

**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, February 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. the City Council Meeting was hosted by zoom, by phone and facebook live. There being present at roll call were the following members:

Mayor:	Jim Collins
Council members:	Troy Abdulla
	David Armstrong
	Terry Kim
	Kimberlie King
	Cassandra Siefkas
	Robert Sonny Smith
Senior Advisor:	Sonora Servaes
Youth Advisor	Phoebe Frausto

Mayor Jim Collins declared a quorum present.

**Others Present:**

Greg Champney:	Las Animas Code Enforcement Officer
Lucas Collins:	Technology Support
Ronald Clodfelter:	Superintendent of Light & Power
Ginny Freed:	Interested Citizen
Kirby Ladner:	Interested Citizen
Brian Long:	Interested Citizen
Paul Lyons:	Business Owner
Steve Martinez:	RESADA
Andrew Montoya:	Business Owner
Eric Pearson:	Director of RESADA
Anita Pointon:	Boggsville
Rose Prichard:	Interested Citizen
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Samuel Vigil:	City Attorney
Ken Wagner:	Public Works Director
Lynette Wolf:	Interested Citizen

Other Citizens joining on zoom, phone and facebook live.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Collins asked Steve Martinez to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Terry Kim moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the consent agenda along with the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Regular City Council meeting and the minutes of the January 20, 2021 Special Call meeting and the January 2021 vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** a. Jason Meyer, GMS Engineering

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Jason Meyer from GMS Engineering. Mr. Meyer gave an overview of the wastewater project. Mr. Meyer stressed that increased testing will be required by the State of Colorado. The City is currently working on renewing the wastewater discharge permit. The sewer system will need to be upgraded within the next five to seven years. Increased testing cost will be around \$50,000.00 or a cost of around \$3.00 per customer. The city will need to increase the sewer rate in the future to cover the lab costs.

b. Eric Pearson and staff from RESADA

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Eric Pearson. Director Eric Pearson introduced his staff member Steve Martinez. Mr. Martinez informed the City Council that they have received a grant for peer mentor training and services. Meditation services as well as a computer lab is available for the clients use. The peer mentors are individuals who have experienced mental health issues and substance abuse and are able to work with the clients to provide services to them.

c. Brent Frazee, SECED

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Brent Frazee from SECED. Mr. Frazee joined the meeting by zoom. Unfortunately, Mr. Frazee was unable to present his program to the City Council. Mr. Frazee will give his presentation at the March 9, 2021 meeting in person.

**MAYOR JIM COLLINS CHANGES THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Mayor Jim Collins changed the order of the Agenda to start with item b. Possible approval of the liquor license renewal for Mini Mart Inc. dba Loaf N Jug #59.

**APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR MINI MART INC DBA LOAF N JUG #59**

Upon recommendation from City Clerk Charmaine Tripp, stating that the fees were attached and the application was in order, Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to approve the liquor license renewal application for Mini Mart Inc. dba Loaf N Jug #59. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

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

Upon recommendation from the City Clerk Charmaine Tripp, stating that the fees were attached and the application was in order, Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to approve the liquor license renewal application for J R Liquor Inc. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF MARIAN COLLINS TO THE LAS ANIMAS/BENT COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to appoint Marian Collins to the Las Animas/Bent County Library District Board. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL REVIEW USE APPLICATION FOR PAUL LYONS DBA BETTER GREEN LLC.**

Councilwoman Kimberlie King moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to approve the special review use application for Paul Lyons dba Better Green LLC. On a voice vote, with Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas abstaining, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried. Mr. Lyons informed the City Council that he plans to open a manufacturing business with a marijuana grow operation at 25 Bent Ave. Mr. Lyons stated that his business should create 30 to 40 new jobs. The business will not be open to the public and it will be wholesale only. Mr. Lyons will still need to go through the application process and receive approval from the Marijuana Authority for the marijuana grow and the marijuana manufacturing.

**APPROVAL OF A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL PRETTI WHO WOULD BE OUR NEW LANDFILL ENGINEER**

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Terry Kim moved to approve the master services agreement with Michael Pretti who would be our new landfill engineer. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR JIM COLLINS**

Mayor Jim Collins announced the Council Committee Appointments. A copy of the appointments are attached to the minutes.

**APPROVAL TO WRITE OFF UTILITY BAD DEBT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2000**

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to approve writing off utility bad debt before January 1, 2000. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**BOGGSVILLE PRESENTATION BY ANITA POINTON**

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Anita Pointon from Boggsville Historical Site. Ms. Pointon gave a short presentation on Boggsville stating that 1,397 visitors have come through in 2020. Ms. Pointon stated that Boggsville is open year round and that there are walking trails and picnic tables. Ms. Pointon also stated that the houses are the original houses built in 1866 and 1867. Ms. Pointon stated that Boggsville is actively seeking grants to improve the site. Currently they are seeking a grant match monies to replace the roof. Ms. Pointon stated that they have been collecting funds for the grant match from other donors.

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to table the request until the March City Council meeting and schedule a Council work session with the Boggsville representatives to discuss the grant request. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL TO PLACE TRASH RECEPTACLES IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA**

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Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to approve the placement of three trash receptacles in designated areas in the downtown area. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

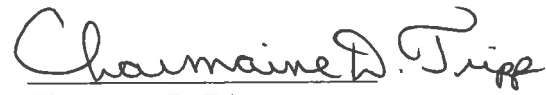
**PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT**

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Terry Kim moved to forgive the water surcharge due to leaks for Diann Tyska at 334 Maple Ave. in the amount of \$85.77, Russell Eck at 231 N. Bent Ave in the amount of \$475.17, Tomas Alvarez at 1147 Carson Ave in the amount of \$4.77 and Vivian Noble at 1155 Vine Ave in the amount of \$76.44. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNED:** Mayor Jim Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

  
Charmaine D. Tripp  
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

  
Jim Collins, Mayor