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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
3 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
4 **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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 06:04 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 Councilman Brent Jaramillo

18 Councilman Jason Gonzalez
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20 **Governing Body Absent**

21 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
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23 **Others present were:**

24 Elizabeth Roberts, Village Receptionist

25 Dylan Crabb, Del Rio News
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27 **Those present virtually were:**

28 Chris DeFillippo, Village Attorney

29 Maria Gonzalez
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31 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

32 Councilman Jason Gonzalez
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34 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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36 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

37 **Second:** Councilman Jason Gonzalez
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39 To approve the agenda with changes. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.
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41 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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43 Regular Council Meeting November 22, 2022
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45 Motion to approve the minutes with corrections addressed by Councilwoman Louise Gallegos.
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47 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

48 **Second:** Councilman Jason Gonzalez
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50 Majority voted yes. Motion carried

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52 Special Council Meeting November 29, 2022

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54 Motion to approve the minutes as is

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56 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

57 **Second:** Councilman Jason Gonzalez

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59 Majority voted yes. Motion carried

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

65 Public Comment open at 06:06 pm Ended at 06:07 pm.

66 No one for public comment

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69 **VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

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71 **A) USDA/RD Community Facilities Application: Village of Questa Municipal Building**

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73 Public hearing open at 6:14 pm; No one had any comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:16 pm. Public
74 Hearing was published in the Taos News for 14 days.

75 **B) USDA/RD Community Facilities Application: Village of Questa Fire Station**

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77 Public hearing open at 6:17 pm; No one had any comments. Public Hearing closed at 6:22 pm. Public
78 Hearing was published in the Taos News for 14 days.

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81 **VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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83 **A) Public input and discussion on potential water rate increase:**
84 Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon presented slides to the Council and the Public, showing the need for a water
85 rate increase. She broke it down to show the costs and how the low rate is affecting the Village and the
86 Public Works Department.

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89 **IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
(The governing body may convene into Executive Session at this time pursuant to the NM Open Meetings
90 *Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1)*

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92 **A) Limited Personnel Matters (Section 10-5-1 (11)(2))**
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95 Into Executive Session at 06:56 pm

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97 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

98 **Second:** Councilman Jason Gonzalez

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100 Out of Executive Session at 7:10 pm

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102 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

103 **Second:** Councilman Jason Gonzalez

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

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108 Mr. DeFillippo stated he would start working on the sewer and water ordinance, he would also like the
109 Utility Clerk to be present at the next water rate meeting. He also updated on the NREL trip to Denver. It
110 was a great trip and learned a lot. Mr. DeFillippo updated the Council on the Well project as well as the
111 repair of the SCADA system and will be updating the projects with ONRT who have allocated funding for
112 the Village.

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

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116 Mayor Ortega and Mrs. Shannon gave an update on the large leak that occurred on Evergreen. The Public
117 works worked till 3 AM fixing the leak only for another one to arise shortly after within the same area.
118 Shout out to the Public Works for being so diligent and working hard to ensure the water is working for
119 everyone.

120 Mrs. Shannon gave the Council an update of the audit. It has been closed out and finished.

121 Councilor Jaramillo asked about the Village website; He stated there are areas on the website that need to
122 be updated. He also suggested the Council to consider only one meeting per month for the upcoming Open
123 Meetings Act.

124 Mayor Ortega announced the County Fire Chief Mike Cordova received \$300,000.00 grant for a new Water
125 Tender from NM Fire Marshalls Office as well as a \$15,000.00 grant. The Village received a grant for
126 \$20,000.00 for a grant writer/administration from DFA.

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128 **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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130 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 07:34 pm

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Valerie Vigil

Valerie Vigil, Clerk

APPROVED:

John Anthony Ortega

John Anthony Ortega, Mayor

