

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2021

Remote meeting in compliance with the New Mexico Open
Meetings Act due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Council Present:

Benny L. Jasso, Mayor
Joe “Butter Milo, Mayor Pro Tem

Dr. Victor Cruz, Councilor
Irmisela “Irma” A. Rodriguez, Councilor

Council Present (Telephonically):

Council/Staff Absent: David L. Sanchez, Councilor

Staff Present: Aaron Sera, Administrator
Laura Holguin, Finance Director
Joe Owen, Fire Chief
Julian Hernandez, Cpt. Fire Department
Robert Sweetser, Firefighter
Tony Alvarado, Firefighter
Osvaldo Lopez, Firefighter
Sarah De La Torre, Firefighter Las Cruces Fire Dept.

Jim Massengill, Public Works Director
Alexi Jackson, Community Svcs. Director
Raul Mercado, Contracted Assistant Fire Chief
Justin Power, Lt. Fire Department
Victor Salas, Firefighter
Erick Jimenez, Firefighter
Crystal Carrillo, Clerk Fire Department

Staff Present (Telephonically):

Alex Valdespino, Chief of Police
Lila Jasso, Assistant Deputy Clerk

Gina Gentile, Planner
Joe Owen, Battalion Fire Chief

Guests (Telephonically): Robert Gonzales, Lead Principal at Cordova CPAs, LLC;
Debbie Troyer, Christie Ann Harvey, Penny Utley, Chelsea Evans, Scott Chandler

Recording Secretary: Mary Jo Valdez, Municipal Clerk

Mayor Jasso called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jasso sadly announced that Councilor David L. Sanchez had passed away and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Councilor David L. Sanchez; asking that the Sanchez family be kept in everyone’s prayers.

1. Mayoral Appointment for District One Councilor / Oath of Office

As a result of Councilor Sanchez’s passing, Mayor Jasso asked for Council’s decision on his approval too appoint Monica Topham as the replacement to serve the remainder of Councilor David L. Sanchez’s term, which will expire on December 31, 2023, for District One.

Councilor Cruz motioned to accept the Mayor’s appoint for District One Councilor; the motion was second by Councilor Rodriguez; motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Cruz	Aye

Monica Topham was sworn into office by Notary Public/Municipal Clerk Mary Jo Valdez (Oath of Office, attached)

Mayor Jasso expressed his gratitude for Councilor Topham’s acceptance of the appointment and allowed her to make a statement.

Councilor Topham addressed Council stating that she relocated to Deming in 2016 noting her volunteer efforts at various organizations throughout the community.

2. ATTENDANCE AND ROLL CALL

A quorum was verified and determined by the following roll call:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Cruz	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye
Councilor Topham	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye

3. Consent Agenda

Mr. Sera presented the consent agenda to Council stating that there were no items to discuss.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo motioned to approve the consent agenda, as submitted; Councilor Cruz second the motion; motion carried by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Topham	Aye
Councilor Cruz	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye

4. Public Forum

Mayor Jasso opened the meeting for public comment stating that comments entertained should not be related to any items on the agenda.

Mayor Jasso closed the public forum.

5. Presentation to Deming Fire Department and Retired Fire Chief Raul Mercado

Mayor Jasso, Council, and Mr. Sera, presented Deming Fire Department Personnel and retired Fire Chief Mercado with plaques congratulating them for being selected as the Agency of the Year by the Emergency Medical Services Bureau. They expressed their gratitude for their dedicated work to the community; stating that it is a great honor to have been nominated for this recognition.

6. Mayoral Appointments to Commissions, Boards, and Committees

Mayor Jasso requested Council's acceptance of his appointments to the City's Commissions, Boards, and Committees stating the new appointees are Charles J. Walko, Gregory P. Jones, and Michael E. O'Donnell to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Virginia Kennon to the Parks Commission; and Dhawal Kholwadwala to the Tourist Development Committee; and added that he wishes to reappoint all currently serving. (Memo attached, for record)

Councilor Cruz motioned to accept the Mayor's appointments, as submitted; Councilor Rodriguez second the motion; motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Cruz	Aye
Councilor Topham	Aye

7. Mayoral Appointments for Part Time and Temporary Employees

Mayor Jasso requested Council's acceptance of his recommendation to approve the City's part-time and temporary employees, as listed in the memorandum (attached for record).

Councilor Rodriguez motioned to accept the Mayor's recommendations, as submitted; Councilor Cruz second the motion; motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Topham	Aye
Councilor Cruz	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye

8. Proclamations

a. National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child

Mayor Jasso read the proclamation for the record. (Attached for record)

Councilor Cruz motioned to approve the proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Week of the Young Child; Mayor Pro Tem Milo second the motion; motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Topham	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye
Councilor Cruz	Aye

b. National Day of Prayer

Mayor Jasso read the proclamation for the record. (Attached for record)

Councilor Rodriguez motioned to approve the proclamation for National Day of Prayer; Councilor Cruz second the motion; motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye
Councilor Topham	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Cruz	Aye

c. Municipal Clerk's Week

Mayor Jasso read the proclamation for the record. (Attached for record)

Mayor Pro Tem Milo motioned to approve the proclamation for Municipal Clerk's Week; Councilor Rodriguez second the motion; motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Cruz	Aye
Councilor Topham	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye

9. Resolution for the Acceptance and Approval of the FY2020 Audit

Mrs. Holguin presented the resolution for Council stating that Robert Gonzales, CPA with Cordova CPA's LLC presented the 2020 fiscal audit for Council.

Mr. Gonzales explained the timeline in preparing for an audit, thanking staff for their assistance in gathering information to complete the audit. Mr. Gonzales stated that there were two findings regarding internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters; also informing Council about the importance of cybersecurity; IT risks; reviewing and updating all necessary policies; unreconciled differences in cash; NMFA balances; starting a comprehensive succession plan; and system entry of vendors. (Auditor's presentation, attached, for record)

Councilor Cruz motioned to approve the resolution accepting and approving the FY2020 audit; Mayor Pro Tem Milo second the motion; motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Cruz	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Topham	Aye

10. Public Hearing: To Consider the Approval of a Proposed Transfer of Ownership and Change of Location for an Inter-Local Dispenser Liquor License No. 2748 and Waiver applied for by Grease Monkeys, LLC which is located at 201 W. Pine Street

Mayor Jasso conducted a public hearing To Consider the Approval of a Proposed Transfer of Ownership and Change of Location for an Inter-Local Dispenser Liquor License No. 2748 and Waiver applied for by Grease Monkeys, LLC which is located at 201 W. Pine Street and called the hearing to order stating that all parties have three (3) minutes in which to address Council.

