



**AGENDA**  
**VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 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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- 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 11, 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. **PRESENTATION**
  - A) Skate Park Presentation – Ms. Laura Vallejos & Mr. Toner Mitchell
- VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**
  - A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision –Bixby Street Light Repair / Replacement Options 1, 2, or 3.
  - B) Discussion, Consideration and Decision -Selection of a member to serve on the Nominating Committee for a one- year term to select Holy Cross Hospital Board of Trustees
- IX. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - A) Unoccupied Sewer Rate / Sewer Bonds
  - B) Law Enforcement Salaries
  - C) Village of Questa Zoning Map
  - D) Water Usage
- X. **MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY** – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
- XI. **MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION**
- 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, JANUARY 25, 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 6:01 pm.

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 15 **II. ROLL CALL**

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

17 Councilman Jaramillo arrived virtually at 6:07pm

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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 Renee Martinez, CMC/ Interim Administrator

25 Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk / CPO

26 Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director

27 Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

28 Laura Vallejos, Skate Park Presenter

29 Toner Mitchell, Skate Park Presenter

30 Peter Martinez, Living Word Ministries

31 Gayle Martinez, Living Word Ministries

32 Karen Lieberman, Living Word Ministries

33 Debra Martinez, Living Word Ministries

34 Jose Martinez, Living Word Ministries

35 Lynn Skall, Questa Economic Development Fund

36 Jason Gonzales, Questa Resident

37 Loretta Vigil, Living Word Ministries

38 Elizabeth Roberts, Village Receptionist

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40 **Those present by phone:**

41 Larry Archuleta, Questa Resident

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43 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

44 Ms. Lynn Skall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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46 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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49 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

50 **Second:** Councilman John Ortega

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52 **Roll Call:**

53 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

54 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

55 Councilman Charlie Gonzales NOT PRESENT

56 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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58 A motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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60 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 11, 2022**

61 Councilman Ortega asked for a correction of line 144 of the minutes of January 11, 2022. Line 144 reads,

62 Councilman Ortega asked if item 3 of the Legislative Priorities list can be eliminated from Cabresto

63 Improvements and changed to road improvements? However, Councilman Ortega states that he did not ask for

64 it to be eliminated but that he asked for it to be changed to road improvements.

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66 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

67 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

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69 **Roll Call:**

70 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES

71 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo NOT PRESENT

72 Councilman Charlie Gonzales NOT PRESENT

73 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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75 To approve the January 11, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes as amended or corrected if needed. Majority voted  
76 yes. Motion carried.

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

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82 Lynn Skall, QEDF Director – Gave an update to the following items.

83 • The proposed “Welcome Sign” to be moved north on the property of Jeannie Masters and Mr. Jerry  
84 Sanchez. Mrs. Masters and Mr. Sanchez approved of the sign placement.

85 • Election Candidate Forum scheduled for Wednesday Feb. 2, 2022

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87 **VII. PRESENTATION**

88 **A) Skate Park Presentation** – Laura Vallejos and Toner Mitchell

89 Ms. Vallejos and Mr. Mitchell provided a verbal presentation as well as a handout of information regarding

90 the skate park vision. The skate park group is requesting support from the Village of Questa to allow the

91 skate park to be built at the Questa Municipal Park property located next to the CA Cisneros Youth and

92 Family Center and the Village Library. The Skate Park Committee is currently looking into funding options

93 to assist in the project. The group is also partnering with several entities and looking into options for funding

94 and in-kind donations.

95 Mr. Mitchell gave some detailed information on the possible budgetary needs for the size of park that the

96 group is hoping for.

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98 There were a couple of questions presented by the Council and Ms. Vallejos and Mr. Mitchell were able to  
 99 respond to them.

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 101 Mayor and Council are supportive of the project and look forward to seeing the skatepark come to Questa.  
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103 **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

104 **A) Discussion, Consideration and Decision – BIXBY Street Light Repair /Replacement Options 1, 2, or**  
 105 **3.**

106 Ms. Coleman provided some information regarding the need for streetlight repair and the update of a  
 107 new quote received to do the work of replacing all the streetlights to LED. The new quote was submitted  
 108 by Double Eagle Electric. Because this quote was turned in on Monday January 24, 2022, Ms. Coleman  
 109 needed to provide info to the Mayor and Council during the meeting to bring them up to speed.  
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111 Councilman Ortega requested to see a paper version or emailed version of the quote. Councilman Ortega  
 112 made a motion to table this action item until after Item VIII. B  
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114 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

115 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo  
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117 **Roll Call:**

