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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**
3 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
4 **TUESDAY, May 23rd, 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**

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17 Councilor Jason Gonzalez
18 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
19 Councilor Brent Jaramillo
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21 **Governing Body Absent**

22 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos
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24 **Others present were:**

25 Elizabeth Roberts, Village Receptionist
26 Larry Sanchez, EMS
27 Samantha Cordova, EMS
28 Raynelle Sanchez Cordova, EMS Director
29 John Rael, Public Works Director
30 Donald Casaus, Public Works
31 Alyssah Duran
32 Jose Duran
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34 **Those present virtually were:**

35 None present virtually.
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37 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

38 All
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40 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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42 **Motion:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez
43 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
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45 Changes presented: Remove Item XI; Matters from Village Attorney
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47 Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.
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49 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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51 Regular Council Meeting May 9, 2023

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53 Motion to approve the minutes. Councilwoman Gallegos provided corrections to the Clerk ahead of the
54 meeting.

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56 **Motion:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

57 **Second:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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59 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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61 **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - *(It is the policy of the Governing Body to accept public comment. Because*
62 *your issue is not on the agenda the Governing Body cannot respond immediately but may direct staff to*
63 *address issues at a future Council Meeting. Public comments are limited to a maximum of three minutes.)*
64 Public comments opened at 06:02 pm and ended at 06:03 pm. No one for Public Comment.

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67 **VII. PRESENTATION**

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69 A) EMS Week Proclamation
70 Mayor John Ortega read the proclamation in honor of EMS Week. The Village of Questa is thankful
71 for our EMS Staff.

72 B) Public Works Week Proclamation
73 Mayor John Ortega read the proclamation in honor of Public Works Week. The Village of Questa
74 is thankful for our Public Works Staff.

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76 Motion to go into a 10-minute recess at 06:09 pm

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78 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo
79 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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81 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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83 Motion to come out recess at 06:20 pm

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85 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo
86 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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88 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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91 **IX. ACTION ITEM**

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93 A) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision; Feasibility Study La Cienega Procurement

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95 Motion to approve Feasibility Study La Cienega Procurement

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97 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo
98 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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100 **Roll Call:**
101 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

102 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES
103 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES
104 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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106 B) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Cabresto Drainage and Culverts Procurement
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108 Motion to approve the Cabresto Drainage and Culverts Procurement

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110 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo
111 **Second:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez
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113 **Roll Call:**
114 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES
115 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES
116 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES
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118 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.
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120 C) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Resolution 2023-09 Sponsorship for Transportation
121 Project Fund, Embargo Road
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123 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-09 Sponsorship for Transportation Project Fund, Embargo Road
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125 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo
126 **Second:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez
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128 **Roll Call:**
129 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES
130 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES
131 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES
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133 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.
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136 D) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Resolution 2023-10 Sponsorship for Transportation
137 Project Fund, Lower Embargo Road
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139 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-10 Sponsorship for Transportation Project Fund, Lower Embargo Road
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141 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo
142 **Second:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez
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144 **Roll Call:**
145 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES
146 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES
147 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES
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149 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.
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154 E) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Resolution 2023-11 Sponsorship for Transportation
155 Project Fund, Lower Embargo Road Bridge #08532
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157 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-11 Sponsorship for Transportation Project Fund, Lower Embargo Road
158 Bridge #08532
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160 **Motion:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez
161 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
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163 **Roll Call:**
164 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES
165 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES
166 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES
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168 Majority voted yes. Motion carried
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170 F) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2023-12 Sponsorship for Transportation
171 Project Fund, Cabresto Phase III
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173 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-12 Sponsorship for Transportation Project Fund, Cabresto Phase III
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175 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo
176 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales
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178 **Roll Call:**
179 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES
180 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES
181 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES
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183 Majority voted yes. Motion carried
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185 G) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2023-13 Sponsorship for Transportation
186 Project Fund, Cabresto Phase II
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188 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-13 Sponsorship for Transportation Project Fund, Cabresto Phase II
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190 **Motion:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez
191 **Second:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo
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193 **Roll Call:**
194 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES
195 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES
196 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES
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198 Majority voted yes. Motion carried
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X. DISCUSSION ITEM

- A) Local Election Act. Mayor Ortega and the Council discussed the possibility of entering into the Local Election Act. It was asked by the Village Clerk to have a response submitted to her no later than Wednesday May 31, 2023, if the Council would like to proceed.

XI. FINANCE

- A) FY 24 Interim Budget and Approval

Mrs. Shannon presented to the Council the FY 24 Interim Budget for approval.

Motion to approve FY 24 Interim Budget and Approval

Motion: Councilor Brent Jaramillo

Second: Councilor Jason Gonzalez

Roll Call:

Councilor Jason Gonzalez	YES
Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales	YES
Councilor Brent Jaramillo	YES

Majority voted yes. Motion carried

XII. MATTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

- Mrs. Shannon presented to the Council; Chief Montez provided a Memorial Day Weekend plan of action to the Council for Mrs. Shannon to share. She was very impressed.
- Healing Field Ceremony will be held on Memorial Day at 1:00 pm
- The current ICIP was shared with the Council for review. The new ICIP is due August 18, 2023
- The New Mexico Municipal League is in Farmington for the year 2023 August 30-September 1
- Tammy Mascarenas has been hired for the MVD Position
- No attendance for the CDBG public hearing
- The Village offices will be closed for Memorial Day
- Ambitions will need to look over the Councilors computers after the password change was requested.
- David Estrada will be at the admin office for a safety review

XIII. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

- Councilor Jason Gonzalez presented to the Council an update on the Landfill.
- Holy Cross has narrowed down the candidates to two people for the medical board.
- Community Clean up is still under way and on going.
- Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales gave an update on the Questa Fiestas
- Mayor Ortega updated the Council on a meeting with the OSE and continued discussion of water rights.

- 253 • Mayor Ortega stated DBS&A have proposed three locations for the build of the new water well.
254 Continued discussion will occur with the admin staff.
255 • Mayor Ortega would like the Council to start thinking about the Lodger's Tax and implementation
256 including the zoning board.
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258 **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

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260 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 07:24 pm
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264 ATTEST:

265 Valerie Vigil
266 Valerie Vigil, Clerk
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APPROVED:

John Anthony Ortega
John Anthony Ortega, Mayor