

**VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022
VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
6:00PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR JOHN ANTHONY ORTEGA

Mayor John Anthony Ortega called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Clerk Valerie Vigil called roll where a quorum was present.

Governing Body Present

Mayor John Anthony Ortega
Councilman Jason Gonzalez
Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Governing Body Absent

Others present were:

Valerie Vigil, CPO
Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director
Dylan Crabb, Del Rio News
Lisa O' Brien, Taos Community Foundation
Christian Isely, Chevron Mine

Those present virtually were:

Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya
Arvind Patel, NV5
Desiree Ortega

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Jason Gonzalez led the pledge

Mayor Ortega asked to have a moment of silence for former Councilor Evelyn Coggins whose husband Gary Coggins passed away.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting June 14, 2022

Councilwoman Gallegos presented some typographical errors to Clerk Valerie Vigil to be edited as well as a question on community members who sign in and those who do not. Edits were made and changed.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Approval of the agenda with edits. 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.)*

Public Comment open at 06:05 pm

A) Christian Isely, Economic Development Advisor Chevron Mine spoke on an update about the water rights that were in the works to be transferred over to the Village of Questa. The decision stands: the transfer of water rights was denied to the Village of Questa for the 120-acre feet. A lease agreement can be made. Mr. Isely invited the Council, Village Attorney, Administrator, and Procurement Officer to a tour of the mine on July 22, 2022 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am. July 19, 2022 Community Stakeholder meeting, time was not announced. Notice of Quorum will be posted for both events.

Public comments closed at 06:11 pm

VII. PRESENTATIONS

A) Lisa O'Brien, Director of Taos Community Foundation introduced herself to the new Council Members and employees of the Village of Questa. She shared what the Taos Community Foundation is about and their overall mission in Questa and the surrounding communities. She also introduced the type of funding that is available through the Foundation and the different types of services that they can offer.

VIII. ACTION ITEM

A) Discussion, Consideration, & Decision- RFP 2022-02, Information Technology Services

Mrs. Valerie Vigil, CPO presented her decision of award. Many interested companies but only had one proposal submitted. Due to inflation in cost for the proposal that was submitted, an award was not presented. She will re-issue the RFP and continue with a month-to-month contract for the next three months with the current IT.

Motion: Councilman Jason Gonzalez

Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
Councilman Jason Gonzalez	YES
Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales	YES

B) Discussion, Consideration & Decision – State of New Mexico Per Diem Rates Resolution 2022-16. Karen Quintana Shannon, Finance Director presented the new rate changes regarding the State of New Mexico Per Diem Rates. All rates have gone up for the State of New Mexico.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman Jason Gonzalez

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
Councilman Jason Gonzalez	YES
Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales	YES

C) Discussion, Consideration & Decision –Cabresto Road Waterline Replacement Change Order.

Dominic Martinez, Administrator referenced the Change Order from the last Regular Council Meeting date 06/14/2022 and handed the presentation to Arvind Patel, Director of Water Resources to elaborate. A Change Order was presented to the Council for a shortage of 250 feet to finish the waterline replacement. There is some piping that needed to be changed and those will be changed out by the Village of Questa Public Works. The ending cost for the additional 250-foot extension is \$30,000 for a total of \$279,000. Council Jaramillo questioned when the project was expected to start, Administrator Martinez stated that they had begun “today” 6/28/2022

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman Jason Gonzalez

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
Councilman Jason Gonzalez	YES
Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales	YES

C) Discussion, Consideration, & Decision – R-RFP 2022-04, Legal Oversight to Chevron Mining Operation and Economic Development. Valerie Vigil, CPO presented her decision for Legal Oversight award. Robles, Rael, & Anaya has been awarded. Chris DeFillippo thanked the Village of Questa for the award and is looking forward to working with the Village.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilwoman Katrine Gonzales

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
Councilman Jason Gonzalez	YES
Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales	YES

IX. FINANCES

A) Financial Summary, Karen Quintana Shannon Finance Director presented Gross Receipts report. Shared an overview for the entire Fiscal year ‘22.

X. DICUSSION ITEMS

A) Contract for Refuse Collection Services Waste Management. Dominic Martinez, Administrator presented, the last 52 weeks the price for diesel fuel has gone up significantly. He spoke with Mr.

Darnell with Waste Management about the increase of rates from about 3% to 14%. He will arrange a meeting with Mr. Darnell to speak about the changes of rates and what kind of options we will have for the members of the Village of Questa.

- B) Village of Questa Well on QISD Property. Dominic Martinez, Administrator presented about the well that is located on Village property as well as Questa School Property. A fence has been proposed to ensure that individuals do not damage the well. We will need surveys and maintenance for the current well to ensure that it continues to be safe. Village Attorney Chris DeFillippo spoke on the matter and his thoughts on how to secure the area.
- C) Rodeo Grounds. Mayor John Anthony Ortega proposed the interest of the upkeep of the Corrals owned by the Village. There are community members that would like to volunteer for cleanup to help get the grounds up and running. He presented ideas as to how it would be utilized and the benefits of having the rodeo ground project to be worked on. The Skate Park and the Rodeo Grounds are two big projects that are opportunities for youth involvement.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - *(The Governing Body may convene into Executive Session at this time pursuant to the NM Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1)*

- A) Water Acquisition NMSA Section 10-15-1 (H)(8),
Entered executive session 7:06 pm,
Exited executive session at 7:24 pm

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

Roll Call:

Councilwoman Louise Gallegos	YES
Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo	YES
Councilman Jason Gonzalez	YES
Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales	YES

XII. MATTERS FROM ADMINISTRATOR- Dominic Martinez, Administrator updated on the Taos County Commission meeting that was attended by himself, Raynelle EMS Director, and Brent Jaramillo Councilman. There was a unanimous decision for the MOU and EMS was awarded the additional \$50,000. The Village also lifted the fire restrictions due to the moisture. Administrator Martinez attended the City Managers meeting in Ruidoso. Nadine Utility Clerk, Karen Quintana Shannon Finance Director, and Dominic Martinez Administrator worked together to get our property and liability insurance cost to be lowered by \$27,000. The EMS department will be sending out an ambulance to a flood, waiting on truck maintenance. The control box on one of the wells suffered a lightening strike, so at this time the Public Works has to check in manually until it can be replaced.

XIII. MATTERS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

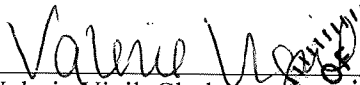
- A) Concerns and/or Announcements
 - Councilwoman Gallegos commended Dominic Martinez in his new role as well as commended Valerie Vigil for her work in her two Village positions.
 - Councilman Gonzalez attended the Landfill Meeting on June 16, 2022. Shared about the new process of building a new cell, costing \$3,000,000.

- Mayor John Anthony Ortega planned a tour for La Cienega for the Council, Administrator, CPO, Finance Director for July 22, 2022. National League of Cities is starting and would like to know who will be attending.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 pm.

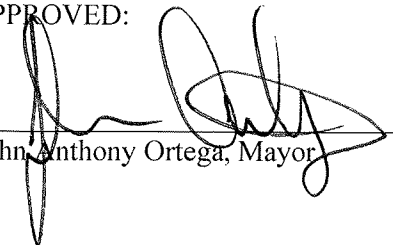
ATTEST:



Valerie Vigil, Clerk



APPROVED:



John Anthony Ortega, Mayor