

**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 13, 2021, at 7:03 p.m. the City Council meeting was hosted by zoom and facebook live. There being present at roll call were the following members:

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

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
Andrew Montoya:	Business Owner
Rose Prichard:	Interested Citizen
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Samuel Vigil:	City Attorney
Ken Wagner:	Public Works Director
Lynette Wolfe:	Interested Citizen
High School Interns:	Melody and Sarah

Other Citizens joining on zoom and facebook live.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Jim Collins asked Lynette Wolfe to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Terry Kim moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to approve the consent agenda along with the minutes of the March 9, 2021 Regular City Council meeting and the Special Call Minutes of the March 22, 2021, March 30, 2021, April 1, 2021 and the March 2021 vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** a. Bent County Sheriff Corporal Webster Hogue

Mayor Jim Collins recognized Bent County Sheriff's Corporal Webster Hogue. Corporal Hogue gave a report on the activities at the Sheriff's Office. Corporal Hogue stated that there have been 271 calls for March and 141 calls for April so far. Corporal Hogue broke down what types of calls the Sheriff's Office is receiving. Corporal Hogue stated that there were 200 more calls so far this year as compared to last year.

b. Sammie George-Bent County Development Foundation

Ms. George thanked the City Council for their donation to the Arkansas Valley Throw Down and reported on the benefits to the City for hosting the meet in Las Animas.

Ms. George submitted a request for \$1,900.00 to purchase an OWL conference unit and a flat screen tv. Ms. George also requested \$11,000.00 TO 14,000.00 to hire a part time receptionist. After consideration of the requests, the Council decided to make a recommendation to consider the requests at the May 2021 meeting.

Ms. George also stated that the bids for the engineering study for the golf course building will be ready for consideration by the City Council at the May 2021 meeting.

Ms. George informed the City Council that the Revitalizing Main Street Grants Program will be accepting grant applications. The applications are due by May 14, 2021. The program allows the City to apply for grants up to \$250,000.00. A work session has been scheduled for April 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss possible projects that are allowed for the grant.

c. Councilman Robert Smith-Bent County Trap Club request

Councilman Robert Smith presented the grant matching funds request for the Bent County Trap Club. Councilman Robert Smith informed the City Councilors that the Bent County Trap Club has applied for a grant match from the recreation committee to purchase new skeet shooting equipment due to the fact the equipment they have is broken. The recreation committee has pledged \$5,000.00 and the Trap Club is requesting an additional \$1,500.00 from the City of Las Animas to apply towards the grant match. After further discussion, the City Council asked for the Bent County Trap Club to present their request at the May 11, 2021 meeting.

d. Lynette Wolfe-Request to paint a "greeting from Las Animas, Colorado" mural

Ms. Wolfe stated that she has been working with interns from the High School to create a "greetings from Las Animas, Colorado" mural to be placed on the side of the building of 316 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Collins informed Ms. Wolfe that she would need to apply for a sign permit before they could start the mural.

**PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT**

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Terry Kim moved to forgive the water surcharge due to leaks for the following:

**WATER LEAKS FROM MARCH BILLING**

<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>CREDIT AMOUNT</u>	<u>GALLONS</u>
5842	216 Locust Avenue	\$56.23	37,490
3885	1152 Ash Avenue	\$260.75	173,837
2169	13 N. Bent Avenue	\$217.35	144,905
1225	1106 10th Street	\$161.88	107,925
334	334 Maple Avenue	\$100.12	66,750
6690	649 Locust Avenue	\$50.86	33,910
3799	723 Grove Avenue	\$43.95	29,300
5878	248 Carson Avenue	\$22.09	14,730
4372	511 Lois Avenue	\$21.91	14,610
999	546 Garfield Avenue	\$20.01	13,340
6283	726 Vine Avenue	\$16.90	11,270
6198	1131 Locust Avenue	\$14.05	9,370
923	640 Ash Avenue	\$13.59	9,060
1024	660 Ash Avenue	\$9.66	6,440

On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**LAS ANIMAS LIGHT & POWER RECEIVE NATIONAL SAFETY AWARD**

Superintendent Ron Clodfelter announced that the Las Animas Light & Power was the recipient of a national safety award from the American Public Power Association for 2021.

**YOUTH ADVISOR REPORT**

Youth Advisor Phoebe Frausto reported that Alex Torrez took 5<sup>th</sup> place in state wrestling and that the homecoming parade will be held on April 16, 2021 and that prom is scheduled for April 17, 2021. Phoebe also reported that the School is preparing for Santa Fe Trail day on April 30, 2021.

**DISCUSSION OF CITY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 334 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

City Attorney Sam Vigil addressed the City Council about the City property located at 334 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Vigil indicated that the building was offered to two different individuals and now they both would like to purchase the property. Mr. Vigil asked how the City Council wants to handle this transaction.

**DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE SANTA FE TRAIL INN FROM WILLIAM JENKINS**

Mr. William Jenkins submitted a proposal to the City Council to purchase the property adjacent to the Santa Fe Trail Inn.

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to have City Attorney Sam Vigil place ads in the Bent County newspaper to advertise the properties and have individuals submit bids to purchase the properties by April 30, 2021. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

**MASK MANDATE WILL CONTINUE ACCORDING TO THE GOVERNOR'S ORDER**

Councilwoman Kimberlie King moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to continue the mask mandate according to the Governor's order. 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 8:52 p.m.

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Charmaine D. Tripp  
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Jim Collins, Mayor