

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF LAS ANIMAS**  
**August 8, 2023**  
**7:00 P. M.**

**REGULAR MEETING:**

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the consent Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2023, the Special  
Agenda, Disposition of Call meeting of July 18, 2023 and the July vouchers  
Minutes, Approval of vouchers
4. Sheriff's report
5. Citizen Participation: Twisted G Bar  
5<sup>th</sup> & Carson Ave. Farmers Market
6. City Clerk Charmaine Tripp
7. Superintendent of Light and Power Lynn Wright
8. Director of Public Works Richard Blake Elliott
9. Code Officer Greg Champney
10. Youth Advisor Grace Gardner
11. City Council Member Reports
12. Mayor Scott Peterson

**Public Hearing**

**General Business**

- A. POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF APPOINTING STEVEN ASSMUS TO THE VACANT SEAT OF THE LAS ANIMAS LIGHT & POWER BOARD
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER CONCERNING CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER GREG CHAMPNEY WILL BE HELD IN OPEN SESSION IF REQUESTED BY CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

C. POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THAXTON’S MARKET LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL (FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE-CITY) APPLICATION

D. RESOLUTION NO. 13-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS COLORADO REFERRNG AND APPROVING BALLOT QUESTIONS ON WHETHER THE CITY CLERK & TREASURER SHALL BE APPOINTED POSITIONS SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS AT THE COORDINATED ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

13. Unfinished Business                      Discussion of pool improvements  
Discussion of aeration at city pond  
Discussion of utility rate increases  
Discussion of contractor communications  
Discussion of a new swimming pool  
Discussion of reopening the aeration system at the city pond

14. New Business:                              Discussion of Travel and Reimbursement policy for elected officials

For Your Information                      July Council Proceedings  
July Public Works Report  
July Light & Power Report  
July City Clerk’s Report  
July Code Enforcement Report  
Special Review Use Hearing Minutes

## **Mission Statement**

The City Council representing the City of Las Animas strives to promote and improve our quality of life, enhance our sense of community, and preserve the integrity of our small town heritage.

## **Commitment(s)**

We are committed to providing excellence in services for all citizens, businesses, and visitors through constant improvement and determination. We strive to sustain the public trust through open and responsive government, and we encourage public participation from our citizens and businesses.

## **Vision**

Las Animas is a close knit community with a significant history of hard working families and friends who believe strongly in successes that are achieved through teamwork, faith, and dedication to each other.

## **Values Statements**

We believe that service to the public is our reason for being and strive to deliver quality services in a highly professional, cost-effective, and efficient manner.

We believe that fiscal responsibility and the prudent stewardship of public funds is essential for citizen confidence in government.

We believe that ethics and integrity are the foundation blocks of public trust and confidence and that all meaningful relationships are built on these values.

We believe that the very essence of leadership is to be visionary and to plan for the future.

We believe that in order to 'make things happen' for the city we must be both proactive and progressive in the setting of goals and implementation of our plans.

We believe that continuous improvement is the mark of professionalism and are committed to applying this principle to the services we offer and the development of our employees.

We believe that the public is best served when departments and employees work cooperatively as a team rather than at cross purposes.

We believe that positive relations with the community and public we serve leads to positive, involved, and active citizens.

## **Strategic Plan Focus Areas**

Safety and Security of Citizens

Economic Development

Infrastructure Sustainment and Improvement

Community Involvement and Engagement

Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency

## **Housekeeping Rules**

The regular meeting of the Las Animas City Council convenes in the Council Chambers which is located in the City Hall at 532 Carson Ave at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. Because the Council desires to hear the viewpoints of all citizens and needs to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, members of the public wishing to speak under the "Public Participation section of the Agenda must complete the sign-up sheet provided. Members of the public will not speak until called upon, and are asked to limit their comments to three minutes. In public session, the Council will not hear personal comments on personnel and staff connected with the City of Las Animas.

## **Consent Agenda**

Is a list of action items which the Council proposes to adopt with one motion and vote. All members must agree to the items on the consent calendar, and if any one member disagrees the proposed action is taken off the consent calendar and dealt with individually.

## **How to get on the Agenda**

Persons wishing to be added as a formal presentation to the council must submit the following in writing to the City Clerk no later than noon on the Wednesday preceding the meeting. The written notification to the City Clerk shall include:

- 1) Topic to be discussed;
- 2) Estimated time for presentation and discussion;
- 3) Names of all persons to be included in the discussion. The Council delegates to the City Clerk the authority to limit or deny the proposed formal presentation. The Board reserves the right to allocate such time to the presentation as it may deem appropriate.