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## 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, September 8, 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

Youth Advisor: Phoebe Frausto

Mayor Jim Collins declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Ronald Clodfelter: Superintendent of Light & Power

Lucas Collins: Technology Technician

Virginia Freed: Municipal Court Clerk

Sammie George: Request for Donation

Cody Hines: Council Candidate

Webster Hogue: Bent County Sheriff’s Office

Billy King: Interested Citizen

Terry Kim: Council Candidate

Kirby Ladner: Interested Citizen

Randy McDermed: Interested Citizen

Charmaine Tripp: City Clerk & Treasurer

Wick Turner: Under Sheriff

Samuel Vigil: City Attorney

Ken Wagner: Public Works Director

Gary Waller: Dixon, Waller & Co., Inc.

Lynette Wolf: Interested Citizen

Other Citizens joining on Facebook Live

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jim Collins asked Cody Hines to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CORRECTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to amend the September 08, 2020 Agenda to correct number 9. Youth Advisor: from Steven Salazar Jr. to Phoebe Frausto. On a voice Vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

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**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the consent agenda along with the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Regular City Council meeting and the Special Call meeting of August 25, 2020 and the August vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** a. Gary Waller, Dixon Waller & Co., Inc.

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 AUDIT BY GARY WALLER, CPA FROM DIXON, WALLER & CO., INC**

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Gary Waller from Dixon, Waller & Co., Inc. Mr. Waller went over in detail the components of the 2019 Audit for the City of Las Animas. Mr. Waller noted that the General Fund has improved over the last two years and had revenues in excess of expenditures consequently increasing the fund balances.

b. Sammie George, Donation request for Arkansas Valley Throw Down

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Sammie George. Ms. George informed the City Councilors that she was there not as the Bent County Development Director, but as a business owner. Ms. George explained that she and her husband own a disc golf business and are trying to set up a tournament at the Las Animas Disc Golf Course and John Martin State Park on October 10, and October 11, 2020. Ms. George stated that the tournament would be conducted in a safe manner with masks and social distancing a part of the program. Ms. George stated that the tournament would bring in people to the community to visit the restaurants and convenience stores. Ms. George asked for a donation of between $500.00 and $1,500.00.

Councilman Sonny Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to add an item to the Agenda under the Mayor’s section: b. Donation to the Arkansas Valley Throw Down. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT**

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved to forgive the surcharge amount for leaks in the amount of $24.33 for Sabrina Martinez at 40 E. Sixth Street, $92.28 for William Nelson at 616 Vine Ave., $124.51 for Bonnie Dunn at 131 3rd Street. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Action Item added to October 13, 2020.

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to add an action item to the Special Call Agenda concerning the weed abatement on 900 Grove Ave. Councilman Robert Smith asked that the records be available regarding the property. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF TERRY KIM TO WARD 2, PRECINCT 9**

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After presentations from both applicants, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to appoint Terry Kim to Ward 2, Precinct 9. On a voice vote, with Councilman Robert Smith voting no, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**DONATION TO THE INAUGURAL ARKANSAS VALLEY THROWDOWN**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to donate $500.00 to the Inaugural Arkansas Valley Throwdown. Councilwoman Kimberlie King voiced her concerns about the tournament following the COVID-19 protocols. Ms. George stated that the tournament would comply with the state order. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: None

# ADJOURNED

Mayor Jim Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Charmaine D. Tripp

City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Jim Collins, Mayor