Mayor Jasso asked if there were any members of City Council who may have a conflict of interest.

Councilor Cruz recused himself from voting on the item, as he is the applicant.

Mayor Jasso recused himself from decision making and voting on the item to prevent the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Mayor Jasso opened the hearing for public comments asking that all parties identify themselves for the record, stating their name and address.

Ms. Valdez informed Council that there were a few people who identified themselves as members of First Baptist Church sharing the same concerns. Ms. Valdez stated that they have selected Scott Chandler as their speaker.

Mr. Chandler, addressed Council stating that he has been contacted by other members and persons who share the same concerns and he is going to share their concerns as well.

Mr. Chandler stated that the Church voted in August 2020 unanimously to not give consent for the liquor license because it is right across the street from the Church. Mr. Chandler stated that we have to consider why there are State Statutes that exist like this; adding that their church has

AA, youth, food distributors, and other groups that utilize their facility at various hours within the week. Mr. Chandler stated that there are Council members and City administration has some involvement which are ethical concerns.

Mr. Sera addressed Council asking to make it very clear for the record and for the public that City administration is not involved in this transaction at all. Mr. Sera stated that the application was sent to the City by the State and is a venture that Dr. Cruz did on his own; adding that the City is doing their part as required by the State in holding a public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo stated that the Grease Monkeys is in a commercial area as is Walgreens whom sell liquor. Mayor Pro Tem Milo stated that he does not feel the area will not interfere with anything that goes on in the church. Mayor Pro Tem Milo asked Mr. Chandler about Sunday service times. Mr. Chandler stated that there are morning services from about 9:00 am until about 12:00.

Councilor Topham asked Dr. Cruz to explain what type of business Grease Monkey is. Dr. Cruz, applicant, stated that Grease Monkey is a slang for someone who is into mechanics; Dr. Cruz stated that with that garage theme, he plans on selling coffee, ice cream, food, alcohol, and intends to have games outside for children to play.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo asked about Sunday hours. Dr. Cruz stated that he would like to be open on Sundays to showcase sporting events.

Mayor Jasso asked if there were any other persons interested in addressing Council.

Michael O'Donnell addressed Council stating that he moved to Deming a few years ago, adding that a college is being put in on the South side of town which will result in an influx of college kids. Mr. O'Donnell stated that this would reflect in an increase of alcohol consumption.

Johnathan Turner, agent for Grease Monkey's, LLC, hired to make sure that the application has been done properly to the State of New Mexico for transfer of license. Mr. Turner clarified that Mayor Jasso has no legal affiliation with the license or the LLC.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo asked if they would be selling 6-packs of alcohol. Dr. Cruz stated that they would not be selling 6-packs as Walgreens can.

Ms. Valdez stated for the record that she has received 12 letters in opposition of the license being granted due to the perception of a conflict of interest with Mayor Jasso and Councilor Cruz, as well as due to the location being within 300 ft. from the First Baptist Church. Ms. Valdez stated that one letter reflected concerns that it may increase the crime rate.

Ms. Valdez informed Council that there are three conditions in which Council may deny the approval which are if the proposed location is in an area where the sale of alcohol is prohibited by the laws of New Mexico; adding that New Mexico statutes allow the Local Option District to approve a waiver on the 300 ft. distance from a Church; if the local zoning regulations do not allow for such sales of liquor which does not apply as it is zoned Commercial; and if there is substantial evidence to impose a detrimental impact to the community.

Christie Ann Harvey addressed Council stating she was in support of the business opening in the downtown area.

Mr. Chandler addressed Council stating he did not intend to imply that City administration was involved and rather Mayor Jasso and Dr. Cruz. Mr. Chandler also expressed his concern about the license being sold in the future and running into possible issues then.

Ms. Valdez addressed Council stating that Mr. Chandler's concerns about the license being sold would cause another public hearing if it was sold which would then be reevaluated.

Lee Bouton addressed Council stating that morals is his concern stating that the law was written for a purpose. Mr. Bouton stating that he is opposed to the license because of the alcohol factor that is involved.

Councilor Rodriguez stated that with the new laws in place, restaurants will be allowed to serve alcohol after paying a fee to the State.

Kay Chandler addressed Council stating that she wrote a letter with some of the same concerns and asked if the item could be held off; adding that there is a distance requirement.

Dr. Cruz addressed Council stating that all alcohol serving laws will be adhered to in regard to the comment of a college being built in the community. Dr. Cruz ensured that his medical license is at jeopardy and will ensure that the law will be followed as a means to protect his medical license.

With no further comments nor questions, Mayor Jasso closed the public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo motioned to approve the Proposed Transfer of Ownership and Change of Location for an Inter-Local Dispenser Liquor License No. 2748 and Waiver applied for by Grease Monkeys, LLC which is located at 201 W. Pine Street; Councilor Rodriguez second the motion; motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Topham	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye

11. Public Hearing: To Consider the Approval of a Proposed Transfer of Ownership of a Dispenser Liquor License No. 0284 with On Premises Consumption and Package Sales. The applicant, D Brothers, Inc., DBA 5R Travel Center, is located at 1695 Silver City Highway

Mayor Jasso conducted a public hearing To Consider the Approval of a Proposed Transfer of Ownership of a Dispenser Liquor License No. 0284 with On Premises Consumption and Package Sales. The applicant, D Brothers, Inc., DBA 5R Travel Center, is located at 1695 Silver City Highway and called the hearing to order stating that all parties have three (3) minutes in which to address Council.

Mayor Jasso asked if there were any members of City Council who may have a conflict of interest.

Mayor Jasso opened the hearing for public comments asking that all parties identify themselves for the record, stating their name and address.

Mr. Daren Albrecht, applicant representative, addressed Council stating that there is really no change from what it has been the last four years with the sale of packaged liquor and dispenser license.

Councilor Cruz asked if he had been contacted regarding opposition on moral grounds.

Mr. Albrecht stated that he has not received any comments or oppositions.

With no further comments nor questions, Mayor Jasso closed the public comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Milo motioned to approve the Proposed Transfer of Ownership of a Dispenser Liquor License No. 0284 with On Premises Consumption and Package Sales. The applicant, D Brothers, Inc., DBA 5R Travel Center, is located at 1695 Silver City Highway; Councilor Cruz second the motion; motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Topham	Aye
Councilor Cruz	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye

12. Administrator's Report

Mr. Sera addressed Council reporting on the following items.

