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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
3 **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
4 **THURSDAY, JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup>, 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 06:02 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 Councilor Jason Gonzalez

17 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales- Arrived at 06:04 pm

18 Councilor Brent Jaramillo- Arrived at 06:19 pm

19 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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21 **Governing Body Absent**

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24 **Others present were:**

25 Honorable Judge Michael Rael

26 Elizabeth Roberts, Village Receptionist

27 Dylan Crabb, Del Rio Newspaper

28 Erminio Martinez

29 Robert Martinez

30 Gillian Joyce

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32 **Those present virtually were:**

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34 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

35 Honorable Judge Rael

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38 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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40 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

41 **Second:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

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43 Changes presented; Remove Item X.

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45 Motion to approve the agenda with changes. Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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47 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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49 Regular Council Meeting May 9, 2023

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51 Motion to approve the minutes.

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53 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

54 **Second:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

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56 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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

61 Open at 06:05 pm. No one for public comment. Closed at 06:06 pm.

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64 **VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

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66 A) Local Election Act- Public hearing opened at 06:09 pm. The following individuals spoke during  
67 public comment.

68 • Honorable Judge Rael

69 • Bobby Ortega

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71 Public Hearing ended at 06:11 pm

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73 **VIII. PRESENTATION**

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75 A) Animal Ordinance, Honorable Judge Rael. Judge Rael presented to the Council his concerns and  
76 thoughts about the Ordinance regarding Animal Control. He would like to revisit the Ordinance  
77 and make changes as needed to ensure that the Village of Questa can enforce them or set up a  
78 contract with the shelter. It will be revisited at a later date to make changes.

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81 **IX. ACTION ITEM**

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83 A) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision; Resolution 2023-18 FY 2024 Per Diem

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85 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-18 FY 2024 Per Diem

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87 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

88 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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90 **Roll Call:**

91 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

92 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

93 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

94 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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96 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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98 B) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2023-19 Support of Local Ranchers &  
99 Grazing Rights

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101 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-19 Support of Local Ranchers & Grazing Rights .

102 **Motion:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

103 **Second:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

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105 **Roll Call:**

106 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

107 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

108 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

109 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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111 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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113 C) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- CDBG Project

114 Jacob LaFore, Project Manager presented to the Council the proposed projects. Upon discussion it  
115 was agreed to move forward with the La Cienega Demolition Project.

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117 Motion to approve suggested project for La Cienega Demolition.

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119 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

120 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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122 **Roll Call:**

123 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

124 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

125 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

126 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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128 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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131 D) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Ordinance 2023-154 Local Election Act

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133 Motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2023-154 Local Election Act

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135 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

136 **Second:** Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales

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138 **Roll Call:**

139 Councilor Jason Gonzalez NO

140 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales YES

141 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

142 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos NO

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144 Vote was tie. Mayor Ortega broke the tie and voted for YES to opt into the Local Election Act

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146 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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**XI. MATTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

- Mrs. Shannon shared with the Council the Village Administration building will be closed July 2, 2023. The staff will continue to work but will be closed to the public due to the migration of Caselle to the cloud.
- Mrs. Shannon asked Mr. LaFore to speak. Mr. LaFore showed the ICIP to the Council and asked that they look over and rank what they seem fit for the Village of Questa. Deadlines he reminded them of; July 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, he is asking for their ICIP rankings and July 25<sup>th</sup>; he would like their final ICIP Rankings.
- Mrs. Shannon wants to confirm the July 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting due to the fact that Mayor Ortega and Councilor Jaramillo will not be present due to being at a conference. All Councilors agreed to attend.

**XII. MATTERS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS**

- Councilor Gonzalez has switched voting roles on the NPRTPO board. Jacob LaFore is primary voting member and Councilor Gonzalez will be secondary.
- Councilwoman Gallegos apologized for her behavior at the previous meeting. She will not be resigning her position as Councilwoman for the Village of Questa as stated in the previous Council Meeting.
- Mayor Ortega stated Chevron Mining will be donating the parking lot “land” located at Moly Corp Field to the Village of Questa.

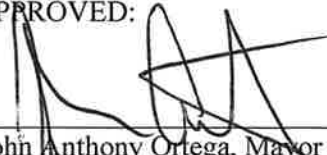
**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 07:56 pm

ATTEST:

  
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Valerie Vigil, Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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John Anthony Ortega, Mayor

