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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 12, 2019, at 7:00 p. m. There being present at roll call were the following members:

Mayor: Jim Collins

Council members: Janice Cline

Eloy Salazar

Frank Schmeiser

Robert Sonny Smith

Absent: Troy Abdulla

David Armstrong

Youth Advisor: Steven Salazar Jr.

Mayor Jim Collins declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Nancy Billings Gerlock: Bent County Democrat Newspaper

Greg Champney: Code Enforcement Officer

Tom Hogue: Interested Citizen

Terry Kim: Interested Citizen

Randy Mc Dermed: Interested Citizen

Andrew Montoya: Interested Citizen

Eric Pearson: Interested Citizen

Rosa Prichard: Interested Citizen

Dustin Ramsey: Las Animas Light & Power

Brandi Ronquillo: Interested Citizen

Eric Stowell: Interested Citizen

Mike Torrez: Interested Citizen

Pete Torrez: Interested Citizen

Mary Tuttle: Deputy City Clerk

Charmaine Tripp: City Clerk & Treasurer

Samuel Vigil: City Attorney

Ken Wagner: Public Works Director

Michael Weber: Lower Arkansas Valley Water Cons District

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Collins asked Brandi Ronquillo to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

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

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**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** a. Dennis Mattoon-Safety Concerns

Mayor Jim Collins called upon Dennis Mattoon. Mr. Mattoon was not present at the meeting.

b. Michael Weber-Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Michael Weber of the Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District. Mr. Weber addressed the Council about a grant opportunity for the City of Las Animas concerning the high selenium levels in the discharge water as it applies to the variance. Mr. Weber stated that the grant would be applied for by Bent County and the City would be a partner. The project is estimated to cost $360,000.00. There would be a grant match from the City of Las Animas and Bent County on the project in the amount $51,700.00 each over a four year span. The project would include changing a flood zone to a sprinkler aeration system, lining the pond and planting a buffer zone of cat tails. Mr. Weber stated that this should put us back into compliance with the State. Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved to partner with the Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District and Bent County for pursuing the E.P.A. grant on a non-point source project. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

c. Bent County Historical Society-Boggsville letter of support

A letter of support is needed to History Colorado concerning grants for repair of the Boggsville structures. Mayor Jim Collins stated that he would prepare the letter of support.

**RECOMMENDATION FROM THE LAS ANIMAS LIGHT & POWER BOARD TO REDUCE THE E.C.A. CHARGE BY 1 CENT PER KILOWATT**

Upon a recommendation from the Las Animas Light & Power Board, the City Council came to a consensus to reduce the E.C.A. charge by 1 cent per kilowatt.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved to waive the surcharge amount due to a water leak at the following address of 131 3rd Street in the amount of $8.64 for Tonya Pena. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF JOE GAGLIANO AS THE CITY ENGINEER ON RECORD FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved to appoint Joe Gagliano as the City Engineer on Record for the building department. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**CITY COUNCIL FORGIVES ENTIRE COST OF WEED ABATEMENT FOR THE GLORIA GONZALES PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF $425.00**

After a brief discussion concerning the weed abatement issued to Gloria Gonzales in the amount of $425.00, with Mayor Collins stating that he had given Ms. Gonzales extra time to mow the lots,

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Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved, Councilman Sonny Smith seconded to forgive the entire amount of the weed abatement performed on the Gloria Gonzales property in the amount of $425.00. On a voice vote, with Councilwoman Janice Cline voting no, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried. Code Enforcement Officer Greg Champney stated that he was not contacted by Mrs. Gonzales at any time indicating that they were going to take care of the property so he went ahead and mowed the property according to City Code.

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 a Mardi Gras dance will be held in March. Steven also reported that a meeting will be held on March 18, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at the Senior Center for the Community Action Center.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 718, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO AND NOT HELD FOR A GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE

Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved, Councilwoman Janice Cline seconded to adopt on second reading and have published by title only in the Bent County Democrat newspaper ORDINANCE NO. 718, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO AND NOT HELD FOR A GOVERNMENTAL PURPOSE. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS MANLEY AS THE HEARING OFFICER FOR THE MARIJUANA APPLICATIONS

Councilman Eloy Salazar moved, Councilman Frank Schmeiser seconded to appoint Douglas Manley as the hearing officer for the marijuana applications. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR LOAF N JUG NO. 59**

Upon recommendation from City Clerk Charmaine Tripp, Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved, Councilman Eloy Salazar seconded to approve the late liquor license renewal application for Loaf N Jug No. 59. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF PREMISES FOR TORREZ SPORTS BAR**

Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved, Councilwoman Janice Cline seconded to approve the temporary modification of premises for Torrez Sports Bar for a special event on Santa Fe Trail Day. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATIONS FOR CREATION OF A YOUTH FRIENDLY ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS COLORADO AND FOR CREATION OF THE AGE FRIENDLY ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS COLORADO**

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Mayor Jim Collins read both proclamations in their entirety. Upon a consensus of the City Council, both proclamations were approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE PARADE ROUTE FOR SANTA FE TRAIL DAY**

Councilman Frank Schmeiser moved, Councilman Eloy Salazar seconded to approve the parade route presented by the Las Animas School District for the Santa Fe Trail Day parade. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

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

# ADJOURNED

Mayor Jim Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Charmaine D. Tripp

City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Jim Collins, Mayor