- Legislative Session
 - House Bill 4 passed which takes away the qualified immunity from Police Officers which will have an impact on the City.
 - A bill regarding tort claims passed that raised the filing amount to \$ 2.8 million which will have an impact on municipalities.
- Asylum Seekers – Endeavor company was hired to handle them until at least August. If the City has to assist, El Cavarrio will help. In the event that the City has to assist, he intends to apply for grant funding set aside for this. Governor made it clear that it is not a State problem but rather a Federal problem.
- Relocation of City Hall is underway
 - To be located at the old K-mart building
- American Rescue Plan Fund passed by Congress to allocate money to the City. The City will be receiving 1.625 in May which will have guidelines in which to spend which he doesn't think is fair. An additional 1.625 will be distributed approximately a year after.
- Budget process is looking good and a budget retreat is planned for June timeframe.
- NM CID has stopped the City's permitting department. There is a requirement for the City to have a Certified Building Inspector. The City's Planner Gina has not passed the test for the CBO. Management will work to determine what is done to move forward.
- Covid-19 – At this time management is not sure whether to open City Hall and arrange staffing to prevent everyone being present at the same time to prevent any possible spread of the virus and to protect staff from contracting the disease and not being able to provide service to the community.

13. Closed Session: To Discuss the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property, Pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H) (8) of the open Meetings Act

Mayor Pro Tem Milo motioned to go into closed session, pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(H)(8) of the Open Meetings Act; Councilor Cruz second the motion; motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Rodriguez	Aye
Councilor Topham	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye
Councilor Cruz	Aye

14. Open Session: Motions if any

Mayor Pro Tem Milo motioned to go into open session; Councilor Rodriguez second the motion; motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilor Cruz	Aye
Councilor Topham	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Milo	Aye
Councilor Rodriguez	Aye

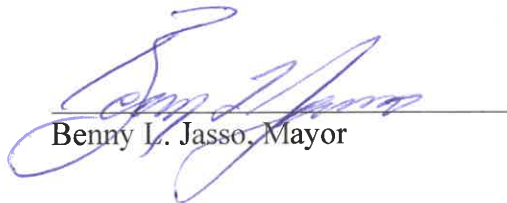
Mayor Jasso stated that there were no motions made during closed session.

15. Adjourn Meeting

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Jasso entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Rodriguez motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mayor Pro Tem Milo second the motion; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO


Benny L. Jasso, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Jo Valdez, Municipal Clerk

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. 21-10

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL OF THE FY2020 AUDIT

WHEREAS, the City of Deming is required by statute to contract with an independent auditor to perform the required annual audit or agreed upon procedures for Fiscal Year 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed the accomplishment of the audit for FY2020 be completed; and,

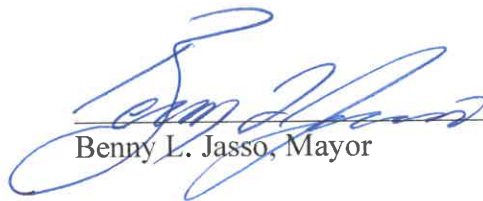
WHEREAS, this audit has been completed and presented to the City Council per the March 29, 2021 Letter from the Statue Auditor authorizing release of the FY2020 audit.

WHEREAS, NMAC 2.2.2.10 (M) (4) provides in pertinent part that "Once the audit report is officially released to the agency by the state auditor (by a release letter) and the required waiting period of five calendar days has passed, unless waived by the agency in writing, the audit report shall be presented by the IPA, to a quorum of the governing authority of the agency at a meeting held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, if applicable;" and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council does hereby accept and approve the completed audit report and findings as indicated within this document.

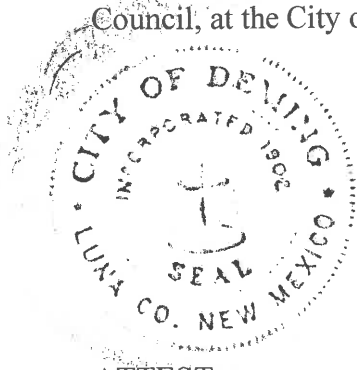
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of April, 2021 in regular session by the City Council, at the City of Deming, Luna County, New Mexico.

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO


Benny L. Jasso, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Jo Valdez, Municipal Clerk



CITY OF DEMING
Proclamation
National Day of Prayer

WHEREAS, The National Day of Prayer is a tradition first proclaimed by the Continental Congress in 1775 while forming a new nation; and

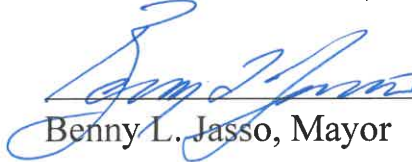
WHEREAS, in 1988, legislation was unanimously ratified by both Houses of Congress and signed by President Ronald Reagan stating that the National Day of Prayer was to be observed on the first Thursday of every May; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to give thanks to the Lord by observing this day in Deming when all may acknowledge our blessings and express gratitude for them, while recognizing the need for strengthening religious and moral values in our state and nation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Benny L. Jasso, Mayor of the City of Deming, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 6, 2021 as ***“A DAY OF PRAYER”*** and urge the citizens of Deming to stand in unity on this day to pray for America and the world.

Done this 20th day of April 2021 in the City of Deming, New Mexico.

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO


Benny L. Jasso, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Jo Valdez, Municipal Clerk



CITY OF DEMING

Proclamation

The Day of the Young Child & National Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHEREAS, the City of Deming recognizes the contributions each child places to the community, and every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, and to feel secure and free from verbal, sexual, emotional & physical abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of the City of Deming, it gives me great pleasure to extend my best wishes to the young children for their outstanding improvements and accomplishments done in our community, and the effects of child abuse are felt by whole communities, and need to be addressed by citizens of City of Deming and Luna County; and

WHEREAS, the week of the young child and child abuse & neglect awareness month has made a difference to the community through their devotions and dedications provided through their efforts and who are willing to go the extra mile, and provide a safe environment free from physical, sexual, and emotional abuse; and

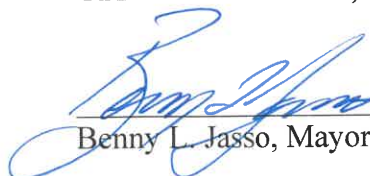
WHEREAS, you are an excellent example for the citizens of our community to follow; and all citizens, community agencies, faith organizations, and businesses will work to increase their efforts to support families.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Benny L. Jasso, Mayor of the City of Deming do hereby proclaim the week of April 10th - 16th, 2021 as THE DAY OF THE YOUNG CHILD and the month of April 2021 as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH in the City of Deming and urge all citizens to publically recognize and acknowledge each young child for their outstanding improvements and accomplishments and to protect and provide them with a safe & nurturing environment in our community.

