

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, July 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. the City Council meeting was in person and hosted by zoom. There being present at roll call were the following members:

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

Mayor Scott Peterson declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

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| Ann Boswell: | KBLJ news |
| Greg Champney: | Las Animas Code Enforcement Officer |
| Lucas Collins: | Technology Support |
| Ronald Clodfelter: | Superintendent of Light & Power |
| Wyatt Dowell: | Public Works |
| Brett Frazee: | SCEDD |
| Richard Gallegos: | Deputy City Clerk |
| Dennis Mattoon: | Interested Citizen |
| Jaxon Meardon: | Interested Citizen |
| Charmaine Tripp: | City Clerk & Treasurer |
| Samuel Vigil: | City Attorney |
| Ken Wagner: | Public Works Director |
| Sarah Van Vleet: | Las Animas High School Student |
| Lynette Wolfe: | Interested Citizen |
| Michael Yerman: | SCEDD |

Other Citizens joining on zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Scott Peterson asked Troy Abdulla to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to approve the consent agenda along with the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 8, 2021 and the Special Call Meetings of June 10, 2021 and June 29, 2021 as presented. On a voice vote Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: a. Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas-Presentation of certificates of participation to students involved in the Paint and Connect project

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas stated that there were 152 volunteers in the program. Ms. Siefkas thanked the businesses that donated to the project as well as the School District for providing lunch. Ms. Siefkas thanked Lynette Wolfe, Mia Quintana, Sammie George, Tracy Johnston and Ryan Siefkas. Ms. Siefkas thanked everyone who helped with the project. Mayor Scott Peterson thanked Ms. Siefkas for her leadership and work on the project.

b. Michael Yerman-SECED and SCEDD proposal

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Michael Yerman from SCEDD. Mr. Yerman presented the results from the Southeast Colorado Workforce Housing Feasibility study. Mr. Yerman asked the City of Las Animas to host a joint meeting with the Bent County Commissioners to discuss the proposal. Mr. Yerman explained that the costs are shared between all participants. The financial commitment at this time is \$18,000.00 in addition to the cost of a new sewer line that would serve the neighborhood. The location that has been chosen is 5th and Moore. This is the lot adjacent to the current Social Services building. (Memorial School) Mayor Scott Peterson scheduled a joint work session and Special Call meeting with the Bent County Commissioners on July 20, 2021. Mayor Scott Peterson thanked Mr. Yerman for his presentation.

c. Dennis Mattoon-Title 18 USC issues

Mr. Mattoon addressed the Council about the response he has not been getting from the Sheriff's office. Mr. Mattoon stated that he is unable to get a meeting with the Sheriff's office. Mayor Scott Peterson thanked Mr. Mattoon.

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to place the Housing project on the August 10, 2021 Agenda. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT

Upon recommendation from the Public Works board, Councilman Terry Kim moved to forgive the water surcharge for the following accounts:

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| Jose Enciso | 322 Moore Ave | \$77.12 |
| Edward Melchoir | 643 Grand Ave | \$13.59 |
| Nathan Lovato | 524 Locust Ave | \$16.28 |

On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Councilman Robert Smith and Councilman Troy Abdulla reported that the back to school night is being planned for August 12, 2021. A band, BBQ and free swim are on the schedule.

ORDINANCE NO. 727, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO (334 6TH STREET)

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to pass on first reading and have published by title only in the Bent County Democrat newspaper ORDINANCE NO. 727, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO (334 6TH STREET). On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF AN EXCISE TAX ON THE SALES OF RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS; SAID BALLOT QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2021; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BALLOT QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION AT SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION QUESTION TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT THEREOF

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 2-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF AN EXCISE TAX ON THE SALES OF RETAIL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS; SAID BALLOT QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2021; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BALLOT QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION AT SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION QUESTION TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT THEREOF. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-21, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BALLOT QUESTION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO CONCERNING INCREASING SALES AND USE TAX BY ONE (1) PERCENT TO BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS; SAID BALLOT QUESTION TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2, 2021; PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF BALLOT QUESTION FOR SUBMISSION AT SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE ELECTION QUESTION TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT THEREOF

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DESIGNATION OF CITY CLERK & TREASURER CHARMAINE D. TRIPP AS THE DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to designate City Clerk & Treasurer Charmaine D. Tripp as the designated election official. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

INVESTMENT IN THE SECED HOUSING PROGRAM

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to table the decision to invest in the SECED housing program. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

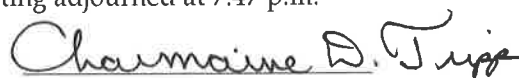
APPROVAL TO ADD JUNETEENTH (JULY 19) TO THE LIST OF PAID CITY HOLIDAYS

Councilman Terry Kim moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to add Juneteenth (July 19) to the list of paid city holidays in 2022. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.


UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Discussion of the downtown grant project- Mayor Scott Peterson gave a presentation on the proposed downtown project and suggested that we hire a design engineer to help with the development of the concepts of the project. The City will advertise for RFQ (Request for qualifications) and will consider the bids at the next City Council meeting on August 10, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNED: Mayor Scott Peterson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


Charmaine D. Tripp
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:


Scott Peterson, Mayor