

## 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, February 08, 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 (joined by zoom)
Youth Advisor	Phoebe Frausto

Mayor Scott Peterson declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Tucker Bloom:	GMS Engineering
Greg Champney:	Las Animas Code Enforcement Officer
Ronald Clodfelter:	Superintendent of Light & Power
Wyatt Dowell:	Public Works Foreman
Ginny Freed:	Municipal Court Clerk
Richard Gallegos:	Deputy City Clerk
Webster Hogue:	Bent County Sheriff's Office
Amanda Leck:	Bent County Development Foundation Director
Andrew Montoya:	Interested Citizen
Jake Six:	Bent County Sheriff
Michael Torrez:	Pete's Fan Zone
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Ken Wagner:	Public Works Director

Other Citizens joining on facebook live.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

## APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the Regular Minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting and the Special Call Minutes of the January 26, 2022 and the January 2022 vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

a. Tucker Bloom-GMS Engineering

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Tucker Bloom from GMS Engineering. Mr. Bloom gave an update on the sewer improvement project. Mr. Bloom also presented the pay request from GMS Engineering for a total of \$129,278.78 for GMS and other contractors. Councilman Sonny Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to approve the pay request in the amount of \$129,278.78. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

b. Ginny Freed-Municipal Court Clerk

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Ginny Freed, Municipal Court Clerk. Ms. Freed informed the City Council about the Municipal Court process. Ms. Freed stated that 12 tickets have been issued and none have been traffic related. Ms. Freed stated that traffic laws are being broken on a daily basis yet there are no tickets being issued to address that. Ms. Freed questioned the amount of time stated by the Sheriff's Office that it takes to actually write a ticket. Ms. Freed stated that it should not take more than 20 minutes to write a ticket. Ms. Freed has offered multiple times to go over the City ticket writing process with the Sheriff's Office, but so far has not been taken up on the offer. Ms. Freed also stated that the Municipal Court is ready to accept tickets for processing.

**PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT**

Upon recommendation from the Public Works board, Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to forgive the water surcharges for Ron Gereaux of 1131 Locust Ave. in the amount of \$108.76, George Robertson of 616 Locust Ave. in the amount of \$52.46 and Bessie Salzberg of 649 Vine Ave in the amount of \$59.97. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

Public Works Director Ken Wagner announced that the City has purchased a street sweeper in the amount of \$105,000.00 upon Council approval.

**BENT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Amanda Leck reported that the builder of the proposed hotel will be in town for a meeting on Friday February 18, 2022 from 8:30 to 10:30 am.

Ms. Leck also reported about the Core Civic housing project. Core Civic hopes to have people in the units by the end of February 2022 and an open house if planned at that time.

Ms. Leck also stated that a grant through the Colorado Department of Wildlife has been applied for to provide improvements to the trap club.

**MAYOR SCOTT PETERSON SETS A WORKSESSION FOR MARCH 1, 2022 AT 5:00**

After a brief discussion about the Golf Course remodel project, Mayor Scott Peterson set a work session for March 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the clubhouse to take a tour of the progress and have a meeting afterward.

**SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 731, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS ENACTING VACANT PROPERTY BUILDING REGISTRATION**

Councilman Sonny Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to adopt on second reading and have published in the Bent County Democrat newspaper by title only ORDINANCE NO. 731, 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.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 732, 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 David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to adopt on second reading and have published in the Bent County Democrat newspaper by title only ORDINANCE NO. 732, 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.

**DESIGNATION OF BRANDON DITTMAN AS THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE YEAR 2022**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to appoint Brandon Dittman of Kissinger and Fellman, P. C. as the City Attorney for the year 2022. On a voice vote, Mayor Scot Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE TRAVEL TRAILER PERMIT FOR LUIS AND TARA MELENDEZ**

Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to approve a second travel trailer permit for three additional months. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

Superintendent of Light & Power Ron Clodfelter stated that once the permit expires he will check and see if they are still using the residence utilities. If so, he will disconnect the home per Light & Power regulations.

**APPROVAL OF THE MODIFICATION OF PREMISES APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY PETE'S FAN ZONE**

Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to approve the modification of premises application submitted by Pete's Fan Zone with the condition that the modification starts at 1:00 p.m. through 2:00 a.m. on April 29, 2022. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Councilwoman Kimberlie King discussed the use of traffic humps and other devices to slow traffic down. Councilwoman King also talked about putting in bike lanes to narrow the street to slow people down, as well as placement of stop signs in strategic intersections.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNED:** Mayor Scott Peterson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.



ATTEST:

Scott Peterson

Scott Peterson, Mayor

Charmaine D. Tripp

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