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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**

Mayor Jim Collins opened the public hearing regarding the wastewater system improvements at 7:02 p.m. Mayor Jim Collins recognized Jason Meyer from GMS Engineering. Mr. Meyer went over the details concerning the wastewater system improvements. The total project cost will be $2,080,000.00 and will be funded with grants and loans. A potential rate adjustment was discussed as well as construction dates. The project should get underway in October 2020 and be completed in June of 2021. The actual project would replace sewer mains, manholes, segments of pipe and rehabilitation of the wastewater wetlands treatment cells. Mayor Collins asked if there were any comments from the community or the City Councilors concerning the wastewater system improvements. Mayor Jim Collins asked if the alleys would be fixed properly after the project and Mr. Meyer stated that it was in the contract that the alleys be put back the same as before the project. Mayor Jim Collins closed the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. A complete outline prepared by GMS Engineering will be attached to the minutes.

## 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 14, 2020, at 7:24 p.m. There being present at roll call were the following members:

Mayor: Jim Collins

Council members: Troy Abdulla

David Armstrong

 Jaxon Meardon

 Cassandra Siefkas

Robert Sonny Smith

 Kimberlie King

 Youth Advisor: Steven Salazar Jr.

Mayor Jim Collins declared a quorum present.

 Others Present:

 Ann Boswell: KBLJ Radio

 Greg Champney: Code Enforcement Officer

 Ronald Clodfelter: Superintendent of Light & Power

 Sakura Cole: Eighth Grade Student

 Marian Collins: Interested Citizen

 Joe Frazier: Interested Citizen

 Sammie George: Bent County Development Foundation

 Mackenzie King: Interested Citizen

 Kirby Ladner: Interested Citizen

Jason Meyer: GMS Engineering

 Rose Prichard: Interested Citizen

Charmaine Tripp: City Clerk & Treasurer

Jean Wagner: Las Animas Middle School

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 Samuel Vigil: City Attorney

Ken Wagner: Public Works Director

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Collins asked Sakura Cole to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of December 10, 2019 as presented. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**  a. Sakura Cole, Eighth Grade Student

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Sakura Cole, eighth grade student. Ms. Cole addressed the City Council and asked for a donation of $200.00 to $500.00 for a cleaning and restoration project at 334 Bent Ave. (formerly the J. C. Penney building). The project would consist of cleaning, weeding, painting, and bench repair. Councilman David Armstrong asked if there would be a fundraising opportunities to help with the project. Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas asked if they needed adult volunteers and then stated that she would like to volunteer. Sammie George from the Bent County Development Foundation explained that this project is a result of real world problem solving exercise that challenges the students to come up with a specific community project.

b. Joe Frazier, Barking Dog Complaint

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Joe Frazier of 305 Carson Ave. Mr. Frazier addressed the City Council about a dog complaint. Mr. Frazier stated that there has been no follow up from the Bent County Sheriff’s Office. Mr. Frazier stated that he cannot enjoy his yard because the dog barks constantly. Mayor Jim Collins asked Code Enforcement Officer Greg Champney to set up a meeting with City Attorney Sam Vigil, Bent County Sherriff Deputies, Joe Frazier, the owners of the barking dog and Mayor Jim Collins to see if the issue can be resolved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Jim Collins announced that there will be a spring clean-up day this year.

**LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR PESTER MARKETING dba ATLA CONVENIENCE**

Upon recommendation from City Clerk Charmaine Tripp stating that the application was in order and the fees were paid, Councilman David Armstrong 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.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD AND THE PUBLIC WORKS AND ZONING BOARD**

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Mayor Jim Collins appointed Councilwoman Kimberlie King to the Bent County Community Center Board. Mayor Jim Collins also appointed Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas to the Public Works Board and the Zoning Board.

**DESIGNATION OF THE BENT COUNTY DEMOCRAT NEWSPAPER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS FOR THE YEAR 2020**

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Jaxon Meardon seconded to designate the Bent County Democrat Newspaper as the official paper for the City of Las Animas for the year 2020. 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 2020**

Councilman Jaxon Meardon moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to designate Samuel Vigil as the official City Attorney for the City of Las Animas for the year 2020. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**DESIGNATION OF THE LAS ANIMAS CITY WEB SITE AND THE CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AS THE OFFICIAL POSTING PLACES FOR NOTICES FOR THE YEAR 2020**

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Jaxon Meardon seconded to designate the Las Animas City web site and the City Hall bulletin board as the official posting places for notices for the year 2020. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

MOTION TO MODIFY THE AGENDA

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to add the monetary request from the eighth grade class for the downtown project to the Agenda. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

Councilman Jaxon Meardon moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to approve a $500.00 donation from Sales Tax Development to the eighth grade class project. The check will be made to the Bent County Development Foundation for distribution. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO FOR ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2006 EDITION, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 6-1, 6-2 AND 6-3 OF THE LAS ANIMAS MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “UNIFORM BUILDING CODE-ADOPTED” AND REENACTING THE SAME

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to approve on first reading and have published in its entirety in the Bent County Democrat newspaper AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO FOR ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 2006 EDITION, AND REPEALING SECTIONS 6-1, 6-2 AND 6-3 OF THE LAS ANIMAS MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “UNIFORM BUILDING CODE-ADOPTED” AND REENACTING THE SAME. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the motion carried.

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**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:** Councilman Jaxson Meardon moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the vouchers for December 2019 as presented. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

# ADJOURNED

Mayor Jim Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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 Charmaine D. Tripp

 City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Jim Collins, Mayor