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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
3 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
4 **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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 06:00 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 Nadine Herrera, Utilities Clerk

32 Jacob LaFore, Project Manager

33 De'Aun Willugby, Auditor

34 Arvind Patel, NV5

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36 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

37 Ronald Montez, Village of Questa Police Chief

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39 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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41 **Motion:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

42 **Second:** Councilman Jason Gonzalez

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44 Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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46 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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48 Regular Council Meeting February 7, 2023

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50 Motion to approve the minutes with corrections from Councilwoman Gallegos.

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Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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 comments opened at 06:02 pm and ended at 06:03 pm. No one for Public Comment.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A) Water and Sewer Rate Increase; Amending Ordinance 2015-14.
Public Hearing began at 06:03 pm.
06:06 pm there was technical difficulty with the online connections. Council Meeting went into recess to resolve the communication issues.

Motion to come out of recess.

Motion: Councilman Jason Gonzalez
Second: Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

Public Hearing ended at 06:27 pm; No one for Public Hearing.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Water and Sewer Rate Increase; Amending Ordinance 2015-14

A motion to approve the Village of Questa Water and Sewer Rate Increase with changes to Page 3; Letter E to \$25.00 presented by Mrs. Shannon.

Motion: Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
Second: Councilman Jason Gonzalez

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

Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

B) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Extension of Taos County Sheriff’s Office Contract
Mr. Montez presented the need for an additional month extension with the Taos County Sheriff’s Office.

102 A motion to approve the extension of Taos County Sheriff's Office Contract

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104 **Motion:** Councilman Jason Gonzalez

105 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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107 **Roll Call:**

108 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

109 Councilman Jason Gonzalez NO

110 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

111 Councilman Brent Jaramillo ABSTAIN

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113 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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115 C) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2023-04 Acceptance and Approval of FY22 Audit

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117 De'Aun Willoughby presented the Audit and findings for the Village of Questa.

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119 A motion to approve the resolution 2023-04 Acceptance and Approval of FY22 Audit

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121 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

122 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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124 **Roll Call:**

125 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

126 Councilman Jason Gonzalez YES

127 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

128 Councilman Brent Jaramillo YES

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130 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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132 **IX. DISCUSSION ITEM**

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134 A) Cabresto Waterline; Mr. Patel presented on the Cabresto Waterline updates/upgrades. Due to a large
135 leak on Cabresto Rd that recently happened, there was some concern as to why it was happening.
136 Councilwoman Gallegos had a concern about the leak and “if the upgrades were made, why was there a
137 leak?”. Mr. Patel explained that this section and area was different from the initial upgrades that were
138 finished in the summer of 2022. We hope to further fund and finish phase II and III on Cabresto Road.

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

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143 OSE meeting will be scheduled for March 16th, 2023. Mr. DeFillippo would like to schedule a Chevron
144 Quarterly meeting for April 4th or 5th, 2023.

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146 **XIII. MATTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

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- 148 • Mrs. Quintana Shannon presented the remaining funds that need to be paid off for the new fire
149 truck. Fire Protection fund of \$28,000.00 may be allocated to pay and the remaining \$1200.00 may
150 be taken out of ARPA. Mrs. Shannon will put in a BAR if approved.

- 151 • The Village of Questa received the Small Cities Assistance in the amount of \$336,398.75. The
152 Mayor may want to use the money for some matches for upcoming projects including engineering
153 for the Sewer Plant.
154 • Mrs. Vigil presented the Quality-of-Life Grant that was granted to the Village of Questa for a new
155 playground. Procurement will start in the spring of 2023.
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157 **XIV. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

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- 159 • Councilwoman Gallegos stated there will be a Healing Field meeting scheduled for March 7, 2023,
160 at 6pm in the Chambers for community input.
 - 161 • Councilwoman Gallegos would like an update from the Village Lobbyist Robert Romero
 - 162 • Councilwoman Gallegos asked for a list of new businesses that have opened in Questa and to update
163 as they come in.
 - 164 • Mayor Ortega stated Larry Sanchez would like to have a car show in the Village of Questa. Larry
165 asked the Mayor about possibly having it in town and having law enforcement close down roads.
166 Chief Montez stated that cannot happen and proper permits need to be obtained prior in order for
167 roads to be closed down.
 - 168 • Councilman Gonzalez stated Chevron Mine is getting ready to update their fleet and would like to
169 follow up with the Village about getting a car from Chevron Mine.
 - 170 • Councilor Gonzalez spoke on the sign that is currently located near Jeanie Masters property. He
171 would like to follow up with where the sign will be moved.
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173 **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

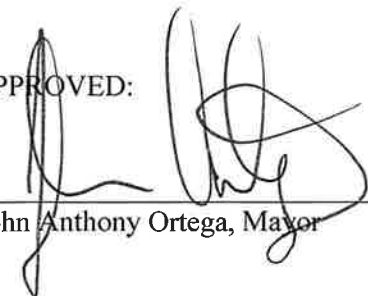
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175 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 08:17 pm
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179 ATTEST:

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182 Valerie Vigil, Clerk
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John Anthony Ortega, Mayor