



Phone (575) 546-8848 · Fax (575) 546-6442
E-MAIL: deming@cityofdeming.org Website: www.cityofdeming.org
P.O. BOX 706 · DEMING, NEW MEXICO 88031
POPULATION 14,000

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
November 13, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes – City Council Meeting 10/09/17
 - B. Minutes – Special City Council Meeting 10/18/17
 - C. Minutes – Airport Commission Meeting 10/10/17
 - D. Minutes – Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 10/16/17
 - a. Recommendation to approve a special use permit request for a telecommunication tower to be located on the west side of South Eighth Street and north of Dona Ana Road (*To be presented later in meeting as a Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing*)
 - E. Minutes – Tourism Development Committee Meeting 10/26/17
 - a. Recommendation and approval to appoint a new member to the board (*To be presented later in the Consent Agenda*)
 - F. Minutes – Marshall Memorial Library Board Meeting 10/31/17
 - G. Minutes – Historic Landmark Commission Meeting 10/17/17
 - H. Approval of 2018 Holiday Schedule
 - I. Ratification of Appointments to the 2018 Labor-Management Relations Board
 - J. Approval of Appointment to the Tourism Development Committee
 - K. Approval of Appointment to the Historical Landmark Commission
 - L. Out of State Travel Request for Vicki Engle to attend the National Public Employers Labor-Relations Association Annual Training Conference in Charleston SC, April 15-19, 2018
2. Public Forum
3. Proclamation Announcing Small Business Saturday
4. Proclamation Announcing American Diabetes Month
5. Ratification of Veterans Day Proclamation
6. Approval of Disposal of the Peru Mill Tailing Piles
7. Approval to Dispose of Asset with a Fair Market Value of less than \$5,000
8. Approval to Include a General Obligation Bond Question on the 2018 Municipal Election Ballot
9. Procurement:
 - a. RFP #18-03 Cedar Street Sidewalks Improvements-Phase I
 - b. RFP #18-10 Eighth Street and Country Club Road Drainage Improvements
10. Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings to Consider a Special Use Permit for a Telecommunications Tower to be Located on the West side of South Eighth Street and North of Dona Ana Road

11. Administrator's Report

12. Adjourn Meeting

The next regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES November 13, 2017

Council Present: Benny L. Jasso, Mayor
David L. Sanchez, Councilor

Joe "Butter" Milo, Councilor
Dr. Victor Cruz, Mayor Pro- Tem

Council/Staff Absent: Roxana Rincon, Councilor

Staff Present: Aaron Sera, City Administrator
Bryan Reedy, Community Svcs. Director
Jim Massengill, Public Works Director
Jim Foy, City Attorney

Raul Mercado, Fire Chief
Bobby Orosco, Police Chief
Gina Gentile, City Planner
Mary Corral, Receptionist

Recording Secretary: Lila Jasso, Administrative Secretary

Mayor Jasso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Consent Agenda

Mr. Sera presented the consent agenda and stated that he had nothing to bring to the Council's attention.

Councilor Milo moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Councilor Sanchez seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

2. Public Forum

Mayor Jasso opened the public forum session. The following persons had comments:

- Laurie Findley, 10280 Hwy 549 SE, Deming MainStreet, Chamber of Commerce, Visitor Center.
- Rene Salgado, Presbyterian Health Center, 300 S. Diamond Ave.

Mayor Jasso closed the public forum session.

3. Proclamation Announcing Small Business Saturday

Mayor Jasso read the proclamation into record.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz moved to accept the proclamation announcing Small Business Saturday. Councilor Milo, seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

4. Proclamation Announcing American Diabetes Month

Mayor Jasso read the proclamation into record.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz moved to accept the proclamation announcing American Diabetes Month. Councilor Milo seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

5. Ratification of Veterans Day Proclamation

Mayor Jasso read the proclamation into record.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz moved to ratify the Veterans Day Proclamation. Councilor Sanchez seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

