

**SPECIAL CALL COUNCIL MEETING**

The City Council of the City of Las Animas, County of Bent, State of Colorado, met in special session in the City Council chambers on Thursday, December 17, 2020, at 5:00 p. m. The meeting was held by zoom. 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 Smith

Mayor Jim Collins declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Greg Champney:	Code Enforcement Officer
Ron Clodfelter:	Superintendent of Light & Power
Blake Elliott:	City Building Inspector
Brent Frazee:	Area Development Director
Ginny Freed:	Interested Citizen
Sammie George:	Bent County Development Foundation Director
Kim McDonnell:	Bent County Commissioner
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Samuel Vigil:	City Attorney

**DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 613 & ORDINANCE NO. 487, REGARDING TRAILER AND TRAVEL TRAILER PARKS**

Mayor Jim Collins introduced the discussion concerning the current Ordinances (No. 613 & No. 487). The Ordinance No. 487 has a stipulation that a permit can be requested for a period of three months and can be renewed for an additional 3 months for a total of 6 months to be granted by the City Council. Mayor Jim Collins reviewed the current Ordinances with the City Councilors. Mayor Collins suggested that a committee be formed within 90 days to include a Citizen to update the Ordinances to current standards and regulations. Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas asked that all of the gray areas be addressed so that the Code Enforcement Officer can enforce the new Ordinance efficiently.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL MATTERS**

Mayor Jim Collins read the state statute regarding Executive Session for legal matters. Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Terry Kim seconded to go into Executive Session at 5:43 p.m. for the purpose of receiving legal advice. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to come out of Executive Session at 6:07 p.m. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

#### DISCUSSION OF COVID-19 CARES ACT FUNDING EXPENDITURES

Mayor Jim Collins introduced Sammie George from the Bent County Development Foundation. Ms. George discussed the possibility of using the City portion of the COVID-19 funds in the amount of \$80,000.00 to create a co-working space. The Co-working space would be located in the downtown area and would accommodate the on-line school as well as serve the business community. The funds would be used to purchase business furniture for the proposed site. It will take approximately \$331,000.00 to remodel the entire building for this use.

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to allow the Bent County Development Foundation to pursue the creation of a co-working space by expending \$80,000.00 for the purchase of furniture. Mayor Collins Called for the vote:

Yes: David Armstrong  
Sonny Smith  
Troy Abdulla

No: Kimberlie King  
Terry Kim  
Cassandra Siefkas

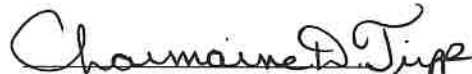
Mayor Jim Collins broke the tie vote with a yes vote. Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

#### PURCHASE OF FACE MASKS FOR COMMUNITY MEMBER USE

Citizen Virginia Freed offered to sell to the City of Las Animas face masks she had made for community use. Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman David Armstrong moved to purchase 170 masks at \$7.00 a piece for a total of \$1,190.00. On a voice vote, Mayor Jim Collins declared the Motion carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jim Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

  
Charmaine D. Tripp  
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

  
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Jim Collins, Mayor