aware, it is easier for the Sheriff's to address concerns. The  
 92 agreement was supported and it was encouraged to add some minor changes per the concerns mentioned. Mayor  
 93 and Council are very supportive and complimentary towards the Sheriff's Department and all that they do.  
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97 **VIII. FINANCE DEPARTMENT** - Ms. Karen Shannon, Finance Director

98 **A)** Discussion regarding the estimated EMS Budget for FY 2023

99 Ms. Shannon and Ms. Cordova explained the current need to consider the budget increases as the minimum  
100 wage rises and also the need to discuss benefits to some employees that need coverage per policy and the  
101 PERA law.

102 Due to technical difficulties most of the details of this conversation was not heard.

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

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106 Mr. DeFillippo gave an update that he is still working on the pursuit of water rights and the application sent to  
107 the Office of the State Engineer.

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

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111 Ms. Martinez gave an election update regarding the early voting schedule and hours. She also mentioned the  
112 opportunity to do the same day registration throughout early voting and also absentee voting.

113 Ms. Martinez also informed the Mayor and Council about the soon to be Bill Pay- Online availability to pay  
114 bills, she also informed them of the Senior Citizen Wood Donation.

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116 **XII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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118 **A) Concerns and/or Announcement**

119 Ms. Cordova spoke of the need for maintenance of 5 out of the 6 fire trucks and the continued need to recruit  
120 new volunteers. Councilman Ortega would like to hold Chevron somewhat responsible to help with some kind  
121 of assistance with purchasing a new fire truck.

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

124 Ms. Martinez stated that MAP and LGRF grants to be submitted will be brought before council for next  
125 meeting as action items.

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127 **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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129 **Motion:** Councilman Charlie Gonzales

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131 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm

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Dipa Coleman, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:

Mark Gallegos, Mayor