6. Approval of Disposal of the Peru Mill Tailing Piles

Mr. Sera presented this item to Mayor Jasso and Council. He stated that he had previously brought this before Council for discussion and it was determined that the City needed to have the asset analyzed. He went on to say that he contacted Michael Hensley from New Mexico Tech to have them find someone to analyze the asset. Mr. Sera stated that based on the information contained in the memo from Mr. Hensley, his opinion is that the asset does not have any monetary value. He went on to say that the benefit to the City would be that it would create 60 acres of usable land, once removed, cleaned up, at remediated, which is currently unusable. Mr. Sera went on to explain that in order to do that, the City would need to set up some restrictions with the interested party, as to the time frame they have to remove the tailings. He also stated that they would be required to get a performance bond for the project, and he would work with Mr. Foy, City Attorney, to review all legalities related to this project.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz stated that Mr. Sera mentioned that previously another entity had made an offer and was interested in the tailings. Mr. Sera explained that back in about 2012, it was brought before the Council that somebody was interested in the tailings pile. However, after they had some samples analyzed, they realized that there really wasn't anything of value for them and decided that they didn't want the tailings anymore. Mr. Sera stated that the current interested party is the Santa Fe Gold Company. He mentioned that one of the representatives stated that they may want to extract the iron out of the tailings for their use.

Councilor Milo asked if the tailings would be processed here, in Deming. Mr. Sera responded that it appears that the tailings would be taken somewhere else for processing, or possibly if they can purchase the property nearby, they will process here. Mr. Sera mentioned that the representative stated that they may also take the tailing to Lordsburg for processing. He also stated that they could transport them to Tucson processing.

Councilor Sanchez asked if they mentioned a time line as to how long it would take for them to get the tailings out of the current area. Mr. Sera stated they did not, but that would probably be a further discussed once things are closer to being finalized.

Mr. Sera recommended to Council that this should be further researched to see if they can sell the tailings and clear out the land for future use. He also mentioned that the research would entail making sure there is no liability that could fall back on the City. He also reiterated the requirement of a performance bond on behalf of the interested party. Councilor Sanchez concurred with the performance bond requirement.

Councilor Milo asked about the reclamation of the tailings. Councilor Sanchez mentioned that he recalls a finding from the State regarding this area. Mr. Sera stated that the State has not responded to the finding they had, which the City responded to about a month ago. Mr. Sera

stated that the City is waiting for a report on how to address the discrepancies they have, but as of today, they have not received a response from the State.

Councilor Sanchez since the tailings have been sitting out there so long and the possibility of it leaching into the ground may be, will they be required to go below grade to remove the tailings. Mr. Sera stated that they will have to do what is required or mandated by the State.

Councilor Milo moved to approve the request for disposal of the Peru Mill Tailings Piles. Councilor Sanchez made a friendly amendment to include authorizing staff to negotiate and execute the required documents necessary for this transaction. Councilor Sanchez seconded the first motion. Councilor Milo accepted and seconded the friendly amendment. Both the motion to approve and friendly amendment carried unanimously.

7. Approval to Dispose of Asset with a Fair Market Value of less than \$5,000

Mr. Sera stated that this process is required whenever the City is disposing of any assets. He stated that the asset as hand is a DesignJet Plotter that the Engineering Department used, which has now become obsolete. He went on to say that this request be approved by Council before further action can be taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz moved to approve disposal of this asset, DesignJet Plotter, with a fair market value of less than \$5,000. Councilor Milo seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

8. Approval to Include a General Obligation Bond Question on the 2018 Municipal Election Ballot

Mr. Sera stated that he had previously mentioned the possibility of this happening at the Budget Workshop, earlier this year. He stated that the City is trying to figure out a creative way to fund some street projects. Mr. Sera went on to say that in order to get this question on the ballot, it must be approved by the Council be placed on the Election Resolution, which will be presented at the December City Council meeting. Mr. Sera stated that he wants to make sure there is no discrepancy on the Election Resolution. He stated that staff from George K. Baum & Company, and Linda Melendres from Melendres & Melendres P.C. were available to present. He then introduced Clint Elkins from George K. Baum & Company.

Mr. Elkins gave his presentation of the General Obligation Bond and went over financing options. He referred to page 3 of the presentation-General Obligation Bonding Capacity. He noted that municipalities in the state of New Mexico are allowed to bond up to a 4% of their assessed valuation. He further noted that Deming's asessed valuation is \$254,042,936 meaning the City could issue up to \$10,161,717 in General Obligation (GO) Bonds. Mr. Elkins stated that currently the City has no GO debt. He went on to stated that the bond would be repaid from ad valorem property taxes. He mentioned that typically, the maximum term is a 20-year financing. He explained the scenario for the 20-year term.

