

## 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, January 11, 2022, at 7:03 p.m. The City Council meeting was in person and hosted by facebook live. There being present at roll call were the following members:

Mayor:	Scott Peterson
Council members:	Troy Abdulla
	David Armstrong
	Kimberlie King
	Cassandra Siefkas
	Robert Sonny Smith
	Lynette Wolfe

Youth Advisor	Phoebe Frausto
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Mayor Scott Peterson declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Greg Champney:	Las Animas Code Enforcement Officer
Ronald Clodfelter:	Superintendent of Light & Power
Wyatt Dowell:	Public Works Foreman
John Fulton:	Southern Colorado Economic Development
Brent Frazee:	Southern Colorado Economic Development
Richard Gallegos:	Deputy City Clerk
Amanda Leck:	Bent County Development Foundation Director
Jason Meyer:	GMS Engineering
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Samuel Vigil:	City Attorney
Ken Wagner:	Public Works Director

Other Citizens joining on facebook live.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Scott Peterson asked Councilman David Armstrong to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to add to Citizen Participation Mr. Vallo Riberto, Building Demolition and add Loaf N Jug #59 Fermented Malt Beverage license renewal as item j under the Mayor's action items. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

a. John Fulton-SECED Housing Project

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Mr. John Fulton from SECED. Mr. Fulton requested a waiver for the minimum lot size (7,000 square feet) and set back requirements and to approve the subdivision map as presented for the employee housing units. Mayor Scott Peterson asked Public Works Director Ken Wagner if he was okay with the waivers and approving the subdivision plat. Mr. Wagner indicated that he was alright with the proposed waivers and approving the subdivision plat as presented.

b. Rob George-Arkansas Valley Throw Down

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Rob George of Good Day Disc Golf. Mr. George asked the City Council for a donation to the Arkansas Valley Throw Down Tournament in 2022. Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to donate \$500.00 to the Arkansas Valley Throw Down Tournament for 2022. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF ROSE PRICHARD TO THE LAS ANIMAS LIGHT & POWER BOARD**

Due to the resignation of Roberto Montoya due to health concerns, Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to appoint Rose Prichard to the Las Animas Light & Power Board to fill the remainder of Roberto Montoya's term. On a voice vote, with Councilman Robert Smith abstaining, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT**

Upon recommendation from the Public Works board, Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to forgive the water surcharge for Steven Shane of 29875 McBride Ave. in the amount of \$20.27. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR TO SIGN FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE SEWER PROJECT INVOICES**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to authorize Mayor Scott Peterson the authority to sign for reimbursement for the sewer project invoices. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MEMORIAL FIELD SUBDIVISION AND REPLOT OF BLOCK 93 AND 94, LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO AND CONDITIONAL WAIVERS FOR MINIMUM SIZE LOT AND SIDE LOT SET BACKS BASED ON SITE SPECIFIC DESIGNS**

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the Memorial Field Subdivision and replot of block 93 and 94, Las Animas, Colorado and conditional waivers for minimum size lot and side lot setbacks based on site specific designs,. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE J R LIQUOR INC. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Upon recommendation of the City Clerk & Treasurer Charmaine Tripp stating that the fees are attached and that the application is in order, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to approve the liquor license renewal application for J R Liquor Inc. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE ALTA CONVENIENCE FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Upon recommendation of the City Clerk & Treasurer Charmaine Tripp stating that the fees are attached and that the application is in order, Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to approve the ALTA Convenience Fermented Malt Beverage renewal application. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE LOAF N JUG NO. 59 FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Upon recommendation of the City Clerk & Treasurer Charmaine Tripp stating that the fees are attached and that the application is in order, Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to approve Loaf N Jug No. 59 Fermented Malt Beverage renewal application. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**FIRST READING OF AN OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS ENACTING VACANT PROPERTY BUILDING REGISTRATION**

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to pass on first reading and have published in the Bent County Democrat newspaper AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS ENACTING VACANT PROPERTY BUILDING REGISTRATION. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS CREATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COST RECOVERY FEE TO BE IMPOSED UPON DORMANT UTILITY USERS AS PART OF THE CITY'S COST RECOVERY PROGRAM**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 01-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS CREATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COST RECOVERY FEE TO BE IMPOSED UPON DORMANT UTILITY USERS AS PART OF THE CITY'S COST RECOVERY PROGRAM. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**DESIGNATION OF THE BENT COUNTY DEMOCRAT NEWSPAPER AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS FOR THE YEAR 2022**

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to designate the Bent County Democrat newspaper as the official newspaper for the City of Las Animas for the year 2022. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**DESIGNATION OF THE OFFICIAL CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS FOR THE YEAR 2022**

The designation of the Official City Attorney has been tabled until the February 8, 2022 Regular City Council meeting. The City of Las Animas will send out a request for proposals for the City Attorney position. Brandon Dittman from Kissenger & Coleman and Mark Davidson from Fairfields & Woods were recognized by Mayor Scott Peterson and they both expressed their interest in submitting a proposal to the City. Attorney Samuel Vigil was also given the opportunity to submit a proposal.

**DESIGNATION OF THE LAS ANIMAS CITY WEB SITE AND THE CITY HALL TV AS THE OFFICIAL POSTING PLACES FOR NOTICES FOR THE YEAR 2022**

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to designate the Las Animas City Website and the City Hall TV as the official posting places for notices for the year 2022. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE, OF ITS WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022A, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING, PAYING AND DISCHARGING ITS OUTSTANDING WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1995A AND 1995B; DELEGATING CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO CITY OFFICERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE SERIES 2022A BONDS; PLEDGING CERTAIN NET REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SERIES 2022A BONDS; AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF SUCH SERIES 2022A BONDS**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to approve on first reading and have published in the Bent County Democrat newspaper FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WATER ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE, OF ITS WATER REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022A, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING, PAYING AND DISCHARGING ITS OUTSTANDING WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1995A AND 1995B; DELEGATING CERTAIN AUTHORITY TO CITY OFFICERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE OF THE SERIES 2022A BONDS; PLEDGING CERTAIN NET REVENUES FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SERIES 2022A BONDS; AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF SUCH SERIES 2022A BONDS. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR SCOTT PETERSON TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE CITY ATTORNEY**

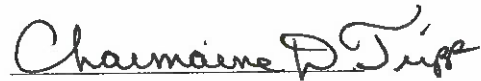
Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to authorize Mayor Scott Peterson to issue a request for proposals for the City Attorney. On a voice vote, with Councilman David Armstrong voting no, Mayor Peterson declared the Motion carried.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Mayor Scott Peterson opened the discussion of the downtown project. Councilman Troy Abdulla asked the Mayor to schedule another meeting to consider and discuss the options to choose from on the list of items pertaining to the downtown project. A date of January 26, 2022 at 5:00 pm has been set for the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNED:** Mayor Scott Peterson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

  
Charmaine D. Tripp  
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:

  
Scott Peterson, Mayor