

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, June 13, 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 (by zoom)
Andrew Montoya
Cassandra Siefkas
Robert Smith
Lynette Wolfe
- Absent: Youth Advisor: Grace Gardner

Mayor Scott Peterson declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

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| David Armstrong: | Interested Citizen |
| Robert Bayshore: | Bent County Sheriff's Office |
| Raymond Caskey: | Interested Citizen |
| Greg Champney: | Code Enforcement Officer |
| Ronald Clodfelter: | Interested Citizen |
| Kathy Dieterle: | Interested Citizen |
| Brandon Dittman: | City Attorney (by zoom) |
| Blake Elliott: | Public Works Director |
| Emily Nevland: | LAHS Student |
| Cora Frausto: | LAHS Student |
| Richard Gallegos: | Deputy City Clerk |
| Bria Gardner: | LAHS Student |
| Lana Gardner: | Interested Citizen |
| Alexis Greenback: | LAHS Student |
| Andrew Huffman: | Interested Citizen |
| Madison Huffman: | LAHS Student |
| Bill Kucharek: | Interested Citizen |
| Kevin Nevland: | LAHS Student |
| Charmaine Tripp: | City Clerk & Treasurer |
| Lynn Wright: | Superintendent of Light & Power |
| AmeriCorps Volunteers | |

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 May 9, 2023 meeting, Special Call Minutes of the May 30, 2023 meeting and the May 2023 vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

BENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Deputy Bayshore. Deputy Bayshore gave his report on the statistics that were provided by Under Sheriff Wick Turner. Mayor Peterson thanked Deputy Bayshore for the report.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: David Armstrong-Travel Club Update

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized David Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong presented a spreadsheet with the amount of money that was given to each student to help with expenses for their trips. Several students were in the audience and each one thanked the City Council for their support. Mayor Scott Peterson thanked them for attending the meeting to express their gratitude.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve a leak surcharge relief in the amount of \$17.33 for Richard Buddenberg at 319 N Bent Ave. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

The City of Las Animas will host a free dump day at the transfer station on July 15, 2023. All citizens are invited to participate.

CODE ENFORCEMENT DISCUSSION LED BY CITY ATTORNEY BRANDON DITTMAN

City Attorney Brandon Dittman gave an overview of the Ordinance for abandoned vehicles and the weed abatement Ordinance. The City of Las Animas is working on codifying the Ordinances. Once the Ordinances are codified the City Council can review what we currently have in place and pass Ordinances that reflect what is needed currently. City Attorney Brandon Dittman, City Clerk Charmaine Tripp and Deputy City Clerk Richard Gallegos have been working with Muni Code and we are in the finalization stage of codifying the Ordinances.

DISCUSSION OF C-DOT DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT AWARD

Mayor Scott Peterson announced that the City of Las Animas has received a C-Dot Downtown Revitalization Grant in the amount of \$220,000.00 for phase two of the project. Mayor Peterson thanked City Clerk Charmaine Tripp and Deputy City Clerk Richard Gallegos for their assistance with the grant application.

DISCUSSION OF THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE GRANT AWARD

Councilman Robert Smith announced that the City of Las Animas has received a Colorado Department of Wildlife grant in the amount of \$64,400.00. Councilman Smith stated that certain aspects of the grant will be completed as the amount received was not the total asked for. A Parks & Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2023 and the project will be discussed in detail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman Andrew Montoya seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Charmaine D. Tripp
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

Scott Peterson, Mayor