Linda Melendres, Bond Attorney, called attention to slide 5 which list all the authorized purposes that a GO bond could be used for. She stated that City is wanting to improve and repair some streets, and stated that this would fall under letter "G" on the list: "*laying off,*

opening, constructing, repairing, and otherwise improving municipal alleys, streets, public roads and bridges, or any combination thereof;". She stated that the sample question could be the following:

"Shall the City of Deming issue up to \$ _____ of general obligation bonds, to be repaid from property taxes, for the purpose of _____?"

For general obligation _____ bonds

Against general obligation _____ bonds

Mr. Sera asked Ms. Melendres if a separate question would be necessary if the projects fall under different purposes on the GO Bond Authorized Purposes list. She stated that they would have to be presented as separate questions.

Councilor Milo asked for clarification about the financing options. Mr. Elkins stated that the maximum term would be 20 years, however it could be set for a lesser term.

Ms. Melendres referred to page 6, which outline important dates regarding the Election Calendar. She referenced the approval of the Election Resolution on December 11th and once the resolution is adopted, it must be published two times, with the final publication being 60 days before the election.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked for clarification on which tax questions must go on the ballot and which as opposed to which taxes don't. Ms. Melendres stated that all General Obligation Bond questions must go on the ballot and Gross Receipt axes can be imposed by Council approval.

Mr. Sera referred to page 4, and explained that a Mill Levy cannot be imposed by the governing body, and must go before the voters for approval. He further stated that this presentation was to inform Council on the proposed GO bond and to help them decide if they would approve pursuing the GO bond on the ballot.

A brief discussion was entertained between Councilor Milo and Mr. Sera regarding the Mill Levy.

Councilor Sanchez asked if the total GO bond would be for a total of \$3 million. Mr. Sera stated that the proposal is for a total of \$3 million for 2 years. Mr. Sera further explained how other municipalities have addressed GO bond elections.

Councilor Milo asked if the bond is approved for streets, would the City need to purchase new equipment. Mr. Sera stated that the streets project would be contracted out. He also stated that the projects would be based off the Streets Maintenance Plan put together by Mr. Reedy, Community Services Director.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked for clarification regarding the Hold Harmless GRT increase which

was bonded for street projects. Mr. Sera explained that the State did not pass the tax reform bill, and the \$500,000 which was bonded is being used for Street maintenance and repair. He also mentioned that the City propose a GO bond for the citizens to decide upon. A brief discussion was entertained regarding the GO bond. Mayor Pro Tem Cruz stated that in order for the citizens to by-in to and elect the GO bond, the public is going to have to be well educated on the bond and what it entails in regards on what it's going to cost them.

Councilor Sanchez concurred that educating the public is key.

Mr. John Archuleta, George K. Baum & Company, interjected and addressed Mayor Pro Tem Cruz's comments. He stated that they, as your municipal advisors, will put together a pre-election brochure which will state how the money is going to be spent, when the election will take place, and what the financing plan will be for different projects. Mr. Archuleta stated that they will get the information out to the voters so they can fully understand, or are at least comfortable with the information that is out there. He noted that public funds can be used to present facts to voters to let them know what is happening.

Mayor Jasso asked for action from the Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked Mr. Sera what is his opinion of the matter. Mr. Sera stated that he feels this is something the City needs to do and explained the current budget in comparison to the costs entailed in maintaining and repairing the streets. He stated that this is a financial strategy that is beneficial to the City that can be spread out over a period. Mr. Sera went on to say that he recommends the questions of the GO bond be related to streets maintenance and repair, based on the responses from the staff meeting held earlier this month. Mr. Sera explained some of the requirements of this bond, specifically the establishment of a bond rating for the City.

A brief discussion was entertained between Council and staff regarding the use of the funds.

Councilor Sanchez moved to approve the General Obligation Bond question on the 2018 Regular Election ballot. Mayor Pro Tem Cruz seconded the motion. Councilor Milo proposed a question to what the GO bond would be for, streets only or other projects. Councilor Milo recommends that only one questions, pertaining to streets, be on the ballot. Councilor Sanchez made a friendly amendment for the questions on the ballot to pertain to streets projects only. Mayor Pro Tem Cruz seconded the friendly amendment. Both the motion to approve the question and the friendly amendment carried, unanimously.

