

**AGENDA**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY OF LAS ANIMAS**  
**December 12, 2023**  
**7:00 P. M.**  
**REGULAR MEETING:**

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of the consent Agenda, Disposition of Minutes, Approval of vouchers      Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2023, and the November vouchers
4. Citizen Participation:      None
5. Deputy City Clerk      Richard Gallegos
6. Superintendent of Light and Power      Lynn Wright
7. Director of Public Works      Richard Blake Elliott
8. Code Officer      Greg Champney
9. Youth Advisor      Grace Gardner
10. City Council      Member Reports
11. Mayor      Scott Peterson

**General Business**  
**Old City Council**

- a. RESOLUTION NO. 24-23, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2024 CITY OF LAS ANIMAS AND LAS ANIMAS LIGHT & POWER BUDGET

**Public Hearings**

- b. APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 738, AN APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, FOR THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2024

c. RESOLUTION NO. 25-23, RESOLUTION (TAX LEVY) NO. 25-23, A RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023 TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, FOR THE 2023 BUDGET YEAR

d. SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 739, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, PERMITTING ANNUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (cpi) ADJUSTMENTS TO WATER, SEWER, AND SANITATION RATES AND FEES

**General Business**  
**New City Council**

e. SWEARING IN OF NEW CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYOR

f. RESOLUTION NO. 26-23, A RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS-2021 PROJECT

g. FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, CREATING THE POSITION OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR, AND AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS REGARDING THE SAME

h. POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR J R LIQUOR, INC.

i. POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR ALTA #6121

j. POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR LOAF N JUG #750059

12. Unfinished Business

None

13. New Business

None

14. For Your Information

November Council Proceedings  
November Public Works Report  
November Light & Power Report  
November City Clerk's Report  
November Code Enforcement Report

## **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.