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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**December 10, 2018**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

1. Consent Agenda
  - A. Minutes – City Council Meeting 11/12/18
  - B. Minutes – Parks Commission Meeting 11/06/18
  - C. Minutes – Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting 11/19/18
2. Public Forum
3. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to the Ministerial Alliance
4. Proclamation Recognizing the Shop with a Cop Program
5. Correction Appointments to the 2019 Labor-Management Relations Board
6. Ratification of Appointment to the Labor-Management Relations Board-Third Neutral Member
7. Approval of Mayoral Appointment of Community Services Director
8. Approval of Funding Assistance for Activity & Park Guide
9. Approval of Notice of Intent to Approve an Ordinance Regarding the Local Election Act
10. Administrator’s Report
11. Adjourn Meeting

*The next regular City Council Meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.*

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES December 10, 2018

**Council Present:** Benny L. Jasso, Mayor  
Dr. Victor Cruz, Councilor

Joe “Butter” Milo, Mayor Pro Tem  
Roxana Rincon, Councilor

**Council/Staff Absent:** David L. Sanchez, Councilor

Jim Foy, City Attorney

**Staff Present:** Aaron Sera, City Administrator  
Jim Massengill, Public Works Director  
Laura Holguin, Treasurer

Raul Mercado, Fire Chief  
Bobby Orosco, Police Chief  
Spencer Baca, Assoc. City Attorney  
Mary Corral, Receptionist

**Recording Secretary:** Lila Jasso, Admin. Secretary/Asst. Deputy Clerk

Mayor Jasso called the meeting to order. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 1. Consent Agenda

Mr. Sera presented the Consent Agenda to Mayor Jasso and Council. He stated that he had nothing to call to the Council’s attention. He mentioned that he cancelled some of the meetings pertaining to Community Services due to lack of a director for that department, and him not being able to attend.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilor Cruz seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## 2. Public Forum

There were no public comments presented.

## 3. Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to the Ministerial Alliance

Mayor Jasso presented the Ministerial Alliance and Mary Galbraith with certificates of appreciation for their spearheading of the fire hydrant painting project throughout the community.

## 4. Proclamation Recognizing the Shop with a Cop Program

Mayor Jasso read the proclamation recognizing the Shop with a Cop Program into record.

Councilor Rincon moved to approve the proclamation recognizing the Shop with a Cop Program. Councilor Cruz seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jasso presented the Cowles family members with a Certificate of Appreciation for the work their family has done for this program.

## **5. Correction Appointments to the 2019 Labor-Management Relations Board**

Mr. Sera stated that in November, the Council ratified the appointment of Edwin Apodaca as Labor Representative to the Labor Management Relations Board. Mr. Apodaca informed the City that his name is not Edwin, it is Edward. Mr. Sera stated that this is a correction for the record and would appreciate approval as corrected.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo moved to approve the correction of Mr. Edward Apodaca as Labor Representative to the Labor Management Relations Board. Councilor Rincon seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **6. Ratification of Appointment to the Labor-Management Relations Board-Third Neutral Member**

Mr. Sera stated that Mr. Apodaca, Labor Representative and Mr. Tyler Benting, Management Representative, have met and mutually agreed to appoint Michelle Taylor Apodaca as the third neutral member to the Labor Management Relations Board. Mr. Sera added that Ms. Taylor Apodaca is no relation to Mr. Edward Apodaca, by blood or marriage. He added that this appointment will complete the board for calendar year 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo moved to ratify the third neutral member to the Labor Management Relations Board being Michelle Taylor Apodaca. Councilor Cruz seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **7. Approval of Mayoral Appointment for Community Services Director**

Mayor Jasso read the memo into record to accept his appointment of Alexi Jackson for Community Services Director of the City of Deming. He also requested that authority be granted to the Mayor and City Administrator to negotiate and execute the employment contract with Mr. Jackson.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo asked who, other than the Mayor, served on the interviewing committee. Mayor Jasso answered that he and Mr. Sera were on the committee. Mayor Jasso added that they did not receive many applications.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Alexi Jackson for Community Services Director. Councilor Rincon seconded the motion.

Mr. Sera asked that a motion be made to allow the Mayor and City Administrator to negotiate and execute the employment contract with Mr. Jackson.

unanimously. Mayor Pro Tem Milo made a friendly amendment to his motion to allow the Mayor and City Administrator to negotiate and execute the employment contract with Mr. Jackson. Councilor Cruz seconded the motion. Both the initial motion and friendly amendment carried

## **8. Approval of Funding Assistance for Activity & Park Guide**

Mr. Sera referred to the flyer about the Activity Guide & Resource Directory. He introduced Mr. Matt Robinson, representative for the Sherman Community Foundation, to talk about the guide.

