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2 **VILLAGE OF QUESTA**  
3 **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
4 **TUESDAY, JULY 25<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 Mayor John Ortega  
17 Councilor Jason Gonzalez (present virtually)  
18 Councilor Brent Jaramillo  
19 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
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21 **Governing Body Absent**

22 Councilwoman Katrina Gonzales  
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24 **Others present were:**

25 Dylan Crabb, Del Rio Newspaper  
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28 **Those present virtually were:**

29 Chris DeFillippo, Village Attorney  
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32 **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

33 Councilor Brent Jaramillo  
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35 **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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37 Motion to add Executive Session, Pending Litigation

38 Motion to approve the agenda with changes.  
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40 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

41 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos  
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43 **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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45 Regular Council Meeting July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
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47 Motion to approve the minutes; no changes.  
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49 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

50 **Second:** Councilman Brent Jaramillo

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52 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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

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59 **IX. ACTION ITEM**

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61 A) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision; Resolution 2023-23 Lower Embargo Road Extension  
62 Request

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64 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-23 Lower Embargo Road Extension Request

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66 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

67 **Second:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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69 **Roll Call:**

70 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

71 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

72 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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74 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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76 B) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Resolution 2023-24 Shirley Drive Extension Request

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78 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-24 Shirley Drive Extension Request

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80 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

81 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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83 **Roll Call:**

84 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

85 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

86 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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88 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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90 C) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Resolution 2023-25 LGPF Comprehensive Plan

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92 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-25 LGPF Comprehensive Plan

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94 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

95 **Second:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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97 **Roll Call:**

98 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

99 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

100 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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102 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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105 **D) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Approval for Donation of Land from Chevron**

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107 Motion to approve Donation of Land from Chevron

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109 **Motion:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

110 **Second:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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112 **Roll Call:**

113 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

114 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

115 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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117 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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120 **E) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Resolution 2023-26 for FY2023 Final Quarter Financial Report**

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123 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-26 for FY2023 Final Quarter Financial Report

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125 **Motion:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

126 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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128 **Roll Call:**

129 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

130 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

131 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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133 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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135 **F) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Resolution 2023-27 for FY 2023-24 Budget Adoption**

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137 Motion to approve Resolution 2023-27 for FY 2023-24 Budget Adoption

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139 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

140 **Second:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

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142 **Roll Call:**

143 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

144 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

145 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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147 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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149 **G) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Out of State Travel, Caselle Conference, Valerie Vigil & Jacob LaFore**

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152 Motion to approve Out of State Travel, Caselle Conference, Valerie Vigil & Jacob LaFore

153 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

154 **Second:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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156 **Roll Call:**

157 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

158 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

159 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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161 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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163 **H) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Proposed Lobbyist and Contract**

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165 Motion to approve proposed Lobbyist and Contract

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167 **Motion:** Councilor Jason Gonzalez

168 **Second:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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170 **Roll Call:**

171 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

172 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

173 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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175 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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177 **I) Discussion, Consideration, and Decision- Approval of Questa Municipal Park Procurement**

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179 Motion to approve Questa Municipal Park Procurement

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181 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

182 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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184 **Roll Call:**

185 Councilor Jason Gonzalez YES

186 Councilor Brent Jaramillo YES

187 Councilwoman Louise Gallegos YES

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189 Majority voted yes. Motion carried.

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192 **VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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194 **A) ICIP Final Ranking**

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196 Jacob LaFore, Project Manager presented to the Council the current rankings from the previous meeting. A

197 copy of the rankings was given to the Council for review. Proposed changes were given to Jacob. Final

198 ICIP will be approved at the next meeting.

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200 **IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

201 *(The Governing Body may convene into Executive Session at this time pursuant to the NM Open Meetings*

202 *Act NMSA 1978 10-15-1)*

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204 A) Purchase of Land 10-15-1 (H)(8)

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207 Into Executive Session at 07:07 pm

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209 **Motion:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

210 **Second:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

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212 Out of Executive Session at 07:34 pm

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214 **Motion:** Councilor Brent Jaramillo

215 **Second:** Councilwoman Louise Gallegos

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

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219 Chris DeFillippo updated the Council on the overflow credit approval that has been returned to the Village  
220 of Questa from the OSE.

221 He also updated the Council on the current funding from ONRT for the sewer.

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224 **X. MATTERS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR**

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226 ● Mrs. Shannon updated the Council, there was a constituent that applauded Russell and Antonio for  
227 clearing some branches and the good job that they did.

228 ● Valerie and Chief Montez applied for an Officer Recruitment Grant

229 ● Chief Montez and Mayor Ortega met with the Friends of the Animals. It was concluded there is  
230 a need for Animal Control and the situation will be looked at to see what options we have to  
231 pursue this issue.

232 ● We are fully on board with the NMSIF, we will be having a site inspection for safety.

233 ● Workman's Comp audit has been completed.

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

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237 ● Councilwoman Louise Gallegos would like to ensure Flags are being ordered to replace in the town  
238 center.

239 ● Councilor Brent Jaramillo would like the staff to work on amending the Open Meetings Act to  
240 include a consent agenda.

241 ● Councilor Jason Gonzalez updated the Council on the Landfill.

242 ● Mayor Ortega updated the Council, Jacob LaFore will be working on the Auction to sell the  
243 vehicles that are longer working at the Village.

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246 **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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248 There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 08:00 pm

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251 ATTEST:

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APPROVED:

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Valerie Vigil  
Valerie Vigil, Clerk

John Anthony Ortega, Mayor