9. Procurement:

a. RFP #18-03 Cedar Street Sidewalks Improvements-Phase I

Mr. Massengill presented the bid to Mayor Jasso and Council. He stated that three (3) bids were received for the referenced bid and opened on October 24, 2017. Marrow Enterprises, Inc. submitted the lowest combined bid amount, for the five bid lots, of \$444,254.80 excluding NMGR. He went on to say that a bid package review was conducted by or engineering consultant and Morrow Enterprises, Inc. complies with the bid requirements

and is qualified to perform the required work. Mr. Massengill also stated that NMDOT conducted an independent review of the bid package, and concurs with the recommendation forward to Morrow Enterprises, Inc. He referenced the documentation contained in the packet. Mr. Massengill also stated that staff recommends awarding the construction bid to Morrow Enterprises, Inc. and requests authorization for the Public Works Director and/or City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Morrow Enterprises, Inc. and execute any documents related to this project.

Mr. Massengill gave a brief history of the funding obtained to install sidewalks down East Cedar Street. He noted that the City has obtained Transportation Alternative Project (TAP) funds along with City funds for the sidewalks. He explained that lots 1-4 will include sidewalks from Cedar Street near the Pine Street intersection to Country Club Road. The other portion will cover sidewalks starting in the area near the new hotels on Cedar Street.

Mr. Massengill stated that the NMDOT has approved the project plans and that they are asking for Council's approval to proceed.

Councilor Sanchez asked if this sidewalk project will interfere with the Voiers Park Pond project. Mr. Sera stated that the project allows for a drive-pad to access into Voiers Park. Mr. Massengill stated that it should not interfere and that the details will be worked out during construction.

Councilor Sanchez asked if the property owners will have input for drive-pad access. Mr. Massengill stated that this project is for sidewalks only and the drive-pads are already in place.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz stated that he feels the funding for the sidewalks could be used more fruitfully if they are installed in a more populated area where it will be utilized more. Mr. Sera stated that the Cedar Street sidewalk project has been a long-term project in the works for about 8 years, and the funds for it have now been obtained to proceed.

Councilor Sanchez moved to approve RFP #18-03 Cedar Street Sidewalks Improvements-Phase I, as presented. Councilor Milo seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

b. RFP #18-10 Eighth Street and Country Club Road Drainage Improvements

Mr. Massengill presented this item to Mayor Jasso and Council. He stated that four (4) bids were received for the referenced bid and opened on November 8, 2017. He went on to say that Diamond Construction submitted the lowest combined bid amount for the base bid and the two additive alternates in the amount of \$222,246.10 excluding NMGRT. Mr. Massengill stated that a bid package review was conducted by our engineering consultant and Diamond Construction complies with the bid requirements and is qualified to perform the required work.

Mr. Massengill stated that there is sufficient funding available to construct the Base Bid and Additive Alternate No. 1 portion of the project from the intersection of 8th and Florida

Streets to the north side of the 8th and Hickory Streets intersection. Therefore, he stated that staff recommends awarding the Base Bid and Additive Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$216,922.10 excluding NMGRT. Mr. Massengill stated that the Notice of Award will not be issued until the NMDOT completes and independent review of the bid package, currently in progress. He noted that the bid opening documentation was attached for reference.

Mr. Massengill stated that staff recommends awarding the construction project to Diamond Construction and requests authorization for the Public Works Director and/or City Administrator to enter into an agreement with Diamond Construction and execute any document related to this project.

Mayor Jasso asked about the Country Club Road project at Olive Street. Mr. Sera stated that Mr. Reedy is working on a project for that intersection.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz moved to approve RFP #18-10 Eighth Street and Country Club Road Drainage Improvements to Diamond Construction for \$222,146.10 excluding NMGRT. Councilor Milo seconded the motion. A friendly amendment was made to correct the amount to \$216,922.10 excluding NMGRT. Councilor Milo seconded the friendly amendment. Motion to approve and friendly amendment carried unanimously.

10. Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings to Consider a Special Use Permit for a Telecommunications Tower to be Located on the West side of South Eighth Street and North of Dona Ana Road

Mayor Jasso called to order the public hearing to consider a special use permit for a Telecommunications Tower to be located on the west side of South Eighth Street and North of Dona Ana Road. He confirmed with Council that there were no abstentions, ex-parte contacts, no conflicts of interest; that the legal notices were properly posted by the secretary and swore in all parties who would be giving testimonies.