Mr. Robinson explained the history of the guide and stated that the guide was initially compiled after the complaint was made that there is nothing to do in Deming. He went on to say that it is a very useful tool for our community and that the committee goal is to pack as much information as they can into the guide for the residents of our community. He stated that in the past, they have partnered with the Visitor's Center to get information outside of the community to travelers. With support would like to update the information and get new information and get it out to the community. Mr. Robinson stated that they have been fortunate to partner with Deming Public Schools to make sure every student goes home with a copy in hand for the Summer. They are planning to this again this year. Mr. Robinson closed by asking the Council if they have any questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo asked how much funding the organization is requesting. Mr. Robinson stated that the budget is around \$15,000. Mayor Pro Tem Milo asked if they are requesting the full amount from the City. Mr. Robinson stated the organization has raised about a third of that on their own, and they are going to present this to the Luna County Commissioners at their next meeting and will request \$5,000. Mr. Robinson stated that any amount of support would be appreciated. Mayor Pro Tem Milo asked if there was a certain amount they are requesting. Mr. Robinson stated that they are not requesting a specific amount, and that he had met with Mr. Sera to discuss their needs and would be grateful for any amount the City can contribute.

Mr. Sera stated that he and Ms. Holguin, City Treasurer have reviewed the budget and there is \$5,000 that can be moved into this line item to cover the cost.

Councilor Cruz asked how much money the City has contributed in the past. Mr. Sera stated that he recalls the City contributing approximately \$1,000 in the past. Mr. Sera stated that this project has grown from when it started. Mr. Robinson stated that in the beginning they only printed 5000 copies, then it grew to 10,000 copies, and this time they would like to be able to publish 15,000 copies.

Councilor Cruz agreed that this is a good tool for the community to use in that many amenities are listed.

With no further questions, Mayor Jasso entertained a motion from Council.

Councilor Cruz moved to approve the funding assistance for the Activity & Parks Guide for a total amount of \$5,000. Councilor Rincon seconded the motion; motion carried unanimously.

## **9. Approval of Notice of Intent to Approve an Ordinance Regarding the Local Election Act**

Mr. Sera stated that the Local Election Act was discussed at the last Council meeting and that there are two difference options. Mr. Sera stated that they have put this item on the agenda to

bring the final ordinance to Council in January. Councilor Sanchez joined the meeting for this item telephonically. Mr. Sera explained that Local Election Act and the changes that would occur is approved, primarily that the County would conduct the election for the City and that the election would take place in November of odd-numbered years. He explained that this would also alter the terms, depending on the option chosen.

Councilor Sanchez asked what that would do to the upcoming election. Mr. Sera explained that the next election which would currently take place in 2020 would be changed to take place in November 2019. He then explained that depending what option was chosen, either the term for those up for re-election in 2020, the terms would be extended to December 31, 2021 or reduced to December 31, 2019. Mr. Sera stated that another option would be not to opt-in and remain with how we currently conduct our elections. Mr. Sera explained that there is a cost for this service and that the cost for us would be approximately \$3,000, which would be a savings to what we currently pay for elections. Mr. Sera stated that the main concern for this action was to increase voter turnout and have all elections in November.

Mr. Sera stated that we need to decide, and if we choose to pass this then we must pass the ordinance and record it with the Secretary of State, no later than January 30, 2019.

Councilor Sanchez asked what the position of other Council members is. Councilor Cruz stated that when this was discussed in the past, one of the major issues was the costs, but this has been revised by the legislative members and now it is not an issue. Councilor Cruz stated that when he previously asked what staff's position was, staff responded that they were not in opposition of opting-in.

Councilor Sanchez asked if there were any numbers regarding voter turnout for the last Mayoral election. Staff did not have those at hand but would provide the information to Council.

Notice of Intent to bring ordinance to Council in January. If not, will stay with what we currently have in place.

Councilor Cruz moved approve the notice of intent to approve an ordinance to approve the Local Election Act. Councilor Rincon second the motion; motion carried 3-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Milo opposing.

## **10. Administrator's Report**

Mr. Sera reported on the following items:

- Thanked Mr. Massengill, Public Works Director and all who have assisted in the absence of a Community Services Director.
- Met with engineers to discuss the plan for the Cedar Street Connection Study, with approval of the Federal Highway Administration. He stated that they discussed several factors like traffic signals at Cedar and Gold Street and Railroad Boulevard and Gold Street, as it warrants traffic signals at these locations. The overpass at Pearl street, was another factor. It was discussed that it would need to be moved it over to line up with

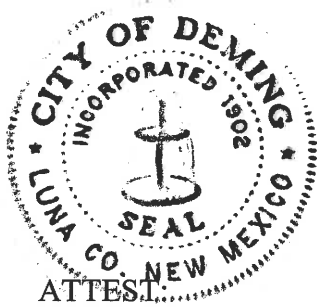
Ruby Street passing. They have been working hard on the plan to get approval from the FHA with certain things that they are requiring. Mr. Sera stated that the City will be asking for Capital Outlay funds to assist with this project.