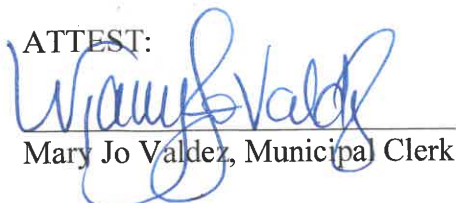
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the City of Deming, New Mexico this 20th day of April 2021.



CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO


Benny L. Jasso, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Jo Valdez, Municipal Clerk

CITY OF DEMING
Proclamation
FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, fair and equal housing is a right guaranteed to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the principle of fair and equal housing is not only a national law and policy, but a fundamental human entitlement; and

WHEREAS, all citizens have the right to live where they choose within their financial means; and

WHEREAS, people must not be denied housing because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap or family status; and

WHEREAS, the City of Deming acknowledges the importance of assuring fair and equal treatment to all citizens as identified in the City's Fair Housing Policy (Ord. 11-1-4); and

WHEREAS, the City of Deming is assisting and cooperating with the Southwestern Regional Housing and Community Development Corporation.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Benny L. Jasso, Mayor of the City of Deming, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as

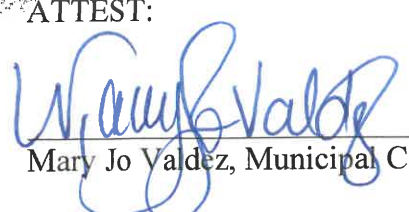
"Fair Housing Month"

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Deming to be affixed in the City of Deming, Luna County, New Mexico this 20th day of April 2021.

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO


Benny L. Jasso, Mayor

ATTEST:


Mary Jo Valdez, Municipal Clerk



CITY OF DEMING
Proclamation
Municipal Clerks Week
May 2 through 8, 2021

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and

Whereas, The Office of the Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all, and

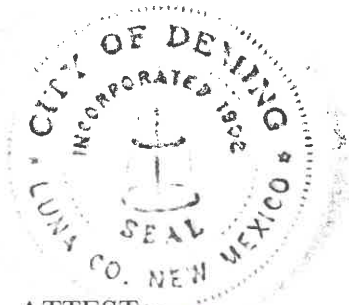
Whereas, The Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community, and

Whereas, Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.

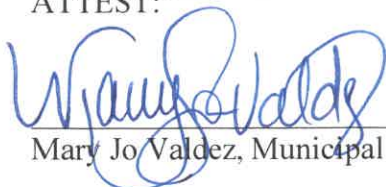
Whereas, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Now, Therefore, I, Benny L. Jasso, Mayor of the City of Deming, do recognize the week of May 2 through May 8, 2021, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extend appreciation to our prior and current Municipal Clerks, Aaron Sera and Mary Jo Valdez; Asst. Deputy Clerk Lila Jasso; Deputy Clerk Vicki Engle; and to all Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.

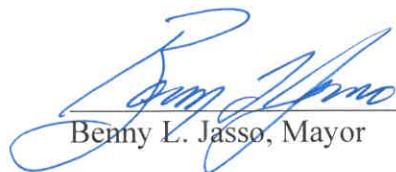
Dated this 20th day of April 2021.



ATTEST:


Mary Jo Valdez, Municipal Clerk

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO


Benny L. Jasso, Mayor

CITY OF DEMING

Proclamation

2021 National Library Week

WHEREAS, our nation's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans, today, more than ever;

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century;

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, library use is up nationwide among all types of library users, continuing a decade-long trend;

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities;

WHEREAS, libraries can help you discover a world of knowledge, both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it;

WHEREAS, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the "digital divide;"

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with The Campaign for America's Libraries.

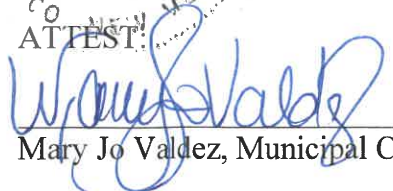
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Benny L. Jasso, Mayor of the City of Deming hereby proclaim April the 4th–10th, 2021 as National Library Week. I encourage all residents to visit the library to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank their librarians and library workers for making information accessible to all who walk through the library's doors. Join the circle of knowledge at your library.

DONE this 20th day of April 2021 in the City of Deming, New Mexico

CITY OF DEMING, NEW MEXICO


Benny L. Jasso, Mayor


ATTEST:


Mary Jo Valdez, Municipal Clerk



Date: April 20, 2021
To: City Council Members
From: Benny L. Jasso, Mayor
Re: Mayoral Appointments

Please accept my recommendation to appoint or continue appointment of the following persons to serve on the commissions, committees, and boards:

Marshall Memorial Library Board: 7-Member Board

To serve a term of three (3) years

Appointee	Expiration of Term
Teresa Ortiz	March 2023
Mary Lou Cameron	March 2022
Barbara Walsh	March 2023
Carol A. Krum	March 2024

Airport Commission: 6-Member Commission

To serve a term of four (4) years

Appointee	Expiration of Term
Louis Jenkins	March 2022
Dennis Strout	March 2022
Jerry Marshall	March 2024
Wayne Burkhardt	March 2024
Greg Hudson	March 2025
VACANT	March 2025

Planning and Zoning Commission: 7-Member Commission

To serve a term of two (2) years

Appointee	Expiration of Term
Manny Orquiz	March 2023
Charles J. Walko	March 2023
Gregory P. Jones	March 2023
Frank Christensen	March 2022
Steve Black	March 2022
Michael E. O'Donnell	March 2022
Jim Olson	March 2022

Parks Commission: 7-Member Commission

To serve a term of three (3) years

Appointee	Expiration of Term
Daniel Viramontes	March 2022
Margie Villegas	March 2022
Delia Turner	March 2022
Sonia Arteche	March 2024
Marisol Perez	March 2024
Laura Pottorff	March 2023
Virginia Kennon	March 2023