Ms. Gina Gentile, City Planner, presented the case to Mayor Jasso and Council. She stated that the application is for an unmanned telecommunications tower to be located at South Eighth Street on the west side, north of Dona Ana Road. She went on to say that the applicant, Horizon Tower, LLC, is requesting a special use permit for construction of a 150-foot-high telecommunications facility. Ms. Gentile stated that the location is for the recently subdivided lot located approximately 500 feet north of Dona Ana Road, on the west side of 8th Street. She stated that the facility will be fenced with a chain-link fence surrounding the tower and equipment cabinets. Ms. Gentile mentioned that the plans for this request could be found in the packet provided to Council. Ms. Gentile stated that staff has no technical objections to this request and Council has the options of approval, denial, or tabling the motion. She stated that she received a phone call, today, from a concerned adjacent property owner. Ms. Gentile stated that Ms. Armida Uzueta, 2400 S. 8th Street, expressed that she is opposed to this, because she is next door. Ms. Uzueta feels that the tower would be unattractive and that it might lower her property value. Ms. Uzueta also noted that the tower would impede her view of the mountains. Another resident, Peggy Bishop, who lives on Dona Ana Road, stated that she did not want to have to see the tower, either.

Mayor Jasso asked if there were any questions of staff by any Council member.

Councilor Milo asked who the property owner of the proposed location is. Ms. Gentile stated that Whitten Flair, Flair Homes is the owner. She stated that she believes that they are leasing this land to Verizon but they may convey the land to them as well, since it's been subdivided.

Mr. Sera asked how many houses are in the area. Ms. Gentile stated that within 100 feet of the tower, there are approximately 8 houses. On the west side, there were no houses within 100 feet, but there is the potential of more houses being constructed by Flair Homes, because they own the remaining land.

Councilor Milo asked if Ms. Gentile knew the amount the property owner would get from the land lease with Verizon. She stated she did not know.

Councilor Milo asked if there was an alternative location for the tower. Ms. Gentile stated that they had not given her any alternatives. She stated that they felt this would be a good location for the tower and given the height of 150 feet, is because they eventually want to co-locate other equipment besides Verizon to potentially incorporate other telecommunication companies to provide better service.

Mr. Sera asked if they were notified that this was going to come before Council, tonight. Ms. Gentile stated that they were. She stated that the representative emailed her to say she could not be able to be at the meeting because of a sick child. Ms. Gentile stated that the representative did offer herself for questions telephonically. Ms. Gentile stated that the representative has been very diligent in providing information and has obtained clearance from the FAA regarding the tower. That clearance will be provided once received from the FAA.

Ms. Gentile pointed out the location on the map for clarification.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz asked what would be the basis for denial. Mr. Foy stated that denial cannot be based on the fact that it does not look pretty. Mr. Foy explained that the basis for the denial of a special use permit would be based upon issues involving the health, safety, and welfare of the community, and how it would be detrimental to those in the community.

Mayor Jasso asked if the applicant or agent would like to make a statement. They were not present.

Mayor Jasso asked if there were any affected parties who would like to speak. There were none present.

Mayor Jasso asked if there were any other persons who would like to speak. There were none present.

Mayor Jasso closed the public comments and brought the hearing back to Council. He asked is any Council member was prepared to make a motion or if they would like to go into closed session under NMSA 1978 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act.

Mayor Pro Tem Cruz moved to approve the special use permit for a telecommunications tower to be located on the west side of South Eighth Street and North Dona Ana Road. Councilor Sanchez seconded the motion. Mayor Jasso asked if there was any further discussion. There was no response. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Milo	Aye
Councilor Sanchez	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Cruz	Aye

Mayor Jasso announced that the decision announced by the authority will be effective after the written order is executed and filed with both the Municipal and County Clerks. Any action of the City Council in approving, conditionally approving or denying this application may be appealed to the District Court, 15 calendar days after the date of this action by the applicant, any aggrieved person, by any member of the City Council or by the City Administrator.

11. Administrator's Report

Mr. Sera reported the following:

- He has been working on the GO bond question and on investment strategies for a more prosperous revenue stream for the City.
- Working with NMCOC on the Feasibility Study for Incubator Program
- He attended the ICMA Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX
- Peru Mill land sales-there have been several inquiries from people wanting to purchase that land. He will update Council once an appraisal is received, since the property has to be sold for no less than appraised value. The inquiry is for a solar development.
- A developer is interested in purchasing the Johnson property, east of Deming. No idea of what they are planning for the use of the land. This will be brought back to Council once more information is obtained.
- Working on a budget adjustment for the Visitors Center due to a check getting lost and never cashed. The check was issued in the previous fiscal year so that adjustment would need to be made to replace the check. The Cedar Street project may require an adjustment, as well.
- Met with the auditors and provided information to them. He stated that the exit conference will take place next week and an elected official must be in attendance.