- Met with Sen. Smith and Rep. Sweetser to talk about Capital Outlay appropriations. They are going to send applications to them within the next couple of weeks. The number one priority for the City and County to purchase a tire shredder for both entities to utilize. This will help with the space at the landfill.
- Continues to work on water rate analysis has most methodology together. Plans on bringing the water rate analysis to Council in February or March. He plans on bring the sewer rate analysis to Council in April or May. If any rate increases are approved they will likely be effective in July.
- Deming Silver Linings Chairperson, Margaret Fairman, is trying to do different things for the homeless in Deming. She has purchased a building on Copper Street, a few doors down from her bookstore, to open a day center for the homeless. She would like to provide a place for them to shower, do their laundry and eat a meal.
- Spoke to PNM representatives, and they are thinking of discontinuing their contract with the City for effluent water. Their contract term ends in 2026, but they have mentioned that they may want to cancel their agreement earlier.
- Pit Park final plans should be in place the end of December. The RFP for the contractor should be approved by the end of December. He stated that they plan to have water in the pond by the end of May 2019. Stated that there is money in the budget to complete this project.
- The splash pad features have been ordered and hope to have it operational by the end of May 2019. He stated that the location for this water feature is at the corner of Spruce and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- The meeting with the students from the UNM School of Architecture will take place on December 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
- Mr. Sera gave an update on the street projects. He stated that Hickory Street is complete, as well as Nickel and Ash Streets. Oak Street will be the next on the list to be either chip sealed, or the asphalt redone. He stated that north 8<sup>th</sup> Street, from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (approximately 3000 feet) to just passed Ruben Torres Elementary School will be paved. He also mentioned that James and Myrtle Streets, from Pine to Birch Streets will be redone. He stated that Ash Street near the Pearl Street intersection will also be placed on the list of streets to be addressed. The project at Oak Street and Country Club Road is in the works in conjunction with the NMDOT to be repaired.
- The effluent water trunk line project, along Poplar Street, continues to take place. Mr. Sera reiterated that this project will help with the watering of the parks along the trunk line.

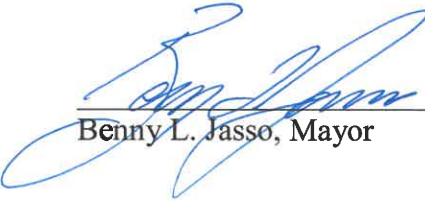
### 13. Adjourn Meeting

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jasso entertained a motion to adjourn.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Cruz seconded thee motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



**CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO**



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Benny L. Jasso, Mayor



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Aaron Sera, Administrator/Clerk

# *Proclamation*

## **Shop with a Cop**

**WHEREAS**, the Shop with a Cop Program started in the late 1970s by Jeannette “Jenny” Cowles, who organized fellow employees to raise money to send children on a shopping spree accompanied by a law enforcement officer, and

**WHEREAS**, the Shop with a Cop Program has continued by and with the efforts of the Cowles family, Richard and now his daughter Arianna, in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies, and

**WHEREAS**, the Shop with a Cop Program is a shopping program that provides an opportunity for children from disadvantaged circumstances, who are selected each year during the end-of-the-year holiday season, to shop at one of the local area stores to purchase gifts and other necessities for themselves or members of their immediate family, while shopping with a law enforcement officer, and

**WHEREAS**, the Shop with A Cop Program creates and promotes lasting, positive, officer and youth relationships, and

**WHEREAS**, the Shop with A Cop Program is a (501)(c)(3) organization, and

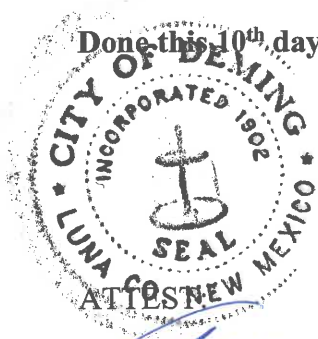
**WHEREAS**, the Shop with A Cop Program is funded by donations from community members and local businesses, and

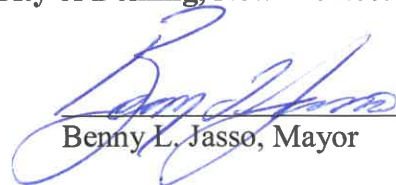
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Benny L. Jasso, Mayor and City Council of the City of Deming, do hereby proclaim Saturday, December 8, 2018 as:

### **“SHOP WITH A COP DAY”**

and encourage everyone to support the Shop with A Cop Program and help them provide a memorable and fun event for young people.

Done this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018 in the City of Deming, New Mexico.



  
Benny L. Jasso, Mayor

  
Aaron Sera, Clerk