

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, October 13, 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
	Terry Kim
	Kimberlie King
	Cassandra Siefkas
	Robert Sonny Smith

Youth Advisor:	Phoebe Frausto
Senior Advisor:	Sonora Servaes, by phone

Mayor Jim Collins declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Cody Allen:	Las Animas Fire Department
Greg Champney:	Las Animas Code Enforcement Officer
Ronald Clodfelter:	Superintendent of Light & Power
Lucas Collins:	Technology Technician
Rod Coulter:	Las Animas Fire Department
Virginia Freed:	Municipal Court Clerk
Richard Gallegos:	Deputy City Clerk
Sammie George:	Request for Donation
Todd Horning:	Prospective Business owner
Kirby Ladner:	Interested Citizen
Patrick Martin:	Interested Citizen
Rose Prichard:	Interested Citizen
Rick Rigel:	ARPA General Manager
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Pete Trujillo:	Interested Citizen
Wick Turner:	Under Sheriff
Samuel Vigil:	City Attorney
Ken Wagner:	Public Works Director
Lynette Wolf:	Interested Citizen

Other Citizens joining on Facebook Live

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the consent agenda along with the minutes of the September 08, 2020 Regular City Council meeting and the Special Call meeting of September 29, 2020 and the September vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to amend the document misspelling of Cassandra Torrez-Siefkas to Cassandra Torres-Siefkas. On a voice Vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: a. Sammie George, Bent County Development Foundation and Todd Horning, Prospective Business Owner

Sammie George the Bent County Development Foundation Director introduced Todd Horning to the Mayor and City Councilors. Mr. Horning introduced himself and informed the Councilors that they would like to purchase a ranch outside of Las Animas to build a world class shooting facility. Mr. Horning stated that this would be a large investment that would benefit the community. Mr. Horning stated that other businesses could benefit from the shooting complex. They are applying for a special review permit from Bent County. The sale of the property is contingent upon getting the permit from the County. Mr. Horning asked for the support of the Mayor and City Council.

b. Rick Rigel, ARPA General Manager

Mayor Collins recognized Rick Rigel the ARPA General Manager. Mr. Rigel supplied information to the Mayor and City Councilors providing an update. Mr. Rigel gave an overview of the organization for the new City Councilors. The packet contained information on rates and electric sales. Mr. Rigel also discussed the demolition of the Lamar power plant. The project should be completed by March of 2021. A budget for ARPA was also enclosed in the packet. Mr. Rigel also discussed the shift to renewable energy.

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved to appoint Rose Prichard to the Public Works Board. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Rose Prichard. Ms. Richard thanked the Council for appointing her to the Public Works Board. Ms. Prichard asked the Council if a mercury vapor light could be installed in the darkest part of the park for security purposes. Mayor Collins stated that it would be added to the November Agenda for action.

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved to forgive the surcharge amount for leaks in the amount of \$36.88 for Luis Carrillo at 1013 Maple Ave. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF TERRY KIM TO THE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved to step down from the Public Works Board and appoint Councilman Terry Kim as the Chairman of the Public Works Board. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Dominic Flores asked the City Council to assist him with an abandoned house located next door at 330 Moore Ave. The home is infested with mice and bugs and the weeds have not been taken care of. Mayor Jim Collins instructed the team to address the issue and report back at the November meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas announced that a meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2020 at 6:00 to discuss the upcoming 2021 housing improvement project sponsored by the City of Las Animas.

APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR TORREZ SPORTS BAR

Upon recommendation from City Clerk Charmaine Tripp, stating that the application was in order and the fees were attached, Councilman Terry Kim moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to approve the liquor license renewal application for Torres Sports Bar. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-20, 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 \$1,535,617.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE 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 David Armstrong moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 4-20, 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 \$1,535,617.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE 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. 5-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS APPROVING A FULL RELEASE OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF THE SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER

Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 5-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS APPROVING A FULL RELEASE OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF THE SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER. On a voice vote, with Councilman Robert Smith abstaining, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-20, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED OCTOBER 08, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 6-20, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED OCTOBER 08, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-20, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED OCTOBER 08, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 7-20, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED OCTOBER 08, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-20, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED OCTOBER 08, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 8-20, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED OCTOBER 08, 2020, AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF CHARMAINE TRIPP AS THE OFFICIAL BUDGET OFFICER FOR THE 2021 CITY OF LAS ANIMAS BUDGET

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to appoint Charmaine Tripp as the official budget officer for the 2021 city of Las Animas budget. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF DRESS CODE FOR CITY EMPLOYEES

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to adopt a new policy for the dress code for all city employees. On a voice vote, with Robert Smith abstaining, Mayor Jim Collins declared the motion carried.

REQUEST FROM THE LAS ANIMAS FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR A DONATION FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Councilman Terry Kim moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to donate \$1,000.00 to the Las Animas Fire Department to support fire prevention week activities for the local

students from the Sales Tax Development Fund. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHT PURCHASE FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS

Councilman Troy Abdulla asked the City Council to consider the purchase of new Christmas lights for the City of Las Animas. The proposal is to purchase different size wreaths at a cost of \$21,538.00 to replace all of the old decorations. Councilman Terry Kim moved to approve the purchase of new Christmas decoration at a cost of \$21,538.00. Motion dies due to the lack of a second.

Troy Abdulla moved, David Armstrong seconded to add it to the 2021 budget cycle. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC BY THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2020 EDITION OF THE "MODEL TRAFFIC CODE" REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

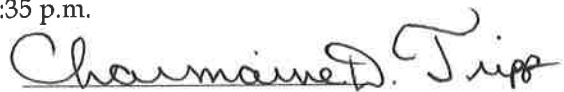
Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to approve on first reading and have published in it's entirety AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC BY THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO; ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2020 EDITION OF THE "MODEL TRAFFIC CODE" REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, AMENDING AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE LICENSING OF RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY


Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 9-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, AMENDING AND ADOPTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE LICENSING OF RETAIL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESSES WITHIN THE CITY. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

ADJOURNED

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


Charmaine D. Tripp
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:


Jim Collins, Mayor