

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, August 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. the City Council was live streamed to the City of Las Animas Facebook Page. There being present at roll call were the following members:

Mayor:	Jim Collins
Council members:	Troy Abdulla David Armstrong Kimberlie King Cassandra Siefkas Robert Sonny Smith
Senior Advisor:	Sonora Servaes (by phone)
Youth Advisor:	Vacant

Mayor Jim Collins declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Greg Champney	Code Enforcement Officer
Ronald Clodfelter:	Superintendent of Light & Power
Lucas Collins:	Technology Technician
Steve Cordova:	Total Concept
Lane Elliott:	Bent County Sheriff's Office
Phoebe Frausto:	Candidate for Youth Advisor
Virginia Freed:	Municipal Court Clerk
Sammie George:	Bent County Development Foundation Director
MacKenzie King:	Interested Citizen
Dennis Mattoon:	Interested Citizen
Sonora Servaes:	Senior Advisor (by phone)
Jake Six:	Bent County Sheriff
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Samuel Vigil:	City Attorney
Ken Wagner:	Public Works Director

Other Citizens joining on Facebook Live

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Collins asked Phoebe Frausto to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to approve the consent agenda along with the minutes of the July 14, 2020 Regular City Council meeting and the July vouchers and to change item C. to the following:

C. Possible Appointment to the Youth Advisory Board

and add to the agenda under Citizen Participation: Steve Cordova, Total Concept. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to add to new business: Formation of a Committee for the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Las Animas and Bent County concerning the Bent County Sheriff. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to approve the amended consent agenda. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT

Director of Public Works Ken Wagner reported that the City of Las Animas has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for the EIAF 9268-City of Las Animas Wastewater System Improvement Project.

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved to forgive the surcharge amount for a leak in the amount of \$21.82 for Tyson Bland at 345 Second Street. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

a. Steve Cordova-Total Concept

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Steve Cordova Executive Director of Total Concept. Mr. Cordova reported on the services provided by Total Concept. Total Concept manages the local Las Animas Housing Authority. Mr. Cordova wanted to offer his support for the upcoming community housing improvement project that Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas has been working on. Sammie George from the Bent County Development Foundation spoke on the current proposed housing project and will have an updated report in the future.

ORDINANCE NO. 724, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE TRAFFIC AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

Councilman David Armstrong moved to approve ORDINANCE NO. 724, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE TRAFFIC AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF. Mayor Jim Collins announced that the Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to table ORDINANCE NO. 724, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE TRAFFIC AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF until it can be discussed at a Council work session. On a voice vote, with Councilman David Armstrong voting no, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

MAYOR JIM COLLINS ANNOUNCED A CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL CALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 25, 2020

Mayor Jim Collins announced that a City Council work session followed by a Special Call City Council meeting will be held on August 25, 2020 to discuss Ordinance No. 724.

**PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK 2020-VALLEYWIDE
HEALTH SYSTEMS**

Mayor Jim Collins presented the Proclamation for National Health Center Week 2020-Valleywide Health Systems to the City Council. Mayor Collins read a portion of the Proclamation to the City Councilors.

APPOINTMENT OF PHOEBE FRAUSTO AS THE LAS ANIMAS YOUTH ADVISOR

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to appoint Phoebe Frausto as the Las Animas Youth Advisor. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

AVENUE OF FLAGS DONATION

Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to immediately donate \$1,000.00 to the Avenue of Flags project spearheaded by the VFW Auxiliary post #2411 and to consider another donation in the 2021 budget. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS SEWER ENTERPRISE APPROVING A LOAN BETWEEN THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS SEWER ENTERPRISE IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING COSTS RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS TO LAS ANIMAS WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE FORM AND EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY BOND EVIDENCING THE LOAN; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 3-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS SEWER ENTERPRISE APPROVING A LOAN BETWEEN THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS SEWER ENTERPRISE IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING COSTS RELATING TO IMPROVEMENTS TO LAS ANIMAS WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE FORM AND EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY BOND EVIDENCING THE LOAN; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF A MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING,

AND APPROVAL OF ANY NEW LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ALL RETAIL MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS; SAID BALLOT QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2020; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BALLOT QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION AT SAID ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION AT SAID ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT THEREOF

After a brief discussion, Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to table RESOLUTION NO. 4-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF A MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING, AND APPROVAL OF ANY NEW LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ALL RETAIL MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS; SAID BALLOT QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 3, 2020; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BALLOT QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION AT SAID ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION AT SAID ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT THEREOF until the Council work session. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

CITY COUNCIL DECLARES A VACANCY IN WARD 2, PRECINCT 9

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to accept Jaxon Meardon's resignation with regret and to declare a vacancy in ward 2, precinct 9 and to have published in the Bent County Democrat newspaper an ad declaring the vacancy. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nuisance Ordinance

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas asked the City Council to look at the current nuisance Ordinance to see if it needs updating. Councilwoman Siefkas asked Samuel Vigil to look into the way other Cities handle their nuisance issues to see if we can mirror their Ordinance.

COMMUNITY HOUSING PROJECT

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas informed the Councilors that she has been researching a community housing project to include high school youth. Councilwoman Siefkas explained the process and the importance of the students meeting the actual homeowners. The students would stay for a week and may be housed at the High School, community center or local churches. Councilwoman Siefkas is hoping to involve the local churches to supply meals when needed. The project start date is estimated to be June 2021. Councilwoman Siefkas is also looking for someone familiar with construction projects to be available for consultation. She is also asking for adult volunteers who are willing to undergo a background check. Application will be collected for eligible homeowners. The homeowners may also be subject to a background check.

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NEW BUSINESS: Committee for the development of the IGA between the City of Las Animas and Bent County concerning the Bent County Sheriff.

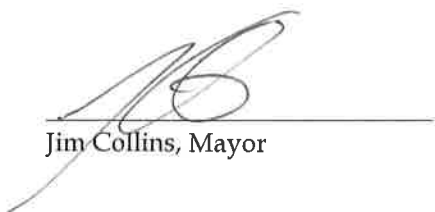
Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas asked Mayor Jim Collins to create a committee for the development of the IGA between the City of Las Animas and Bent County concerning the Bent County Sheriff. Mayor Collins suggested that City Attorney Sam Vigil work on an agreement. City Attorney Samuel Vigil asked the Council for guidance on creating the document.

ADJOURNED

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

Charmaine D. Tripp
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:



Jim Collins, Mayor