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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, April 9, 2019, at 7:01 p. m. There being present at roll call were the following members:

Mayor: Jim Collins

Council members: Troy Abdulla

David Armstrong

Janice Cline

Eloy Salazar

Frank Schmeiser

Robert Sonny Smith

Youth Advisor: Steven Salazar Jr.

Senior Aging Advisor: Penny Calhoon

Mayor Jim Collins declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Marian Collins: Interested Citizen

Nancy Billings Gerlock: Bent County Democrat Newspaper

Greg Champney: Code Enforcement Officer

Bonnie Ellis: Interested Citizen

Bonnie Failing: Interested Citizen

Calvin Feik: Interested Citizen

Sammie George: Bent County Development Foundation

Ivor Hill: Interested Citizen

Kirby Ladner: Interested Citizen

Dennis Mattoon: Interested Citizen

Eric Pearson: Interested Citizen

Jeanie Pearson: Interested Citizen

Nick Perrino: Interested Citizen

Richard Porterfield: Bent County Wellness Walk

Mary Tuttle: Deputy City Clerk

Charmaine Tripp: City Clerk & Treasurer

Samuel Vigil: City Attorney

Ken Wagner: Public Works Director

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Collins asked Bonnie Ellis to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

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Councilwoman Janice Cline moved, Councilman Frank Schmeiser seconded to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of March 12, 2019 as presented. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** a. Sammie George and Richard Porterfield-Bent County Wellness Walk

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Sammie George and Richard Porterfield from the Bent County Wellness Walk. Mr. Porterfield thanked the City for the donation of the plastic cups for the annual wellness walk. Mr. Porterfield asked the Council to approve the 20th annual wellness walk route for May 11, 2019 starting at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Porterfield stated that in addition to the bags, free water and snacks will be available to all who participate. Mayor Collins stated that the Bent County Sheriff’s office will be contacted and cones will be used to direct traffic during the event.

b. Sammie George-Bent County Development Foundation Report

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Sammie George. Ms. George handed out a quarterly report to the City Councilors and the Mayor. Sammie did a recap of her report and stated that she had included a balance sheet. Mayor Collins thanked Ms. George for her report.

c. Eric Pearson-RESADA

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Eric Pearson from RESADA.

Mr. Pearson asked the City Council if they would provide in-kind work and concrete for a special project at RESADA. Mr. Pearson informed the Council that they were a recipient of a grant to construct a therapeutic garden to include a sitting area, trees, walking paths and recreational areas. The garden would be referred to as a “serenity garden”. Mr. Pearson had a poster board showing the design and layout of the project. Mayor Collins thanked Mr. Pearson for his presentation and stated that the City Council would consider his request at the May meeting.

d. Bonnie Ellis-Code Enforcement Concern

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Bonnie Ellis. Ms. Ellis stated that she was very angry by the way that she was treated by Code Enforcement Officer Greg Champney on April 2, 2019. Ms. Ellis stated that Mr. Champney never identified himself by name and that she only knew that it was the code officer due to the vehicle he was driving. Ms. Ellis stated that she and another party were cleaning out storage sheds that were going to be sold at 214 West 5th Street. Ms. Ellis was placing usable items to be given away for free to whoever might take them when Mr. Champney approached her and told her she could not do that. Ms. Ellis stated that she received no notice and was told that if she left it out there she would receive a citation. Ms. Ellis stated that all items were taken to the dump. She asked that Mr. Champney be retrained for the Code Enforcement Position. Mayor Collins thanked Ms. Ellis.

e. Ivor Hill-Economic Development Project

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Ivor Hill. Mr. Hill addressed the City Council with a project that he is planning at 529 Carson Ave. Mr. Hill is working on placing a storage facility around the

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building with self-storage units as well as RV and camper covered storage towards the back of the lot. Mr. Hill is planning on selling the building separately for other uses. Mayor Collins thanked Mr. Hill for his explanation.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved to waive the surcharge amount due to a water leaks at the following addresses of 944 Ash in the amount of $8.73 for Jose Cadenas and 616 Locust Ave in the amount of $54.54 for George Robertson. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved to increase the cost of concrete from $330.00 per yard to $350.00 per yard and $33.00 per foot to $35.00 per foot due to the increased cost of concrete. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

YOUTH ADVISOR REPORT

Youth Advisor Steven Salazar Jr. gave a written report on current and upcoming events happening at the Las Animas High School to the City Councilors. Steven reported that the prom will be held April 13, 2019 followed by the post prom party. The school students have been busy preparing for the Santa Fe Trail Day festivities.

ADDITION OF APPOINTMENT OF PENNY CALHOON AS THE SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Mayor Jim Collins announced an addition to the City Council Agenda to appoint Penny Calhoon to the Senior Advisor Position. Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved, Councilman Eloy Salazar seconded to appoint Penny Calhoon as the Senior Advisor. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-19, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DANGEROUS BUILDING ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED APRIL 9, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER

Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved, Councilman Eloy Salazar seconded to approve RESOLUTION NO. 05-19, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DANGEROUS BUILDING ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED APRIL 9, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-19, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED APRIL 9, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER

Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved, Councilman Eloy Salazar seconded to approve RESOLUTION NO. 06-19, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED APRIL 9, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME

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TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-19, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED APRIL 9, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER

Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved, Councilman Eloy Salazar seconded to approve RESOLUTION NO. 07-19, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED APRIL 9, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-19, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED APRIL 9, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER

Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved, Councilman Eloy Salazar seconded to approve RESOLUTION NO. 08-19, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WEED ABATEMENT ASSESSMENT ROLL DATED APRIL 9, 2019 AND AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF SAME TO THE BENT COUNTY TREASURER. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

CLARIFICATION FOR MARIJUANA ZONING

Upon discussion by the Mayor and City Councilors, Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Janice Cline seconded to table the discussion until the May 2019 meeting after they have had a chance to poll their constituents. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:** Councilwoman Janice Cline moved, Councilman Frank Schmeiser seconded to approve the vouchers for March 2019 as presented. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

# ADJOURNED

Mayor Jim Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Charmaine D. Tripp

City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Jim Collins, Mayor