118 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
119 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
120 Councilman Charlie Gonzales	NOT PRESENT
121 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

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 123 A motion to table streetlight repair and replacement options until after Item VIII. B. Motion carried  
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125 **B) Discussion, Consideration and Decision -Selection of a member to serve on the Nominating Committee for**  
 126 **a one- year term to select Holy Cross Hospital Board of Trustees**

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 128 Mayor Gallegos volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee for a one -year tern to select Holy Cross  
 129 Board of Trustees.  
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131 Councilman Ortega made a motion to return back to item VIII., A, regarding the Discussion, Consideration  
 132 and Decision of Bixby Light Repair / Replacement

133 Ms. Coleman was able to send over the quotes to Councilman Ortega and Ms. Shannon was able to share the  
 134 quotes on the screen.  
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136 **Motion:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega

137 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
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139 **Roll Call:**

140 Councilman John Anthony Ortega	YES
141 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
142 Councilman Charlie Gonzales	NOT PRESENT
143 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES

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 145 A motion to approve Councilman Ortega's request to return back to item VIII., A, regarding the Discussion,  
 146 Consideration and Decision of Bixby Light Repair / Replacement. Motion carried.

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148 Ms. Coleman explained the quotes and also provided her recommendation on how the Village should move  
149 forward with Double Eagle as the Vendor to repair and replace the streetlights. There was some discussion  
150 regarding budget and other details of the project.

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152 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
153 **Second:** Councilman John Anthony Ortega  
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155 **Roll Call:**  
156 Councilman John Anthony Ortega YES  
157 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
158 Councilman Charlie Gonzales NOT PRESENT  
159 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
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161 A motion to approve Light Repair / Replacement of the streetlight by Double Eagle Electric. Motion carried.  
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163 **IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

164 **A) Unoccupied Sewer Rate / Sewer Bonds**

165 Mr. DeFillippo provided some background to the topic of the unoccupied sewer rate and his recommendation  
166 on the Village moving forward. The ordinance will be changed to remove the current unoccupied sewer rate  
167 verbiage and also a resolution to support the change.  
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169 **B) Law Enforcement Salaries**

170 Mayor Gallegos gave a brief presentation regarding the facts of what monetary commitments it would take for  
171 the Village to re-open the Questa Police Department and dissolve the current agreement with Taos County  
172 Sheriff's Department. Ms. Shannon provided a detailed report regarding pay scales and benefits package,  
173 including a competitive wage list comparable to surrounding communities.  
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175 **C) Village of Questa Zoning Map**

176 Mayor Gallegos reiterated the need to move forward with working on the re-zoning of the Village map to  
177 better identify the Village zones and boundaries. There was discussion on the ideas of how to get this Zoning  
178 Map project accomplished. Mr. DeFillippo also provided "homework" ideas on creating a plan to move  
179 forward.  
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181 **D) Water Usage**

182 Mayor Gallegos provide background to the excessive water usage and the need for more rights to be obtained  
183 from Chevron. He also encouraged that people be mindful of their water usage.  
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185 **X. MATTERS FROM ATTORNEY – Mr. Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya**

186 Mr. DeFillippo gave a follow-up to the 40 Year water plan resolution. The application for transfer of water is  
187 in process and so to be submitted to the Office of the State Engineers office once complete.  
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190 **XI. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATION- Ms. Renee Martinez, CMC /Interim Administrator**

191 Ms. Martinez gave a brief update on the following:

- 192 • Capital outlay requests have been submitted
- 193 • Election preparations
- 194 • Public Works department has been busy
- 195 • MVD office will be closed Wednesday January 26, due to MVD Clerk training

196 • EMS is busy, they had over 400 calls ending of 2021  
 197 Councilman Ortega asked for an update regarding the camera in the center of town, and who stole the  
 198 Christmas decorations from Perovich corner. Ms. Coleman was able to respond and explain the current status.  
 199 She explained that at this time the camera system is not connected onto the network until a specific router and  
 200 UPS with auto re-start have been purchased and connected. The system can currently only run live until the  
 201 system is on the network. This phased project will continue to grow and bring in more cameras, as an added  
 202 tool for security in the community as funding becomes available.  
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204 **XII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR & COUNCIL**

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

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

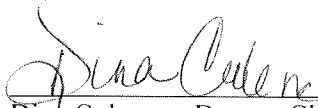
208 Councilman Jaramillo would like to start planning for April clean up day.  
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210 **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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 212 **Motion:** Councilman Ortega

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 214 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm  
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216 ATTEST:

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220 Dina Coleman, Deputy Clerk



APPROVED:

  
 Mark Gallegos, Mayor