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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
3 **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
4 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**  
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 06:03 pm.  
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12 **II. ROLL CALL**

13 Valerie Vigil, Village Clerk, called roll; Quorum was present.  
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15 **Governing Body Present**

16 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

17 Councilman Jason Gonzalez

18 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

19 Councilman Brent Jaramillo  
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21 **Governing Body Absent**

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23 **Others present were:**

24 Raynelle Sanchez-Cordova, EMS Director

25 Elizabeth Roberts, Village Receptionist

26 Dylan Crabb, Del Rio News

27 Larry Archuleta  
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29 **Those present virtually were:**

30 Chris DeFillippo, Village Attorney

31 Jeff Lohmeier, Ambitions

32 Lucas Rael, Ambitions

33 Mike Cordova, Taos County Fire Chief  
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35 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

39 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

40 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales  
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43 Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.  
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45 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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47 Regular Council Meeting January 24, 2023  
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49 Motion to approve the minutes with corrections from Councilwoman Gallegos.  
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51 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

52 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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54 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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57 **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*  
58 *your issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may direct staff to*  
59 *address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*  
60 Public comments opened at 06:06 pm and ended at 06:07 pm. No one for Public Comment.

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62 **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

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64 **A) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Village of Questa Request List to Chevron.**

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66 Discussion amongst the Council to finalize the list. Councilwoman Gonzales asked for \$15,000.00 to be  
67 added to the list for the planning of the Questa Fiestas. A decision for priorities was made and the  
68 \$15,000.00 was added. The list is as follows:

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- 70 1. Village of Questa Water Well (Engineer/PER Report) Secure Location of Well and Aquafer  
71 Analysis - \$141,000.00
- 72 2. Replace SCADA System - \$190,000.00
- 73 3. Wildland Fire Truck - \$350,000.00-\$400,000.00
- 74 4. Add an additional clarifier pond to allow for more capacity – \$1-2 million
- 75 5. Planning of Fiestas - \$ 15,000.00
- 76 6. Molycorp Field Upgrades/ Add amphitheater, disk golf, and pickle ball courts.
- 77 7. Future Housing Development & Infrastructure. Plan/Design for roads, electrical, water, natural gas,  
78 and sewer.

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80 A motion to approve the Village of Questa Request List to Chevron.

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82 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

83 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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86 **Roll Call:**

87 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

88 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

89 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

90 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

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92 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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94 **B) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Data Migration & Caselle to the Cloud.**  
95 Mrs. Quintana Shannon presented on the financials of moving over to the Cloud.

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97 A motion to approve the Date Migration & Caselle to the Cloud.

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99 **Motion:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

100 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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102 **Roll Call:**  
103 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
104 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES  
105 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES  
106 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

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108 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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110 **C) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of the Fire Truck (Water Tender) Purchase**

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112 Deputy Fire Chief Raynelle Sanchez-Cordova presented on the importance and need for the new Fire Truck;  
113 County Fire Chief Mike Cordova obtained \$300,000.00 from a grant to pay for most of the Fire Truck and  
114 \$25,000.00 from Chevron for Defensible Spaces that has been approved to use in other ways related to fire  
115 such as the Water Tender.

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117 A motion to approve the purchase of a new fire truck.

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119 **Motion:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

120 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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122 **Roll Call:**

123 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES  
124 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES  
125 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES  
126 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

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128 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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130 **IX. DISCUSSION ITEM**

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132 **A) Village of Questa Beautification Committee –** Councilor Gonzalez along with a few community  
133 members were able to clean up Perovich Park and make it look a little nicer. Councilor Gonzalez stated that  
134 many people have stated they are interested in helping; he also believes that the community should be more  
135 involved in the cleaning and beautification of the Village. Councilor Gonzales would like us to reach out  
136 to the school board and make it a community event that also includes the school. Tentative dates for  
137 February and March are as follows:

138 February 20, 2023

139 March 3, 2023

140 March 17, 2023

141 March 31, 2023

142 A date has not been set yet for a large community clean up day for personal lands and households.

143 It has been agreed upon that if community members help clean the community, they will not be charged for  
144 disposal of trash at the Village dumpster, as long as communication with the Village Administration  
145 happens beforehand.

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148 **XII. MATTERS FROM THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

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150 Village Attorney, Chris DeFilippo presented to the Council and Mayor on the Taos County and La Cienega  
151 Senior Center. The project is moving forward, an MOA with the County has been signed until a lease  
152 agreement has been established. Village Attorney, Chris DeFilippo also stated the water and sewer rate

153 increase will also be on the next meeting. He is taking care of the over diversion credits with the OSC and  
154 ensure that proper documentation will be submitted.

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**XIII. MATTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

- 158 • Mrs. Quintana Shannon commended our Public Works staff as they had dealt with a large leak on  
159 Cabresto Rd. Mrs. Quintana Shannon would like to create a list for every section of time to be more  
160 diligent with time as phone calls are being made during leaks.
- 161 • Mrs. Quintana Shannon stated the 2023 Tahoe for the EMS Director is ready for pick up.
- 162 • Mrs. Karen Quintana Shannon will be out of the office on vacation from Feb 10-21.
- 163 • Councilor Gallegos asked about the leak that was reported at Alta Vista School. It was minor and  
164 it was fixed same day.
- 165 • Mayor Ortega inquired about the Police Vehicles that were purchased by the Village of Questa for  
166 the Police Department. Mrs. Quintana Shannon updated that they are not ready for pick up at this  
167 time.
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**XIV. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

- 172 • Councilor Gonzalez was concerned about the lack of tools that the Public Works Department has  
173 on hand during the time of the dig. He would like to see that each Public Works employee have a  
174 set of their own tools that are used on a daily basis in their own trucks.
- 175 • Councilor Gallegos had some concerns as to the “old” and “new” lines on Cabresto; it was  
176 suggested that perhaps John, Public Works Supervisor could come to the next meeting and explain  
177 it a little more.
- 178 • Mayor Ortega spoke on the water and sewer increase that will be coming up to ensure that our  
179 Public Works has the tools and necessities to ensure that the Village of Questa continue running  
180 smoothly.
- 181 • Mayor Ortega stated that the Village of Questa is still recruiting law enforcement officers to ensure  
182 that the Village of Questa is safe and the community members feel safe.
- 183 • March 28, 2023 Regular Council Meeting will be cancelled as the Mayor and Councilor Jaramillo  
184 will be out of town at Conference.

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**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

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189 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 07:29 pm

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193 ATTEST:

194 *Valerie Vigil*  
195 Valerie Vigil, Clerk  
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193 APPROVED:

194 *[Handwritten Signature]*  
195 John Anthony Ortega, Mayor  
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