

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 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 (by zoom)
	Cassandra Siefkas
	Robert Sonny Smith
Senior Advisor:	Sonora Servaes (by zoom)
Youth Advisor	Phoebe Frausto (by zoom)

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
Sammie George:	Bent CountyDev Foundation (by zoom)
Webster Hogue:	Bent County Sheriff Deputy
Kirby Ladner:	Interested Citizen
Andrew Montoya:	Business Owner
Anita Pointon:	Boggsville
Rose Prichard:	Interested Citizen
Diane Spano:	Interested Citizen
John Spano:	Bent County Ambulance
Beth Ann Torres:	Interested Citizen
Carlos Torres:	Interested Citizen
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Cindy Vigil:	Bent County Sheriff Office Employee
Samuel Vigil:	City Attorney (by zoom)
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 Carlos Torres to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to approve the consent agenda along with the minutes of the February 9, 2021 Regular City Council meeting and the February 2021 vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: a. Bent County Sheriff Deputy Webster Hogue

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Bent County Sheriff's Deputy Webster Hogue. Deputy Hogue gave a report on the activities at the Sheriff's Office. Deputy Hogue stated that there have been riots in the jail over the past three days due to the amount of gang members being arrested. The inmates are tearing up the cells and threatening the staff. Deputy Hogue introduced Cindy Vigil as the mental health counselor and liaison for the Sheriff's Office. Ms. Vigil wanted to share an open dialogue with the City Council. Councilman David Armstrong asked about the traffic coverage at the schools and if they are issuing tickets. Ms. Vigil stated that there are only five deputies and it is hard for them to cover all areas. Mayor Collins stated that the City of Las Animas pays for five deputies. Mayor Collins asked why there were only five deputies and Ms. Vigil stated that it was a finance issue. Mayor Collins stated again that the City of Las Animas pays for five deputies and if we are the only ones paying for the five deputies that is not right. Public Works Director Ken Wagner questioned why they will not issue tickets for semi-trailers on the City streets. Mr. Wagner stated that the trucks are tearing up the City streets. Deputy Hogue stated that they could not issue tickets due to the City Ordinance. Mayor Collins told Deputy Hogue that we are all using the model traffic code and that it was updated for the purpose of writing tickets. Councilman Robert Smith asked about the amount of tickets being issued into the City. Councilman Smith voiced his concerns about no tickets coming through the City court. Councilwoman King also voiced concerns about traffic control efforts. Mayor Collins suggested that a joint meeting would be beneficial at this time to discuss the issues further.

b. Lynette Wolfe-Creation of a Farmers Market

Ms. Wolfe stated that she has been meeting with local people about the concept of a farmer's market. She is looking for a high traffic area in the City. She wants to have the market on Sundays. She wanted to close off Carson Ave and Fifth Street. Ms. Wolfe asked about insurance and permits. Mayor Collins directed Ms. Wolfe to contact Charmaine Tripp, City Clerk & Treasurer about the permit.

c. Brent Frazee, SECED

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Brent Frazee from SECED. Mr. Frazee gave a short presentation. Mr. Frazee works for a 13 County District. SECED was started in the 1960's. Mr. Frazee is working on creating a comprehensive strategy. A community focus group meeting will be scheduled for input. SECED does offer grant opportunities. SECED also offers help with the grant writing process. Mr. Frazee covers the southeastern Colorado region. Mr. Frazee encouraged the City Councilors to take a survey that was created by SECED. The date of the community meetings will be April 5 and April 19 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

d. John Spano-Bent County Ambulance Service

Mayor Jim Collins recognized John Spano from the Bent County Ambulance Service. Mr. Spano addressed the City Council about his request for the cost of repairs of one of the ambulances. Councilwoman Kimberlie King asked if Mr. Spano was going to ask the County for help with the cost of repairs. Mr. Spano indicated that he would ask the County. Councilwoman Kimberlie King asked if Mr. Spano asked for bids. Councilman Troy Abdulla asked if there was a warranty offered on the repairs. Mr. Spano indicated that the ambulance was already in for repairs and that the work would be covered for a brief period of time.

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Terry Kim moved to forgive the water surcharge due to leaks for Ron Gereaux at 1131 Locust Ave. in the amount of \$78.30, Auto World at 206 Bent Ave in the amount of \$17.35, Gloria Saiz at 914 Grand Ave in the amount of \$19.83 and Phylicia Martinez at 435 ½ Locust Ave in the amount of \$133.75. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SANTA FE TRAIL DAY PARADE ROUTE

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to approve the Santa Fe Trail Day Parade Route and to work with the School to amend the request as necessary. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

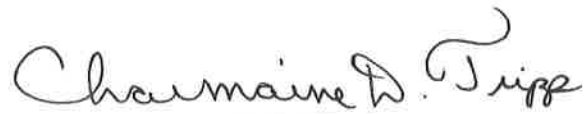
APPROVAL OF GRANT MATCH FOR BOGGSVILLE

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to pledge \$10,000.00 for a grant match if Boggsville is able to obtain a grant by the end of 2021. 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 9:05 p.m.



Charmaine D. Tripp
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:



Jim Collins, Mayor