

**City of Socorro Regular Scheduled City Council Meeting  
City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, NM 87801  
December 6, 2022**

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk, took roll call.

Council members present at roll call were: Councilor Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez, Councilor Deborah Dean, Councilor Nick Fleming, Councilor Gordy Hicks, Councilor Damian Ocampo, Councilor Michael Olguin, Jr., and Councilor Peter Romero.

Councilor Anton Salome was present remotely.

Mayor Ravi Bhasker was absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilor Dean led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Approval of December 6, 2022 City Council Agenda**
- b. **Consideration of Minutes**
  - i. **November 15, 2022**

Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**DISCUSSION AND DELIBERATION**

- a. **Public Hearing – Small Brewer Liquor License Application – Box Canyon Brewing Company, LLC**

Councilor Olguin made a motion to go into public hearing. Seconded by Councilor Romero, motion passed unanimously.

David Kinder of Socorro stated he has known David and Paula Chavez and they are great folks and has helped with setting up the brewery and the brewery would make a very good business for Socorro.

David and Paula Chavez gave the Council an overview of their background from arriving in Socorro four years ago leading up to the dream of opening the brewery. Mr. Chavez stated what he envisioned the Box Canyon Brewery will offer the community.

Councilor Fleming questioned the occupancy limit of the brewery. Mr. Chavez responded that, currently, the facility can allow 56 occupants, but they are hoping to visit with the fire chief about increasing the capacity and they are planning on building an outdoor patio area.

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Councilor Olguin made a motion to go back into regular session. Seconded by Councilor Ocampo, motion passed unanimously.

**b. Council Action on Small Brewer Liquor License Application**

Councilor Olguin made a motion to approve Small Brewer Liquor License Application for the Box Canyon Brewing Company, LLC. Seconded by Councilor Dean, motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks reported that on behalf of Mayor Bhasker he executed two USDA loans in the amount of \$540,000.00 and \$2,725,000.00 totaling \$3,265,000.00 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements.

Donald Monette, City Administrator reported that the Cuba Road Street and Drainage Improvement CDBG Project began on December 2, 2022, and an update conference will take place on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. As previously mentioned, the CDBG and City match funding totaled \$830,000.00 (\$750,000.00 CDBG and \$80,000 City match). The lowest bid came in at \$942,224.24. There is an additional cost of \$73,594.61 for project administration and engineering, bringing the total project cost to \$1,015,818.95, plus incidental costs. Mayor Bhasker was able to acquire \$265,818.85 from the New Mexico Department of Transportation to fund the deficit enabling the project to proceed.

**a. Business Registrations**

Councilor Romero motioned to approve the Business Registrations as read by Mr. Monette.

NAME	ZOING	ADDRESS	OWNER	TYPE
E. Villarreal Plumbing	Out of Town	Canutillo, TX	Emeterio Villarreal	Plumbing
Forget Me Not Veterans Park	Out of Town	San Antonio, NM	Roxann Scott	Housing for Homeless Vets

Seconded by Councilor Chavez-Lopez, motion passed unanimously.

**b. Announcement – Next City Council Meeting Dates and Times**

Mayor Pro Tem Hicks stated that the next regular City Council meeting will be held

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on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers –  
111 School of Mines Road.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

**THE CITY OF SOCORRO – a municipal corporation**

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/s/  
**Gordon Hicks, Mayor Pro Tem**

**ATTEST:**

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/s/  
**Leopoldo Pineda, City Clerk**