Mayor Jasso announced that a representative from St. Ann's Catholic Church had contacted him to ask if the City Council would provide a letter to the Catholic Diocese regarding the City's stance on the cancellation of the DACA program. He will provide more information as it is obtained

from the church representative.

12. Adjourn Meeting

With no further business to discuss, Councilor Sanchez moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Milo seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



ATTEST:

Aaron Sera, Administrator/Clerk

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO

Benny L. Jasso, Mayor

Proclamation

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

WHEREAS, the government of the City of Deming, New, Mexico, celebrates our local small businesses and the contributions they make to our local economy and community; according to the United States Small Business Administration, there are currently 28.8 million small businesses in the United States, they represent 99.7 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States, are responsible for 63 percent of net new jobs created over the past 20 years, and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ over 48 percent of all businesses with employees in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on average, 33 percent of consumers' holiday shopping will be done at small, independently-owned retailers and restaurants; and

WHEREAS, 91 percent of all consumers believe that supporting small, independently-owned restaurants and bars is important; and

WHEREAS, 76 percent of all consumers plan to go to one or more small businesses as part of their holiday shopping; and

WHEREAS, the City of Deming supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, advocacy groups as well as public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benny L. Jasso, Mayor of the City of Deming do hereby proclaim, November 25, 2017, as:

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

And urge the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

Done this 13th day of November, 2017 in the City of Deming, New Mexico.




Benny L. Jasso, Mayor


Aaron Sera, Administrator/Clerk

Proclamation

American Diabetes Month

WHEREAS, over 30 million people or 9.4 percent of the population in the United States-including 1 in 9 in New Mexicans-have diabetes, a serious disease with potentially life-threatening complications including heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and amputation; and

WHEREAS, about one in four people with diabetes are undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 84 million people in the United States aged 18 years or older have prediabetes; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness is essential to put a stop to the diabetes epidemic; and

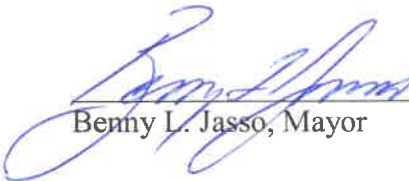
WHEREAS, the Luna County Diabetes Coalition will host a community event on November 13th to share diabetic expertise and provide alternative cooking recommendations for Luna County citizens.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benny L. Jasso, Mayor of the City of Deming, New Mexico do hereby proclaim November 2017 to be American Diabetes Month® in the City of Deming. I encourage all citizens to recognize American Diabetes Month and be part of the American Diabetes Association's movement to confront, fight and, most importantly, change the future of this deadly disease.

Done this 13th day of November, 2017 in the City of Deming, New Mexico.



CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO


Benny L. Jasso, Mayor


Aaron Sera, Administrator/Clerk

Proclamation

VETERANS DAY

WHEREAS, since the 11th hour, 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 a World War I armistice was proclaimed, Veterans Day has been uniquely an American Day of remembrance on which we pay our respects and honor the American service members who have served the armed forces of our country, and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the traditions that have preceded us, many of us have friends and family members who have selflessly given of themselves to the future of this great nation and who we honor on this day, and

WHEREAS, the service members, from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corp and Coast Guard were someone's child, someone's spouse, someone's parent and it is important that we remember every day, in this great nation, that our freedom came at a price, and

WHEREAS, Veterans have bravely served in all parts of the world, not only fighting for our freedoms but for all mankind, and

WHEREAS, the City of Deming and Luna County joins with the cities and counties throughout the great state of New Mexico in honoring those who have given their lives and recognizing that their sacrifices were noble, their heroism unparalleled and their dedication to God and Country is unforgettable.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED on November 11, 2017, be observed as

VETERANS DAY

In the City of Deming, in remembrance and in honor of the Veterans who have given their lives in the service of our country.

Signed this 11th day of November, 2017 in the City of Deming, New Mexico.



Aaron Sera, Clerk

Benny L. Jasso, Mayor