Historical Landmark Commission: 7-Member Commission

To serve a term of three (3) years

Appointee	Expiration of Term
John Strand	March 2022
William Bayne Anderson	March 2022
Don Williamson	March 2023
Christie Ann Harvey	March 2024
Miguel Briseno	March 2024
Jim Reedy	March 2025
VACANT	March 2025

Tourist Development Committee: 5-Member Committee

To serve a term of two (2) years

Appointee	Expiration of Term
DJ Nelson	March 2023
Dhawal Kholwadwala	March 2022
Robin Vosler	March 2023
VACANT	March 2022
Mirna Grado Metz	March 2022

City of Deming Finance Committee:

Appointee
Aaron Sera
Laura Holguin
Liliana Peña
Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem

Deming Luna County Economic Development Corp. Board:

Appointee
Joe "Butter" Milo-Representative
Aaron Sera-Alternate/Liaison

Southwest Regional Transit District

Appointee
Alexi Jackson-Representative
Mayor- Alternate

Southwest Council of Governments:

Appointee

Aaron Sera-Representative

Alexi Jackson-Alternate

Gila/San Francisco Water Commission

Appointee

Jim Massengill-Representative

Aaron Sera-Alternate

New Mexico CAP Entity (NMCAP):

Appointee

Aaron Sera-Representative

Jim Massengill-Alternate

Southwest Workforce Development CEO Board

Appointee

Expiration of Term

Mayor

March 2022

Mayor Pro Tem-Alternate March 2022

Spaceport America Community Advisory Committee

To serve two (2) years

Appointee

Aaron Sera-Representative

Alexi Jackson-Alternate

Southwest Regional Planning Organization

To serve two (2) years

Appointee

Jim Massengill

Azucena Vargas-1st Alternate

Alexi Jackson-2nd Alternate

Municipal Court Alternate Judge

To serve a one (1) year term

Appointee

Derrick Lovelace March 2022

Labor/Management Relations Board:

To serve a one (1) year term

Appointee

Expiration of Term

Edward Apodaca-Labor Representative

January 2022

Tyler Benting-Management Representative

January 2022

Michelle Apodaca-Third-Neutral Party

January 2022

Procurement Officer

Appointee	Renewal
Laura Holguin	2021
Liliana Peña	2022

Border Trade Alliance Commission**Appointee**

Erin Ward-as Deming's Representative Appointed since 11/04/13

Commission on Aging: 9-Member Commission (3-City, 3-County, 3-Commission on Aging)

To serve a three (3) year term

Appointee	Expiration of Term
Reggie Price	March 2022
Jennifer Roach	March 2022
Lee Boutin	March 2024



Date: April 20, 2021
To: Council Members
From: Benny L. Jasso, Mayor
Re: Approval of Part-Time and Temporary Employees

Please accept my recommendation to approve the following part-time and temporary employees, as listed:

Employee Name	Employment Status
Crystal Carrillo	Part-time
Edward Marini	Part-time
Juan Gutierrez	Temporary
Amanda Martinez	Temporary
Steven Valdez	Temporary
Juan Wilson	Temporary



City of Deming

Presentation of the FYE 2020 Financial Statement Audit

CORDOVA CPAS LLC

ROBERT GONZALES, CPA
PRINCIPAL

APRIL 20, 2021



Agenda

- Opening and Timeline
- Financial Highlights
- Communication with those Charged with Governance
- Auditors' Opinion and Reporting
- Open Discussion Items



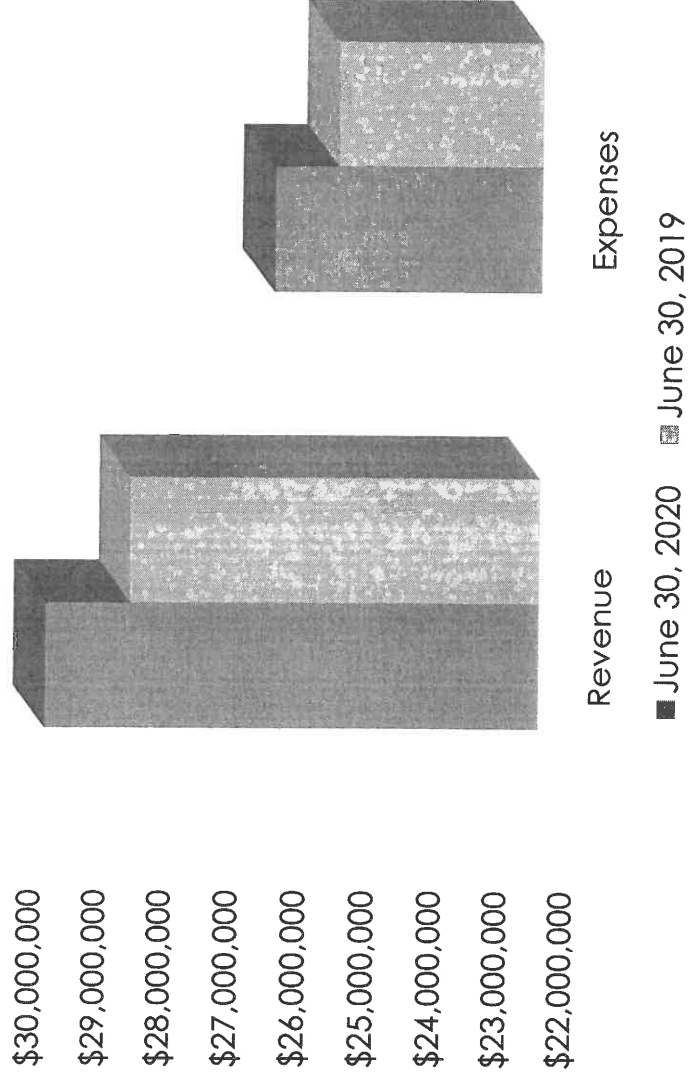
Timeline

- Preliminary Communications during May and June 2020
- Planning and Compliance end of June 2020
- Entrance Conference on November 10, 2020
- Substantive Evidence Gathering the week of November 9, 2020
- Wrap Up including Reporting and Conclusions during November 2020
- Exit Conference on December 14, 2020
- Release and Issuance of the Financial Statement was on April 3, 2021
- Federal Reporting was submitted by the regulatory due date.



