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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, March 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. There being present at roll call were the following members:

Mayor Pro-tem: David Armstrong

Council members: Troy Abdulla

Kimberlie King

Jaxon Meardon

Cassandra Siefkas

Robert Sonny Smith

Absent: Mayor Jim Collins

Senior Advisor: Sonora Servaes

Youth Advisor: Steven Salazar Jr.

Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Larry Bourne: Interested Citizen

Linda Bourne: Interested Citizen

John Cebulski: Interested Citizen

Greg Champney: Code Enforcement Officer

Ronald Clodfelter: Superintendent of Light & Power

Marian Collins: Interested Citizen

Anna Crespin: Interested Citizen

Margie Crespin: Interested Citizen

Ronald Crespin: Interested Citizen

Ronnie Crespin Jr. Interested Citizen

Calvin Feik: Interested Citizen

Logan Goolsby: Maggie’s Farm

Mackenzie King: Interested Citizen

Terry Kim: Interested Citizen

Kirby Ladner: Interested Citizen

Bill Larkin: Interested Citizen

Paul Lyons: Interested Citizen

Steven Martinez: Interested Citizen

Randy McDermed: Interested Citizen

Roberto Montoya: Interested Citizen

Andrew Montoya: Interested Citizen

Rose Prichard: Interested Citizen

Brian Simmons: Interested Citizen

Julie Smith: Interested Citizen

Mike Smith: Interested Citizen

Charmaine Tripp: City Clerk & Treasurer

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Samuel Vigil: City Attorney

Ken Wagner: Public Works Director

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Jaxon Meardon seconded to accept changes to the Agenda including additions. On a voice vote, Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong declared the Motion carried.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Troy Adbulla seconded to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of February 11, 2020 as presented. On a voice vote, Mayor Pro-tem declared the Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**  a. John Cebulski from One Strike Security

Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong recognized Mr. John Cebulski from One Strike Security. Mr. Cebulski stated that he has been doing security for the hemp industry. Mr. Cebulski expressed his concerns about proper security at the marijuana dispensaries. One store may have had an attempted break-in and another store may been leaving their back door open during business hours. Mr. Cebulski asked that when the rules were updated that additional security measures be considered. City Attorney Samuel Vigil stated that the security measures currently in place are what the state of Colorado requires.

b. Dennis Mattoon- Use for City property

Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong called for Mr. Dennis Mattoon. Mr. Mattoon was not in the audience for participation.

c. Roberto Montoya-Citizen Concerns

Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong recognized Mr. Roberto Montoya. Mr. Montoya voiced his concerns about 1110 Lois Avenue. Mr. Montoya stated that there were multiple junk and abandoned vehicles on the property and it is creating an eyesore. He has contacted the City multiple times over the last three years. Mr. Montoya stated that he would be attending future meetings to make something is done. Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas expressed that she would like to see more teeth in the enforcement and Councilwoman Kimberlie King concurred with Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas. Mr. Montoya stated that he would continue to come to the City Council until the issue is addressed.

**CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING, AND APPROVAL OF ANY LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ALL**

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**MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

After discussion by the City Councilors, it was decided to send out a poll with the utility bills to get the Citizen’s opinion before a decision is made.

Councilwoman Kimberlie King moved to table AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS ESTABLISHING AND IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE SUBMISSION, ACCEPTANCE, PROCESSING, AND APPROVAL OF ANY LICENSE APPLICATION FOR ALL MARIJUANA AND MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY until the polls can be counted. On a voice vote, with Jaxon Meardon voting no, Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong declared the Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS BOARD:**

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to adopt the draft of the 2006 energy code to be prepared by City Attorney Samuel Vigil. On a voice vote, Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong declared the Motion carried

Councilman Jaxson Meardon moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to waive the surcharge due to a water leak at 624 Maple Avenue in the amount of $38.59. On a voice vote, Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong declared the Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Housing Issue

Councilman Troy Abdulla invited citizen Linda Jara to address the City Council with a housing issue. Ms. Jara addressed the board about a home located at 704 Locust Ave. Ms. Jara stated that the home was unlivable and the plumbing inoperable. Ms. Jara stated that there was a carbon monoxide leak and that the electrical panel looked unsafe.

A discussion by the City Councilors that a committee should be considered to address the housing issues in Las Animas.

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas inquired about creating a city newsletter to be included with the bills and asked if she could research the possibility with the Chamber of Commerce. It was the consensus on the Councilors to allow Councilwoman Siefkas to move forward.

**YOUTH ADVISOR REPORT**

Youth Advisor Steven Salazar reported to the City Council that the senior prom and the post prom party are scheduled for April 4, 2020.

Councilman Robert Smith, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to donate $200.00 for the post prom party. On a voice vote, Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong declared the Motion carried.

Steven also reported that the High School Student Council will sponsor an Easter hunt on April 4, 2020 at the High School.

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SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 722, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V SECTIONS 5-57 AND 5-63 OF THE LAS ANIMAS MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “VICIOUS DOGS”

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Troy Adbulla seconded to approve on first reading and have published in the Bent County Democrat newspaper by title only ORDINANCE NO. 722 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V SECTIONS 5-57 AND 5-63 OF THE LAS ANIMAS MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED “VICIOUS DOGS”. On a voice vote, Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR J R LIQUOR**

Councilman Jaxson Meardon moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the liquor license renewal application for J R Liquor. On a voice vote, Mayor Pro-tem declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:** Councilman Jaxson Meardon moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the vouchers for February 2020 as presented. On a voice vote, Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong declared the Motion carried.

# ADJOURNED

Mayor Pro-tem David Armstrong declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Charmaine D. Tripp

City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

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David Armstrong, Mayor Pro-tem