

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, April 12, 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:	David Armstrong Kimberlie King Cassandra Siefkas Robert Sonny Smith Lynette Wolfe
Absent:	Troy Abdulla
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
Richard Gallegos:	Deputy City Clerk
Amanda Leck:	Bent County Development Foundation Director
Charles Shupe:	Interested Citizen
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 Robert Smith seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the Regular Minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting and the March 2022 vouchers. Councilman Robert Smith asked to add the Committee Discussion to New Business. 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 \$587,456.92 for GMS and other contractors. Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to give the Mayor the authority to sign reimbursement documents and approve the pay request in the amount of \$587,456.92. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

b. Charles Shupe-Issue with neighbor possible code violation

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Charles Shupe. Mr. Shupe addressed the Council about a problem with a neighbor next to him at 903 Grand Ave. The neighbor has no sewer, no water and is living in a shed on the property. There is also some others living in an RV on the property with no services. City Attorney Brandon Dittman asked Code Enforcement Officer Greg Champney to set up a meeting with him on the proper way to proceed with the complaint. Mr. Dittman suggested that the complaint be filed in district court. City Council gave authorization for City Attorney Brandon Dittman to move forward on the complaint and filing it with the district court.

DIRECTIVE FROM CITY COUNCIL TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT HEADS TO GIVE A \$5.00 PER HOUR RAISE TO ALL FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to direct the City Department Heads to give a \$5.00 per hour raise to all full time employees. On a voice vote, with Councilman Robert Smith abstaining, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

MAYOR SCOTT PETERSON SCHEDULED A SPECIAL CALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL 20, 2022

Mayor Scott Peterson announced that a Special Call City Council meeting will be held on April 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD REPORT

Upon recommendation from the Public Works board, Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to approve one third of the cost for an appraisal of the Bill Miller property located near the baseball field. On a voice vote, with Councilwoman Kimberlie King voting no, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

BENT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Amanda Leck reported that the Core Civic housing project will have a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, April 20 at 3:00 p.m. The groundbreaking for the new employee housing will be May 25, 2022. Amanda stated that she is currently working on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant for the trap club.

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.

RESOLUTION NO. 3-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AD LIGHTING GROUP INC FOR THE FABRICATION AND PLACEMENT OF STREET MONUMENTS

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Kimberlie King seconded to approve RESOLUTION NO. 3-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AD LIGHTING GROUP INC FOR THE FABRICATION AND PLACEMENT OF STREET MONUMENTS. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO BRING BACK THE GROUP MISSION TRIP FOR 2023 FOR PAINT AND CONNECT

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to bring the group mission trip back for 2023 for paint and connect pending the outcome of the current 2022 paint and connect. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE SANTA FE TRAIL DAY PARADE ROUTE AS PRESENTED

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the Santa Fe Trail Day parade route as presented by the school district. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE LETTER FROM JOYCE BROOKS TO RESIGN FROM THE BENT COUNTY/LAS ANIMAS LIBRARY BOARD

The City Council accepted the letter of resignation from Joyce Brooks with regret and thanked her for her service to the Las Animas/Bent County Library District. A thank you letter will be sent from the Mayor.

DONATION OF \$250.00 TO THE LAS ANIMAS HIGH SCHOOL AFTER PROM PARTY

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to donate \$250.00 to the Las Animas High School After Prom Party. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF 400 5TH STREET NOT TO EXCEED \$36,000.00

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to table the possible decision to purchase 400 5th Street until April 20, 2022 Special Call meeting. Motion was rescinded by Councilman Smith and Councilman Armstrong.

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to approve the purchase of 400 5th Street with the purchase price not to exceed \$36,000.00. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL \$15,000.00 FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION FUND FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to approve an additional \$15,000.00 from the Parks and Recreation Fund for the Community Center. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

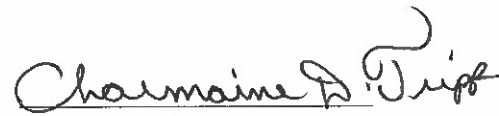
APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A STORAGE UNIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,450.00 FOR THE DOWNTOWN PROJECT

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman David Armstrong seconded to purchase a storage unit in the amount of \$4,450.00 as part of the downtown project. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Creation of City Council Committees scheduled for the Special Call Meeting on April 20, 2022.

ADJOURNED: Councilman David Armstrong moved, Councilman Robert Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.


Charmaine D. Tripp
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:


Scott Peterson, Mayor