

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, March 08, 2022, at 7:00 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 (Joined by zoom)
	Lynette Wolfe
Youth Advisor	Phoebe Frausto

Mayor Scott Peterson declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Riley Miller:	GMS Engineering
Greg Champney:	Las Animas Code Enforcement Officer
Ronald Clodfelter:	Superintendent of Light & Power
Wyatt Dowell:	Public Works Foreman
Dominic Flores:	Interested Citizen
Joe Frazier:	Interested Citizen
Richard Gallegos:	Deputy City Clerk
Greg Gardner:	Interested Citizen
Carol Johnson:	Interested Citizen
Amanda Leck:	Bent County Development Foundation Director
Rose Prichard:	Interested Citizen
David Prowse:	Interested Citizen
Jake Six:	Bent County Sheriff
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, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the Regular Minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting and the February 2022 vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

a. Riley Miller-GMS Engineering

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Riley Miller from GMS Engineering. Mr. Miller gave an update on the sewer improvement project. Mr. Miller also presented the pay request from GMS Engineering for a total of \$226,515.39 for GMS and other contractors. Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to give the Mayor the authority to sign reimbursement documents and approve the pay request in the amount of \$226,515.39. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

Mr. Miller also presented an invoice for the Memorial Park Subdivision in the amount of \$45,463.90 to install sewer improvements and asked for approval from the City Council. Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to give the Mayor the authority to sign reimbursement documents and approve the invoice in the amount of \$45,463.90 from American Rescue Plan funds. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

b. Greg Gardner-R V Park questions

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Greg Gardner of 168 North Bent Avenue. Mr. Gardner has some questions and concerns about the proposed property located near the South East Recycling Center. He has heard that the property may be used to develop an R V park or a Hotel. Mr. Gardner is concerned about the type of people that may draw in and about the pressure of the existing water line. He stated he did not think that the line could handle that load.

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT

Upon recommendation from the Public Works board, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to forgive the water surcharges for Belinda Norris of 131 3rd Street in the amount of \$66.26 and Stella Serna of 758 Moore Ave in the amount of \$70.79. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Board, Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to approve the extension of the agreement for the sand mining excavation pit for an additional one year period. On a voice vote, Mayor Scot Peterson declared the Motion carried.

BENT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Amanda Leck reported that the Core Civic housing project is moving forward. Core Civic hopes to have people in the units by the end of March 2022.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Several Councilmembers have reported an increase in dog complaints from their constituents. Sheriff Jake Six stated that the Sheriff's Office is in the process of hiring a dog catcher.

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas stated that there were 23 applications for the Paint & Connect project.

LETTER PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL BY DOMINIC FLORES

Mr. Dominic Flores presented a letter to the Mayor and City Council concerning the driving and parking of his semi-truck. Mr. Flores spoke briefly about his concern over the truck ordinance. Since Mr. Flores was not on the City Agenda, Councilwoman Kimberlie King moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to add Mr. Flores to the April 10, 2022 Agenda. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUISITION OF LAND SECTION 24-6-402 (4) (a) C.R.S.

Councilwoman Kimberlie King moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to go into Executive Session for the Purpose of Acquisition of land Section 24-6-402 (4) (a) C.R.S. at 8:05 pm

The Executive Session ended at 8:13 pm and the City Council went back into Regular Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS SECTION 24-6-402 (4) (e) C.R.S.

Councilwoman Kimberlie King moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to go into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations Section 24-6-402 (4) (e) C. R. S. at 8:15 pm

The Executive Session ended at 8:24 pm and the City Council went back into Regular Session.

APPOINTMENT OF TROY ABDULLA AND LYNETTE WOLFE TO THE LAS ANIMAS/BENT COUNTY GOLF COURSE BOARD

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to appoint Troy Abdulla and Lynette Wolfe to the Las Animas/ Bent County Golf Course Board. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MODIFICATION OF PREMISES FOR THE SIXTH STREET TAVERN

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Carol Johnson. Ms. Johnson stated that she was representing the Sixth Street Tavern and presenting the modification. Ms. Johnson informed the City Council about their plans for Santa Fe Trail Day and explained that she has been working with Teresa Garcia and the School students to plan their modification. After review of the modification, Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to approve the Modification of premises for the Sixth Street Tavern. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AGREEMENT

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to ratify the Agreement with City Attorney Brandon Dittman and the City of Las Animas. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

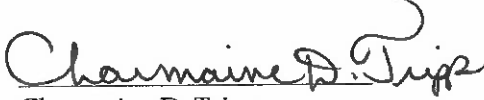
CONSIDERATION OF THE LETTER OF REQUEST FROM DAVID PROWSE TO CHANGE THE ZONING IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICT TO ALLOW A MARIJUANA GROW

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Mr. David Prowse. Mr. Prowse informed the Councilors about his letter of request to operate a grow and a recreational dispensary in the downtown business district. Mr. Prowse was informed that the marijuana grow would not be allowed in that zone. Mr. Prowse is asking the City Council to change the zoning. Councilman David Armstrong stated that he would not be in favor of the grow due to the citizens he represents are not in favor of a grow in the downtown district. Other Councilors indicated that they would not be in favor of changing the code. Mr. Prowse thanked the City Council for their consideration.

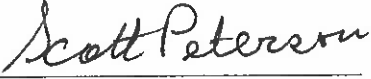
UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The proper procedure for creating a City Council committee was discussed by the City Attorney. Mayor Peterson discussed scheduling a work session to go over the current boards.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNED: Mayor Scott Peterson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.


Charmaine D. Tripp
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:



Scott Peterson, Mayor