Financial Highlights

City of Deming Financial Look Back

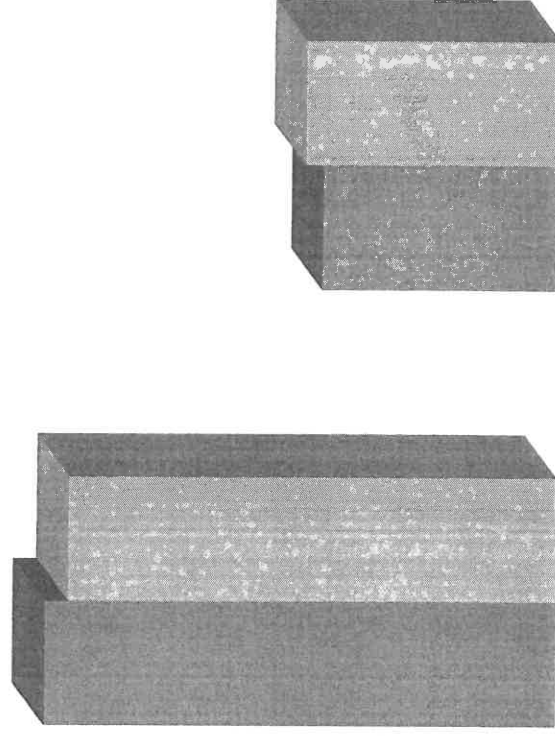




Financial Highlights

City of Deming Financial Look Back

\$40,000,000
\$35,000,000
\$30,000,000
\$25,000,000
\$20,000,000
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\$10,000,000
\$5,000,000
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Cash and Investments General Fund Balance

■ June 30, 2020 ■ June 30, 2019



Communication with Governing Body

- Audit was conducted in accordance with GAAS and GAGAS
 - Reasonable Assurance
- Planned Scope and Timing
- Accounting Policies conform to GAAP
- Significant Estimates (Capital Assets, Pension, and OPEB)
- Cash reconciliations did have errors and adjustments were proposed, however, there were no disagreements
- Material misstatements were detected in the areas of cash, debt, property tax revenues, and transfers.
- There was one passed adjustment as it relates to our procedures that was related to the meter deposit adjustment in the amount of \$51,710. This adjustment is not material to the financial statements
- Significant Exposures (There was \$331k in deposits not insured by FDIC and not collateralized as of June 30, 2020, and as always, any legal proceedings).



Auditors' Report on the Financial Statements

Unmodified Opinion

- Financial Statements are presented fairly in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- In other words, the numbers and disclosures are materially accurate.



Auditors' Report on the Major Programs (Single Audit)

Unmodified Opinion

- There was no material noncompliance in the Single Audit procedures performed over the Community Development Block Grant.



Other Auditors' Reports

GAGAS Report on *Internal Control Over Financial Reporting* and on *Compliance and Other Matters*

Report on *Compliance for Each Major Program* and on *Internal Control Over Compliance* Required by the Uniform Guidance

2 findings were noted

No findings were noted



Communication with Governing Body

U.S. GAAS Requirements

CCPAs Communication

Deficiencies in Internal Control

Any material weaknesses and significant deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control that came to the Auditors' attention during the audit must be reported to the City Council.

2020-001 Deficiency in Financial Close and Accounting and Reporting (Material Weakness)

2020-002 Internal Controls Over Tenant Rents (Other Matter)

PY Findings: No findings in PY



Other Discussion Items

- We made several informal recommendations during our audit that were not necessarily 'findings' to enhance the efficiency of processes and also to strengthen the current internal control structure in place. A few notable ones are:
 - Cybersecurity and System Penetration Testing – 3rd Party
 - Full risk assessment of IT threats
 - Review and update all necessary policies
 - There are unreconciled differences in cash that should be adjusted for and investigated.
 - NMFA balances should be tied to the statements at year end.
 - The City must start a comprehensive succession plan for transition of finance employees in the future, including ensuring policies and procedures are up to date.
 - Ensure all vendors have a single entry and an accurate address. Ensure all checks tie to the vendor listing before mailing and are properly reviewed.
 - Review of the financial close during FY 2021



Thank You for the opportunity to serve The City of Deming!

- Risk-based approach so we will adjust our audit plan to respond to any risks that may arise during this current year.
- Your team was fantastic to work with and we appreciate their hard work.
- We are available year-round as a resources to help your team.
- We value our relationship and look to continue to build on it.



*Building strong
and genuine,
long-term
relationships
with our clients
and team
members.*

Robert Gonzales, CPA

Principal

Cordova CPAs LLC

Albuquerque, New Mexico

505.610.2168

RG@cordovacpas.com

CORDOVA CPAS LLC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS | BUSINESS ADVISORS

Mary Jo Valdez

From: pastor@mtcalvarybcdeming.org
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Mary Jo Valdez
Subject: City Council meeting this evening, of which a waiver is being considered for Liquor License #2748
Attachments: Agenda City Council 3-16-2021 Regular (1) (002).pdf

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Dear City Clerk, Mary Valdez,

Would you please add this email to the city council meeting this evening? Would you please respond that this has been added please? Thank you.

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing about the upcoming City Council meeting this evening, of which a waiver is being considered for Liquor License #2748 to be granted to Grease Monkeys LLC at 201 W Pine St. Deming, NM. I am asking the city council to deny this request based on the licensing regulation in place and shown below. I do not believe a liquor store should be this close to a church. There are several other states that have regulations in place just like New Mexico to keep liquor stores away from churches and/or schools. (Alabama, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, and several others).

I want the counsel to know that there are some very good reasons that this regulation has been put in place in New Mexico and several other states. There are several other states that have regulations in place just like New Mexico to keep liquor stores away from churches and/or schools. (Alabama, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, and several others). It is generally accepted that when you have an increase in alcohol outlets, you have an increase in crime (*Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*.) Research repeatedly shows that greater access to alcohol outlets is associated with violent crime, this is one reason the regulation has been put in place not only here in New Mexico but also by many other states. The ordinance was put in place to protect churches and schools, their attendees and children. Churches are most active on weekends, as are most liquor stores. This certainly can lead to problems for which this ordinance was put in place. It would not be in the best interest of Deming and its citizens to put a liquor store within 300 ft of a church.

Furthermore, it is my opinion and the stance of our church that Deming does not need more liquor outlets. As a pastor, I have seen way to many times the affects of alcohol on families, individuals and communities. I have ministered over the years to countless number of individuals that deal with addiction to alcohol, and ministered and counselled with inmates that are serving time because of the influence of alcohol. Studies have found that crime and addiction would be reduced if policymakers at the local level limit the number of neighborhood liquor stores according to separate studies led by University of California, Riverside researchers. In a study by *Drug and Alcohol Review*, researchers found a correlation between the density of alcohol outlets and violent crime rates among teens and young adults aged 13 to 24.

