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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
3 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
4 **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022**
5 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA COUNCIL CHAMBERS**
6 **6:00PM**

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8 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

9 Mayor Ortega called the meeting to order at 06:01 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 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

17 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

18 Councilman Brent Jaramillo arrived at 06:09 pm
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20 **Governing Body Absent**

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22 **Others present were:**

23 Karen Quintana Shannon, Finance Director

24 Jacob LaFore, Project Manager

25 Dylan Crabb, Del Rio News

26 Jerome Medina
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28 **Those present virtually were:**

29 Councilman Jason Gonzalez

30 Chris DeFillippo, Village Attorney
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32 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

33 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
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36 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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38 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

39 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
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41 To approve the agenda as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.
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43 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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45 Council Retreat October 22, 2022
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47 Motion to approve the minutes with corrections addressed by Councilwoman Louise Gallegos.
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49 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

50 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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Majority voted yes. Motion carried

Regular Council Meeting October 25, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections addressed by Councilwoman Louise Gallegos.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

Majority voted yes. Motion carried

Special Council Meeting October 27, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections addressed by Councilwoman Louise Gallegos.

Motion: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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 Ended at 06:05 pm.
No one for public comment

VII. ACTION ITEM

A) Discussion, Consideration, & Decision- Variance Application 6 Shirley Drive, Jerome Medina;
Jerome Medina was present. Variance application; Mobile Home on a ½ acre lot; Ordinance states 1 acre is needed.

Motion to approve the Variance Application 6 Shirley Drive, Jerome Medina;

Motion: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
Second: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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

Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration, & Decision- Change Order Cabresto Road Pavement; Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon presented the change order. The change order estimate was given to the Council in their packet.

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101 Motion to Approve the Change Order Cabresto Road Pavement.

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103 **Motion:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

104 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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106 **Roll Call:**

107 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

108 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

109 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

110 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

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112 Majority voted yes. Motion carried

113 C) Discussion, Consideration, & Decision- Resolution No. 2022-24 Shirley Drive Extension; Resolution
114 included in the packet.

115 A motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-24 Shirley Drive Extension.

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117 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

118 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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120 **Roll Call:**

121 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

122 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES

123 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

124 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

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126 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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128 **VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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130 **A) Village of Questa Water Rates-** Water Rate Study has been included in the Council Packet. Public
131 Hearing is scheduled for December 13, 2022, at the Regular Council Meeting. Discussion on the water rate
132 study continued among the Council. A special meeting will be scheduled for November 15, 2022, to further
133 discuss the water rates in depth and to allow the Council to further look at the Water Rate Study provided
134 so a recommendation can be made for the public hearing.

135 **B) La Cienega School-** The Council discussed the funding opportunities that have been presented to help
136 with the recuperation of the school building. La Cienega school is currently in non-working order. Perhaps
137 a feasibility study on the building to help with the recommendation of what to do with it.

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139 **IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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141 **A) Limited personnel matters (Section 10-15-1(11)(2))**

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144 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

145 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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149 **Roll Call:**
150 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
151 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES
152 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES
153 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

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155 Into Executive Session at 06:36 pm

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157 Out of Executive Session at 06:57 pm

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159 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
160 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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162 **Roll Call:**
163 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES
164 Councilman Brent P. Jaramillo YES
165 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

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167 Councilman Jason Gonzalez did not return to the Council Meeting after coming out of executive session.

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170 **X. MATTERS FROM THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

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172 Mr. DeFillippo did not have any updates for the Council at this time. Stood for questions. Councilman
173 Jaramillo asked when the next EPA meeting will be scheduled; Mr. DeFillippo was unsure but will follow
174 up.

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177 **XI. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

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179 Councilwoman Gallegos asked about the expenditures on the financial packet that was included in the
180 Council packet; Mrs. Quintana Shannon addressed the question.

181 Councilwoman Gonzales had a concern about house numbers within the Village of Questa. It is difficult
182 for our EMS/Fire to locate houses due to the high volume of houses that are not numbered. Would like to
183 find a solution to get the houses numbered.

184 Jacob LaFore, Project Manager updated the Council on the completion of the Red River Aquatic Habitat
185 Restoration; There will be a Ribbon Cutting event on December 18, 2022 at 10:00 am to celebrate.

186 Mayor Ortega would like to schedule a follow-up retreat in January with the Council and QEDF.

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188 **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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190 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 07:18 pm.

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194 ATTEST:

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196 *Valerie Vigil*
197 Valerie Vigil, Clerk



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APPROVED:

John Anthony Ortega
John Anthony Ortega, Mayor