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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
3 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
4 **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022**  
5 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
6 **6:00PM**

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8 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

9 Mayor John Anthony Ortega called meeting to order at 6:03 pm.  
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12 **II. ROLL CALL**

13 Valerie Vigil, Village Clerk called out roll where a quorum was present.  
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15 **Governing Body Present**

16 Mayor John Anthony Ortega  
17 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales  
18 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
19 Councilman Brent Jaramillo  
20 Councilman Jason Gonzalez  
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22 **Governing Body Absent**

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24 **Others present were:**

25 Valerie Vigil, CPO  
26 Karen Quintana Shannon, Finance Director  
27 Elizabeth Roberts  
28 Dylan Crabb, Questa Del Rio News  
29 Michael Farmer, Taos Bakes CEO  
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31 **Those present virtually were:**

32 None Present Virtually  
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34 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

35 Mayor John Anthony Ortega  
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38 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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40 Mayor John Anthony Ortega presented to the Council to remove item VII-E and Matters from the Attorney.  
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42 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

43 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo  
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45 To approve the agenda with changes. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.  
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**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Motion to approve the minutes with one correction on line item 67; Majority Vote Yes; Motion Carried

**Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**Second:** Councilman Jason Gonzalez

**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.)*

Public Comment open at 06:06 pm Ended at 06:06 pm

No one for public comment

**VII. ACTION ITEM**

**A)** Discussion, Consideration, & Decision- Resolution 2022-22 FY 2023 ARPA, Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon presented to the Council for the approval of the ARPA funds. Councilwoman Gallegos asked if changes could still be made; Mrs. Quintana Shannon gave the ok for changes. Councilwoman Gallegos asked allocation of funds to be raised for CAV from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Councilman Gonzalez suggested removing \$3,000 from Vida Del Norte Coalition bringing the amount down to \$7,000 and allocating the \$3,000 to CAV to complete the \$5,000. All other allocations of funding remained the same.

Motion to approve the ARPA with changes.

**Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

**Second:** Councilman Jason Gonzalez

**Roll Call:**

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

**B)** Discussion, Consideration, & Decision, RFP 2022-03 IT Technology, Mrs. Valerie Vigil, Village CPO presented to the Council the recommendation made for IT (Technology) Support for the Village of Questa. Mrs. Vigil made the recommendation for Ambitions Consulting Group to acquire the contract with the Village of Questa for IT Support.

Motion to Approve the recommendation of Ambitions Consulting Group for IT Support for the Village of Questa

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100 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo  
101 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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103 **Roll Call:**

104 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
105 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
106 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES  
107 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

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109 **C) Discussion, Consideration, & Decision, Taos Bakes Rental of La Cienega Gym, Mrs. Karen**  
110 **Quintana Shannon presented along side Michael Farmer, CEO of Taos Bakes. Mr. Farmer**  
111 **presented to the Council the proposal for the use of La Cienega Gym and the need for space for**  
112 **his business. He is currently renting out a large building at the Business Park and needs**  
113 **additional space for storage throughout the cold season until the addition can be built at the main**  
114 **building. Discussion and questions were brought to the table regarding concerns for the flooring**  
115 **and the upkeep of the building. Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales also stated she would like to**  
116 **state on record that she would like for La Cienega Gym to be named after Ruben Ortega.**

117 A motion to direct legal staff to work on a lease agreement for the lease of La Cienega Gym

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120 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo  
121 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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123 **Roll Call:**

124 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
125 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES  
126 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES  
127 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

128 **D) Discussion, Consideration, & Decision, Change Order for Cabresto Road Pavement, Mrs.**  
129 **Karen Quintana Shannon presented to the Council a change order that was presented to the**  
130 **Village for the pavement of Cabresto Road. She did ask that a decision not be made at this time**  
131 **due to the last-minute documentation obtained and provided and needs to be revised. Dave Falco**  
132 **from NV5 provided a change order with an amount that was over budget, Mrs. Quintana**  
133 **Shannon will be getting a revised change order to collate with the amount of budget allowed.**  
134 **The total project budget is 1.5 million and 1.1 million has already been spent. There is an**  
135 **allocation of money in the amount of \$115,000.00 that is set to expire at the end of the year,**  
136 **which is the reason the Village is trying to find a way to spend the funding before expiration.**  
137 **Mrs. Quintana Shannon will be in contact with NV5 to get a revised change order to reflect an**  
138 **amount that will not go over budget for the project. A special meeting will be scheduled before**  
139 **the next regular Council Meeting. No action was taken on the discussion per Mayor and Council.**

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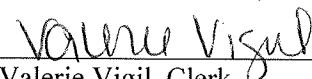
141 **VII. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

142 Councilman Jason Gonzalez presented the idea of bringing Pickle Ball and Frisby Golf perhaps  
143 at the Molycorp Field. Mayor Ortega suggested the 23 acres that was donated to the Village of  
144 Questa off Don Martinez Road for the use of outdoor recreation. Mayor Ortega reminded the  
145 Council of the retreat scheduled for October 22 in partnership with QEDF. Mayor Ortega stated  
146 the Village of Questa 40-year water plan has been approved and the over diversion of water is  
147 also being worked on. October 25 is a regular Council Meeting and October 27 is a special  
148 meeting for some zoning variances. Tentative public hearing for the raise of water rates  
149 scheduled for the first week of November. NFL Flag football is scheduled for their first clinic  
150 October 15, 2022, at the Questa High School. The Village of Questa public work staff will do  
151 their best ensure that the pothole problem be worked on. Village of Questa Audit moved from  
152 October 11 to November 28<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Ortega also presented the purchase of 3 police units at a  
153 discounted rate completely outfitted for \$5,000.00 each vehicle. Village of Questa Trunk o Treat  
154 is scheduled for October 28, 2022. Councilwoman Gallegos inquired about the Administrator  
155 position and asked if anyone has applied, at this time only one application has been obtained.  
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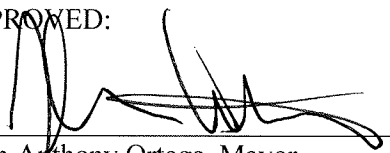
160 **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

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162 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 pm.  
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166 ATTEST:

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170 Valerie Vigil, Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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John Anthony Ortega, Mayor