I ask that for the sake of our community, based on the research and studies, that you not allow another liquor outlet in Deming, and especially not within 300 ft of a church. It's not what Deming needs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pastor Steven Sykes

Mt Calvary Baptist Church
2455 Hatch Hwy NE
Deming, NM 88030
575-545-5186

For more information:

https://www.socialworktoday.com/news/dn_092111.shtml

<https://www.wmar2news.com/news/crime-checker/baltimore-city-crime/liquor-stores-linked-to-crime-study-suggests-less-liquor-stores-equals-less-crime>

<https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/227646.pdf>

NM Stat § 60-6B-10 (2019)

No license shall be issued by the director for the sale of alcoholic beverages at a licensed premises where alcoholic beverages were not sold prior to July 1, 1981 that is within three hundred feet of any church or school. A license may be granted for a proposed licensed premises if the owner or lessee has, prior to establishment of a church or school located within three hundred feet of the proposed licensed premises, applied for, been granted and maintained a valid building permit for the construction or renovation of the proposed licensed premises and has filed on a form prescribed by the director a notice of intention to apply for transfer of a license to the proposed licensed premises. A license may be granted for a proposed licensed premises if a person has obtained a waiver from a local option district governing body for the proposed licensed premises. For the purposes of this section, all measurements taken in order to determine the location of licensed premises in relation to churches or schools shall be the straight line distance from the property line of the licensed premises to the property line of the church or school. This provision shall not apply to any church that has been designated as an historical site by the cultural properties review committee and which does not have a regular congregation.

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Mary Jo Valdez

From: Mary Corral
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Mary Jo Valdez
Cc: Stephanie Sanchez; Mary Corral
Subject: FW: Question on Proposed Business

Good morning

Will you please respond.

Thank you

MARY E. CORRAL
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF DEMING
309 S. GOLD ST.
DEMING, NM 88030
(575) 546-8848 X110

From: pm.seltzer <pm.seltzer@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Deming <deming@cityofdeming.org>
Subject: Question on Proposed Business

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It is my understanding that a matter may come up at the city council meeting that involves approval of a new business that will serve liquor at a location that is in violation of a city ordinance or rule that states no such establishment may exist within a certain number of feet of a place of worship. According to friends, this proposed business is located pretty close to the First Baptist Church.

Please clarify for me what is going on. I find it hard to believe that Deming's elected officials would approve this.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,
Patrick Seltzer

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First
Baptist
Church

206 W. Pine
P.O. Box 328
Deming, NM 88031

Telephone:

575-546-6509

Fax:

575-544-7729

Email:

fbcdeming@yahoo.com

January 21, 2021

Dear City Council,

We, the members of First Baptist Church, 206 W. Pine, oppose the granting of an alcohol license to be used at 201 W. Pine St., Deming, NM, applied for by Benny Jasso and Victor Cruz and his wife.

They are proposing opening a business on the corner of Pine and Copper St., directly across from First Baptist Church on Pine St. They have requested our consent to be able to obtain a beer and wine license.

At a special called business meeting on August 30, 2020, FBC voted unanimously **NOT** to give consent for the alcohol license.

According to the NM Regulation and Licensing Department, "no alcoholic beverages can be sold within 300 feet of any church or school without a waiver from a local option district governing body." (*ss60-6B-10. Locations near church or school; restrictions on licensing*)

We ask that you honor this regulation and our opposition to the issuance of an alcohol license at 201 W. Pine, St. Deming, NM.

Thank you,



Marvin Clary,
Chairman of the Deacons
First Baptist Church, Deming
1-575-494-4973

"A Caring Family Growing Together in God's Love"



Mary Jo Valdez

From: Scott Chandler <tierrablancaranch@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:24 AM
To: Mary Jo Valdez
Subject: Re: Liquor License #2748, Grease Monkeys LLC
Attachments: image001.png

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Mary, Thank you for your quick response.

Can you please put my original correspondence and attachments in the record? Or you need me to resend my initial correspondence to you?

SCOTT

"One man with courage makes a majority." President Andrew Jackson

On Mon, Apr 19, 2021, 8:38 AM Mary Jo Valdez <mvaldez@cityofdeming.org> wrote:

Good morning, Mr. Chandler.

Thank you for your inquiry and concern regarding tomorrow's public hearing for Grease Monkeys, LLC. Because this is a public hearing, I would ask that any and all comments be directed either to myself so that I can submit them into the record at the hearing or for interested parties to participate virtually at the link provided below. I would also ask that the Mayor and City Council not be contacted prior to being addressed tomorrow night during the hearing to avoid ex parte communication and/or the appearance of any conflict of interest.

I would further like to ask that the Mayor and City Council refrain from replying or commenting at this time regarding this matter until tomorrow's public hearing.

If I can be of further assistance please feel free to contact me.

Thank you and have a great day.

Mary Jo Valdez, CMC

Municipal City Clerk



Ófc: 575-546-8848 x 179

Cell: 575-494-1165

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From: Stephanie Sanchez <ssanchez@cityofdeming.org>

Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 8:29 AM

To: Mary Jo Valdez <mvaldez@cityofdeming.org>

Cc: Mary Corral <mcorral@cityofdeming.org>

Subject: Fwd: Liquor License #2748, Grease Monkeys LLC

Good morning,

Please see email below.

Thank you

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From: Scott Chandler <tierrablancaranch@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 17, 2021 5:05:36 PM

To: deming@cityofdeming.org <deming@cityofdeming.org>; dsanchez505@g.com <dsanchez505@g.com>; valuedmedicalcare@gmail.com <valuedmedicalcare@gmail.com>

Subject: Liquor License #2748, Grease Monkeys LLC

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Honorable Mayor Jasso and City Council,

I am writing about the upcoming City Council meeting on April 20th, of which a waiver is being considered for Liquor License #2748 to be granted to Grease Monkeys LLC at 201 W Pine St. Deming, NM.

I am respectfully asking for this waiver to be tabled at this time. Marvin Clary, Chairman of the Deacons at First Baptist Church Deming, handled the initial response (see attached letter) and oversight of this matter recently and unexpectedly passed away.

Marvin had told me of this issue and was working to seek other churches' support, input, and input from community residents in possible opposition to granting the waiver. Due to his recent passing, those efforts did not materialize.

I am a member of FBC Deming and one that is stepping forward to help address the issue. We would appreciate more time to seek community input on this critical issue. I or anyone I know here at FBC is not against positive growth in our community but, state statutes and regulation regarding liquor license; granting waivers, and or exceptions is nothing to be taken lightly.

