

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, May 9, 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:	Troy Abdulla Joseph Frazier Cassandra Siefkas Robert Smith Lynette Wolfe
Absent:	Andrew Montoya
Youth Advisor:	Grace Gardner

Mayor Scott Peterson declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Robert Bayshore:	Bent County Sheriff's Office
Rose Besse:	Interested Citizen
Greg Champney:	Code Enforcement Officer
Colleen Mc Croskey:	City Attorney (by zoom)
Ronald Clodfelter:	Interested Citizen
Blake Elliott:	Public Works
Richard Gallegos:	Deputy City Clerk
Teresa Garcia:	Bent County Historical Society
Elizabeth Mc Graw:	Interested Citizen
Tony Jones:	Animal Control Officer
Bill Kucharek:	Interested Citizen
Chris Palomino:	Interested Citizen
Deborah Stwalley:	Interested Citizen
Kathleen Tomlin:	Bent County Historical Society
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, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the Regular Minutes of the April 11, 2023 meeting, and the April 2023 vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

BENT COUNTY SHERIFF'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 also reported that he helps out with the ambulance calls when he is not answering animal calls. 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. Mayor Peterson thanked both officers for their reports.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: Kathleen Tomlin and Teresa Garcia, Bent County Historical Society Request for additional funds

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Kathleen Tomlin and Teresa Garcia from the Bent County Historical Society. Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Kathleen Tomlin. Ms. Tomlin read a request for an additional \$4,000.00 to finish a project for the bell park at the museum. Ms. Tomlin introduced Teresa Ratzlaff and stated that she is the new grant writer for the museum. Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the donation of \$4,000.00 to finish the grant project for the Bent County Historical Society. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to approve a leak surcharge relief in the amount of \$75.90 for Corinne Ortega at 611 9th Street. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR STORE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR BOTTLE CAP LIQUOR

Mayor Scott Peterson opened the Public Hearing and took a roll call at 7:55 p.m. Mayor Peterson asked if there was any public comment. After a brief pause, with not public comment, Mayor Peterson closed the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m. Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to approve the liquor store liquor license renewal application for Bottle Cap Liquor. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-23, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BID FROM COBITCO OIL FOR THE 2023 CHIP SEAL PROJECT

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve RESOLUTION NO. 08-23, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BID FROM COBITCO OIL FOR THE 2023 CHIP SEAL PROJECT. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE USE OF THE EMPTY LOT AT 5TH AND CARSON TO HOLD A FARMERS' MARKET AND PAY FOR THE RENTAL OF A PORT A POTTY

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to approve the use of the empty lot at 5th and Carson to hold a Farmers' Market and to pay for the rental of a port a potty. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR THE GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,000.00 WITH THE COUNTY RECREATION BOARD CONTRIBUTING ½ OF THE COST

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the purchase of tables and chairs for the golf course clubhouse in the amount of \$4,000.00 with the Bent County recreation board contributing ½ of the cost. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilman Robert Smith gave an update on the grant projects for the City pond area and the baseball fields.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Charmaine D. Tripp
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

Scott Peterson, Mayor