

**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 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The City Council meeting was in person and on Facebook live. There being present at roll call were the following members:

- Mayor: Scott Peterson
- Council members: Joseph Frazier  
Andrew Montoya  
Cassandra Siefkas  
Robert Smith  
Lynette Wolfe
- Absent: Troy Abdulla
- Youth Advisor: Grace Gardner

Mayor Scott Peterson declared a quorum present.

**Others Present:**

- Robert Bayshore: Bent County Sheriff's Office
- Brandon Dittman: City Attorney (by zoom)
- Greg Champney: Code Enforcement Officer
- Ronald Clodfelter: Interested Citizen
- Roy Davis: Public Works
- Richard Gallegos: Deputy City Clerk
- Tony Jones: Animal Control Officer
- Charmaine Tripp: City Clerk & Treasurer
- Lynn Wright: Superintendent of Light & Power

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Scott Peterson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the Regular Minutes of the March 14, 2023 meeting, the March 2023 vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**BENT COUNTY SHERRIFF'S REPORT**

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Deputy Tony Jones. Mr. Jones gave a report on his activities as the dog catcher. Mr. Jones does see a difference in the number of dogs running at large. Mr. Jones is working on connecting with the community and educating them on the ordinances. Mr. Jones was complemented on the good job he is doing. Deputy Bayshore gave his report on the statistics that were provided by Under Sheriff Wick Turner. Mr. Bayshore informed the Councilors that the Las Animas and McClave Schools are looking into resource officers. The Las Animas School

District is working on hiring an officer and having the officer participate in training with the Bent County Sheriff's Office this summer. Mayor Scott Peterson thanked the Officers for their reports.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to approve the pay requests from G M S Engineering, Inc. The amounts of the requests are \$5,697.37 to GMS and \$48,723.52 to Gardner Excavating and gave direction to the Mayor to execute the documents. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, REPEALING TARIFF SHEET NO. 17-PRIMARY GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE LAS ANIMAS MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT**

Mayor Scott Peterson opened a Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m. Mayor Peterson asked if there was any public comment concerning Resolution 02-23. After a brief pause, with no public comment, Mayor Scott Peterson closed the Public Hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 02-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, REPEALING TARIFF SHEET NO. 17-PRIMARY GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE LAS ANIMAS MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER DEPARTMENT. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) FOR SIDEWALK REHABILITATION**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 03-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CDOT) FOR SIDEWALK REHABILITATION. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-23, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 FORD F-250 TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,500.00 FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FROM TRI-COUNTY FORD**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 04-23, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 FORD F-250 TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,500.00 FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FROM TRI-COUNTY FORD. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT OF A PULL BEHIND TRAILER FOR DANIEL LANE AT 301 MAPLE AVE**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve a temporary permit for a pull behind trailer for Daniel Lane at 301 Maple Ave. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peters on declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE (CPW) FISHING IS FUN GRANT**

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman Andrew Montoya seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 05-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE (CPW) FISHING IS FUN GRANT. On a voice vote Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A ROBERT HOAG RAWLINGS FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF A WALKING/EXERCISE TRAIL**

Councilman Andrew Montoya moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 06-23, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A ROBERT HOAG RAWLINGS FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION OF A WALKING/EXERCISE TRAIL. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF A MODIFICATION OF PREMISES REQUEST APPLICATION FOR BOTTLE CAP LIQUOR**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to approve the modification of premises request application for Bottle Cap liquor to add a liquor storage room to the premises. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-23, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 2024 COSPONSOR APPLICATION/MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH GROUP CARES**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to approve RESOLUTION NO. 07-23, A RESOLUTION APPROVING A 2024 COSPONSOR APPLICATION/MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH GROUP CARES. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**PICKLEBALL UPDATE**

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe gave an update on the pickleball project. Councilwoman Wolfe stated that the supplies are coming in. Two courts are planned, one at the swim pool area and the other at the middle school. A workshop has been planned for April 19, and April 20, 2023.

**APPROVAL OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BASEBALL FIELD FENCE AND THE ANNOUNCER'S BOOTH REPAIRS UP TO \$12,000.00**

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the improvements to the baseball field fence and the repairs to the announcer's booth not to exceed \$12,000.00. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Councilman Robert Smith asked the City Council about the City Park playground and the baseball field improvements. It was decided to put into the 2024 budget \$150,000.00 for each project

**APPROVAL OF A \$400.00 DONATION FOR THE BUNNY SHOOT OUT TO BE HELD ON APRIL 19, 2023**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to approve a \$400.00 donation to the Bunny Shoot to be held on April 19, 2023. On a voice vote, with Councilman Andrew Montoya abstaining, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF A \$2,000.00 DONATION TO THE PARKS AND WILDLIFE FOR THE PURCHASE OF PRIZES FOR THE HUCK FINN DAY EVENT AT THE CITY POND**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve a donation of \$2,000.00 to the Parks and Wildlife for the purchase of prizes for the Huck Finn Day event at the City pond. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE CITY SWIM POOL FENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,662.00 FROM TAYLOR FENCE**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to approve the expenditure for the city swim pool fence in the amount of \$7,662.00 from Taylor Fence. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF A \$5,000.00 DONATION TO THE TROFIN'S SWIM TEAM TOWARDS A STORAGE BUILDING AT THE SWIM POOL AREA**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to approve a \$5,000.00 donation to the Trofin's swim team towards a storage building at the swim pool area. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Scott Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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Charmaine D. Tripp  
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

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Scott Peterson, Mayor

