

VILLAGE OF QUESTA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 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 6:02 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Clerk Valerie Vigil not present, Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon took role, quorum 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:

Dominic Martinez, Administrator
Karen Shannon, VOQ Finance Director
Dylan Crabb, Del Rio News
Christian Isely, Chevron Mine
Lynn Skall, QEDF

Those present virtually were:

Chris DeFillippo, Robles, Rael & Anaya

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales led the pledge

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilwoman Brent Jaramillo

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting June 28, 2022

Councilwoman Gallegos presented some typographical errors
Edits were made and changed.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman Jason Gonzalez

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; Reminded the Council of the dinner at the Monte Carlo, Tuesday 19, 2022 at 5:30 pm. There will be a tour of Mine for the Governing Body on Friday July 22, 2022 from 8:00 am - 11:00 am. Chevron will be sponsoring September 3, 2022 Dia de Los Acequias with music, food, and other elected officials from 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Chevron donated \$13,000 for the Dia de Los Acequias event. All of the proceeds from the tickets sales will be donated to local Acequia Associations.

Public comments closed at 06:11 pm

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- A) Patty Sunday – Follow up items from the last meeting. Kelly Mehrtren from NFL football league will be coming into town Monday July 25, 2022 to meet with various people about the league. She will be presenting at the Council Meeting scheduled for July 26, 2022. There has been a development of a map in Questa for potential commercial and housing sites. The document was presented on the screen to show the specific areas. There was some audio technical difficulties, Patty will try and call in instead.
- B) Lynn Skall- Questa Economic Development Fund. Lynn has been working with Lisa Fox who is researching an agricultural co-op feasibility. Lisa will put together a proposal and present it to Lynn. Lynn has been working together with Patty Sunday for housing developments in Questa. Taos Ski Valley has been interested in purchasing land for employee housing in Questa. QEDF will be contracting for a housing assessment in Questa. QEDF and the Questa Schools have been working together to find a welding instructor for the high school. Lynn stated that their lock box was vandalized and damaged. Carl Colonias has left his position at the Enchanted Circle Association. QEDF and Chevron are also working with the National Renewable Energy lab for green energy in Questa. Questa Studio Tour is scheduled for August 13-14, 2022. Councilman Gonzalez commented that perhaps a camera system should be set up at the Visitors Center.

VIII. ACTION ITEM

- A) Discussion, Consideration, & Decision- Policy to accept debit/credit cards for utility services, Karen Quintana Shannon, Finance Director. Mrs. Karen included in her packet the debit/credit policy for review of the council. Councilwoman Gallegos found a typographical error and asked that it be changed. Motion to approve with changes.

Motion: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

Roll Call:

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

IX. FINANCES

- A) Discussion, Consideration, & Decision, Karen Quintana Shannon Finance Director. FY 2022 4th Quarter Local BAR. Mrs. Quintana Shannon presented the Local BAR to the Council which was included in the packet. Franchise Adjustment Tax went up \$10,000. Worker comp premiums had to be adjusted and the renewal was also due. Fuel cost went up for the Utility trucks. Repairs for a vehicle at the Fire Department. Some new security cameras were placed in various locations of the Village.
Motion to approve with no changes.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

Second: Councilman Brent Jaramillo

Roll Call:

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

- B) Discussion, Consideration, & Decision, Karen Quintana Shannon Finance Director. Mrs. Quintana Shannon presented the State BAR to the council and the report was included in the packet for the Council and Mayor. Motion to approve with no changes.

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

X. MATTERS FROM VILLAGE ATTORNEY- Chris DeFilippo has reviewed the documents for the rate increase from Waste Management. Mr. DeFilippo did ask for additional documentation to ensure that the rate increase is justifiable. Mr. DeFilippo has been working with Chevron to get the Acequias Event up and running properly.

XI. MATTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dominic Martinez, Administrator presented the ICS training and if anyone wanted to attend, they need to register. The training is on July 21, 2022 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm at the Emergency Management Office in Taos. The Mine Tour is still happening on July 22, 2022 from 8:00-11:00 am followed by the tour of La Cienega. NMML Conference is also coming up in August, reminded the Council to let Karen know who will be attending. Update on the Red River Restoration Project is moving along nicely, a pre-bid meeting took place in the Chambers. Some water issues on North Kiowa Rd, but it is being worked on. There is a potential for a new texting system to alert Village people of alerts, outages, etc. More information will be provided at a later time.

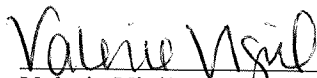
XII. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

Councilman Gonzalez was wondering about the skate park equipment that was purchased and where it could possibly be placed. Administrator Dominic Martinez stated the buildings are currently located at La Cienega. We are hoping when we contract a mover we can also look into having them build the slab for the placement. Councilman Gonzalez provided information that there were some members in the community that felt there should be public restrooms. Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon stated that we the Administration Building has public restrooms. Councilman Jason Gonzalez mentioned perhaps a porta potty at the Farmers Market but there was some concern about misuse of the facility. Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales would like to bring the Fiestas back into Questa in June. Have local food, vendors, music, etc. To be able to fundraise and have the youth involved, the schools, etc. Mayor John Anthony Ortega spoke with Daniel Cordova and they would like to have a 4 day music event. The Village of Questa will be a sponsor and we will try and have the event at Moly Corp Field.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

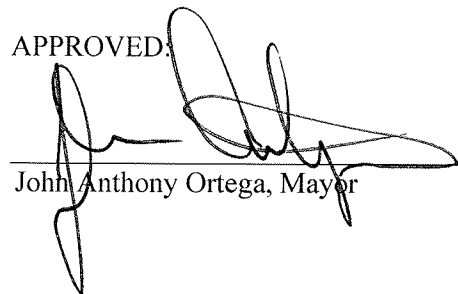
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

ATTEST:


Valerie Vigil, Clerk



APPROVED:


John Anthony Ortega, Mayor