If tabling and allowing more input and discussion to occur is not feasible or considered, then take this letter as my request to deny this waiver. Not only are there legitimate concerns over the establishment, via the proximity to the FBC but, concerns of ethics, possible conflicts of interest of various members of Grease Monkeys LLC and the Deming City government and City Council.

Thank you for your consideration of my request and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

SCOTT CHANDLER

295 Arrowhead Dr. NW

Deming, NM 88030

tierrablancaranch@gmail.com

575.544.1340

"One man with courage makes a majority." President Andrew Jackson

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To the Pommy City Council:

The Church & the Nazarene stand
with the First Baptist Church; the
liquor law; 300 ft from church or
school should not be decided by
the City, this is a state law!

Sorry I could not be at meeting.

When I return, I will mail a copy
of this letter to the Governor &
attorney general.

Rev. A. B. Beenton

4/20/24

To The City Council, Mayor Passo, Councilman Cruz,

I am writing concerning the matter
of the property 201 W. Pine

In August 2020 First Baptist Church,
206 W. Pine; voted unanimously not
to give consent for the alcohol license. Marvin
Clary our dearer Chairman notified you by
mail. Then again in January 2021 he sent
a certified letter so there would be no misunderstanding
where there was no mistake where the Church stood.
We have noticed even recently your moving in.
The vote hasn't taken place yet. Obviously, you
do not care about the law.

The law reads "No alcoholic beverages can be
sold within 300 ft. of any church or school. (That was)
which brings us to the present. I am ^{we}
sorry you invested your money; you should
have researched this and before starting had
the vote. It would have saved a lot of
heartache for everyone.

Since Mr. Clary died so recently, we have
had little time for preparation. I believe
Scott wrote asking to delay this vote.

This is a "Conflict of Interest" at its best.
I have no animosity towards any of you.
I had some of you at the high school when I
worked there years ago. Some of you played

To the city of Deming,

RE: Violation of 300ft rule

I am writing this letter to request that any form of alcohol be prohibited from being sold at the proposed location next First Baptist Church on Pine street. I am petitioning their request for a liquor license because the vacant building that is intended to sell alcohol does not meet the 300-foot requirement according to New Mexico State Statute §60-6B-10. In accordance with §60-6B-10 we ask that no waiver be granted for this premise.

Respectfully,



Jusan Lewis

1-20-21

575 San Joaquin Rd SE
Deming NM

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Respectfully,



4-20-21

P.O. Box 1438

~~11~~ 955 Oasis Rd.

Deming, NM 88031

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Respectfully,

Jason Nemec



4-20-21

P.O. Box 1438
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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Boggs".

ANDREW BOGGS

4-19-21

18280 monte vista Rd SE
Deming NM

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Respectfully,

Valeria Boggs

Valeria Boggs

4-19-21

18280 Monte Vista Rd SE

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Respectfully,

Charles T. Joz
4/19/21


18280 Monte Vista Rd SE

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Respectfully,


Mark D. Bogg

4-20-21

18280 Monte Vista Rd SE

LIVING WORD FAMILY CHURCH DEMING

February 09, 2021

Aaron Sera, Administrator City of Deming
309 S. Gold St., Deming, NM 88030

Re: New Mexico Liquor License Application
Grease Monkey
201 West Pine Street
Deming NM, 88030

Dear Mr. Aaron Sera

My name is Rev. Jeffrey Sutton I am the pastor of Living Word Family Church in Deming located at 104 South Gold, Deming, New Mexico 88030

I am writing in support of your business endeavor, The Living Word Family Church has no objection to the pending application of the liquor license for the Grease Monkey enterprise. We have a strong desire to see the business community expand and prosper in Deming New Mexico.

Should you have any further questions please contact me at the address below.

Living Word Family Church

104 S. Gold Ave., Deming, NM 88030

Hebrews114@gmail.com

By: 
Rev. Jeffrey Sutton

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
513 W. 1st Street
PO Box 2048, Deming, NM 88031
<https://antiochmbcdeming.wixsite.com/antioch-mbc>
Email: antiochmbcdeming@yahoo.com

February 2, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

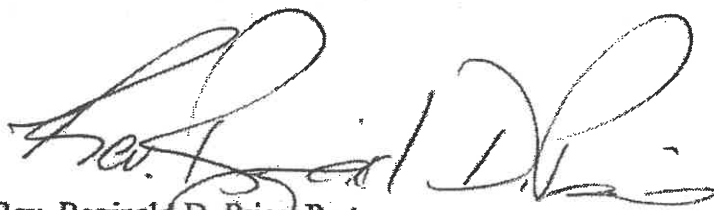
Our congregation was asked our opinion concerning a new business venue, Grease Monkeys, scheduled to open soon in Deming. Based on the information shared with us, this is what we know:

Grease Monkeys, a restaurant soon to open at 201 W. Pine St, Deming, NM 88030 is requesting a liquor license from the State of New Mexico. Grease Monkeys will offer coffee, ice cream and a restaurant with a bar. Grease Monkeys is within one mile radius of our church location.

We, the members and officers of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, following a discussion and vote on Sunday, February 1, 2021, favorably support the proposal for Grease Monkeys to acquire the requested liquor license.

We wish Grease Monkeys success in their business venture. Thank you for the opportunity to articulate our opinion. God Bless!

Sincerely,



Rev. Reginald D. Price, Pastor

575-993-1395

Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved... St Mark 16:16 NIV



800 East Pine Street, Deming New Mexico, 88030

January 22, 2021

**Aaron Sera, Administrator City of Deming
309 South Gold Street
Deming NM, 88030**

Re: New Mexico Liquor License Application

**Grease Monkey
201 West Pine Street
Deming NM, 88030**

Dear Mr. Sera,

The Deming Luna County MainStreet Program is a 501 (c)(3) corporation that seeks to engage people, rebuild places and work to revitalize our local economy. One of the ways we accomplish this is through partnerships with existing businesses and collaboration with entrepreneurs in assistance of helping them establish their new business and thrive. One such business we support is Grease Monkey.

The Deming Luna County MainStreet program has no objections for the issuance of a New Mexico Liquor License and is in full support of such a license for the Grease Monkey enterprise. The plan this enterprise has put forth will expand and further energize our local economy while stimulating attraction to our downtown business district.

Please let me know should you have any questions.

**Christie Ann Harvey
Executive Director
Deming Luna County MainStreet Program**