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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, June 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, 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 (by phone)

Jaxon Meardon

Cassandra Siefkas

Robert Sonny Smith

Senior Advisor: Sonora Servaes (by phone)

Youth Advisor: Steven Salazar Jr.

Mayor Jim Collins declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Ronald Clodfelter: Superintendent of Light & Power

Sammie George: Bent County Development Foundation Director

Madison Gonzales: Scholarship recipient

Terry Kim: Interested Citizen

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 Madison Gonzales to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to add the

Discussion to open the Las Animas swimming pool to the Citizen Participation portion of the Agenda and to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda including the Minutes of the May 11, 2020 of the Regular City Council meeting and the May 2020 vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried

Councilman Jaxon Meardon moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to add under new business the proposition from the VFW for the Avenue of Flags. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

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Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilman Jaxon Meardon seconded to add under unfinished business the discussion of Workcamps home repair program. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Jaxon Meardon seconded to add discussion concerning SECED to unfished business. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Coillins declared the Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

1. Presentation of the ARPA/Las Animas Light & Power/City of Las Animas Scholarship

Councilman David Armstrong presented the Scholarship provided by ARPA/Las Animas Light & Power/City of Las Animas to Madison Gonzales, Cutter Nichols and Steven Salazar Jr. Each Student will receive a scholarship in the amount of $1,200.00.

1. Discussion of opening the Las Animas Swimming Pool

Chairman of the Public Works Board Cassandra Siefkas gave a report on the COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS. Ms. Siefkas went over guidelines that the swimming pool staff will need to follow in order to open during the pandemic. Increased cleaning as well as limiting the number of swimmers to 50% of capacity will be part of the protocol. The City of Las Animas is waiting for written direction from Omer Tamir the Director of the Bent County Nursing Service.

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Jaxon Meardon seconded to go ahead with opening the Las Animas swimming pool on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 with direction from the Bent County Nursing Service Director Omer Tamir. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY CITY CLERK MARY TUTTLE**

City Clerk & Treasurer Charmaine Tripp announced that Deputy City Clerk Mary Tuttle will be retiring at the end of June 2020. Account Clerk Richard Gallegos will be appointed Deputy City Clerk upon Mary’s retirement. A reception will be planned at the end of June for Mary.

**PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT**

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved to forgive the surcharge amount for a leak in the amount of $80.43 for 206 6th Street for Shelley Allen. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COUNCIL 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 Sonny Smith moved, Councilman Jaxon Meardon seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 02-20, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS

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APPROVING A FULL RELEASE OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF THE SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE TRAFFIC AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF**

Councilman Sonny Smith introduced AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE TRAFFIC AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF. Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to approve on first reading and have published in its entirety in the Bent County Democrat newspaper AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE TRAFFIC AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**CITY OF LAS ANIMAS ELECTS TO WITHDRAW FROM SECED**

After discussion of the dues paid to SECED for 2020 by the City Councilors, Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to with draw from SECED and ask for a refund of the dues paid. Voting results of the Councilors were as follows:

Yes: Troy Abdulla

Kimberlie King

Jaxon Meardon

Cassandra Siefkas

No: Robert Smith

David Armstrong

On a roll call vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried. Bent County Development Foundation Director Sammie George asked the City Council to reconsider their position.

**MAYOR JIM COLLINS SCHEDULES A WORK SESSION**

Mayor Jim Collins scheduled a work session for Tuesday June 23, 2020 at 6:00 pm to discuss the prospectus and the marijuana licensing moratorium.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Workcamps Home Repair Program

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas informed the City Council about the Workcamps home repair program. The program requires a minimum of $20,000.00 to purchase building materials to assist with home repair for low income and senior individuals. A team of students would come to Las Animas for about a week to supply the work force.

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilman Jaxon Meardon seconded to invest $20,000.00 into the Workcamps project for 2021. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Avenue of Flags

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Mayor Jim Collins brought up the request from the Las Animas VFW Club for $45.00 for the Avenue of Flags program. The program displays the flags on several holidays and each business pays a portion to the VFW to help with costs. Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to support the Las Animas VFW Club in the amount of $45.00 per year. With permission from the Second, Councilman Abdulla, Councilman Armstrong withdrew the Motion. Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to table the Motion until further research can be done to determine if the amount of $45.00 is enough money from the City of Las Animas to support the VFW.

# ADJOURNED

Mayor Jim Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Charmaine D. Tripp

City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Jim Collins, Mayor