

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The City Council of the City of Las Animas, County of Bent, State of Colorado, met in regular session in the City Council chambers on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. the City Council Meeting was hosted by zoom and facebook live. There being present at roll call were the following members:

Mayor:	Jim Collins
Council members:	Troy Abdulla
	David Armstrong
	Terry Kim
	Kimberlie King
	Cassandra Siefkas
	Robert Sonny Smith

Senior Advisor:	Sonora Servaes
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Mayor Jim Collins declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Greg Champney:	Las Animas Code Enforcement Officer
Lucas Collins:	Technology Support
Ronald Clodfelter:	Superintendent of Light & Power
Ginny Freed:	Interested Citizen
Kirby Ladner:	Interested Citizen
Rose Prichard:	Interested Citizen
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Samuel Vigil:	City Attorney
Ken Wagner:	Public Works Director
Lynette Wolf:	Interested Citizen

Other Citizens joining on zoom

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Collins asked Lynette Wolf to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to approve the consent agenda along with the minutes of the December 08, 2020 Regular City Council meeting and the December 2020 vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None

## PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Terry Kim moved to forgive the water surcharge due to leaks for Jeff Condit at 346 St. Vrain Ave. in the amount of \$272.93 and Steve Shane at 29875 CR 9.75 in the amount of \$19.70. On a voice vote, with Councilman Robert Smith voting no, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Terry Kim made a motion to place trash receptacles and pet waste stations in the downtown area. With the majority of the City Council voting no, the motion failed.

#### **TRAILER PERMIT REQUEST FROM LAURA LABARGE**

After a brief discussion about the letter from Laura LaBarge requesting a travel trailer permit, Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to deny the travel trailer permit for 1654 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. On a voice vote, with Troy Abdulla and Kimberlie King abstaining, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried. Mayor Collins will create a letter to Mrs. LaBarge rendering the Council's decision.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PESTER MARKETING DBA ALTA CONVENIENCE**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the liquor license renewal application for Pester Marketing dba ALTA Convenience. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FROM PESTER MARKETING DBA ALTA CONVENIENCE TO CF ALTITUDE LLC DBA ALTA #6121**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the liquor license transfer from Pester Marketing dba Alta Convenience to CF Altitude LLC dba ALTA #6121. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

#### **APPROVAL TO ADD ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS TO THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS RESOURCE PAGE ON THE WEBSITE**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to add Alcoholics Anonymous to the resource page on the City of Las Animas website. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

#### **DESIGNATION OF THE BENT COUNTY DEMOCRAT NEWSPAPER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS FOR THE YEAR 2021**

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to designate the Bent County Democrat newspaper as the official newspaper for the City of Las Animas for the year 2021. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

#### **DESIGNATION OF SAMUEL VIGIL AS THE OFFICIAL CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS FOR THE YEAR 2021**

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Councilman Terry Kim moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to designate Samuel Vigil as the official City Attorney for the City of Las Animas for the year 2021. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**DESIGNATION OF THE LAS ANIMAS CITY WEB SITE AND THE CITY HALL TV AS THE OFFICIAL POSTING PLACES FOR NOTICES FOR THE YEAR 2021**

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to designate the Las Animas City Website and the City Hall TV as the official posting places for notices for the year 2021. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Discussion of COVID-19 expenditures. Mayor Jim Collins encouraged the City Councilors to be looking at ways to spend the COVID-19 funds over the next few months. Mayor Collins had a suggestion to use part of the money for transportation for citizens to get a ride to a vaccination site to receive their vaccine.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussion of SECED Grant funds. Councilman Robert Smith suggested that the City of Las Animas pursue the SECED grant funding for the Las Animas/Bent County Golf Course repairs.

**ADJOURNED:** Mayor Jim Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Charmaine D. Tripp  
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Jim Collins, Mayor

**SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL MEETING**

The City Council of the City of Las Animas, County of Bent, State of Colorado, met in special session in the City Council chambers on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 5:04 p. m. The meeting was on facebook live and by phone. There being present at roll call were the following members:

Mayor:	Jim Collins
Council members:	Troy Abdulla
	David Armstrong
	Terry Kim
	Kimberlie King
	Cassandra Siefkas
	Robert Smith

Mayor Jim Collins declared a quorum present.

**Others Present:**

Sammie George:	Bent County Development Foundation Director
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Samuel Vigil:	City Attorney

And other citizens by phone and Facebook live.

**DISCUSSION OF GRANT MATCH PROPOSAL FOR THE GOLF COURSE**

Mayor Jim Collins opened the discussion regarding the grant match proposal for the Las Animas/Bent County Golf Course. Areas of concern were discussed including the deck on the back of the building and the entrance way. A couple of windows are unstable and could potentially fall out. Three estimates are required to be submitted with the grant request. Mayor Collins asked if there may be another project in addition to the golf course request. Ms. George stated that we could apply for two projects and the Paint and Connect project could receive additional funds to increase the amount of homes served. The City could apply for up to \$18,000.00 and match \$9,000.00. (50%/50%)

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to apply for a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for a design study for the Las Animas/Bent County Golf Course and to match the grant 50%/50%. On a voice vote Mayor Jim Collins declared the motion carried.

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to apply for a grant in the amount of \$9,000.00 for the Paint & Connect Project and to match the grant 50%/50%. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Jim Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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Charmaine D. Tripp, City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Jim Collins, Mayor