

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 14, 2022, at 7:02 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 Kimberlie King (by zoom) Cassandra Siefkas Robert Sonny Smith Lynette Wolfe

Mayor Scott Peterson declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Anne Boswell:	KBLJ Radio
Brandon Dittman:	City Attorney (by zoom)
Ronald Clodfelter:	Superintendent of Light & Power
Wyatt Dowell:	Public Works Foreman
Richard Gallegos:	Deputy City Clerk
Donald Herman:	Interested Citizen
Terry Kim:	Councilman Candidate
Dannah Koeniger:	GMS Engineering
Amanda Leck:	Bent County Development Foundation Director
Randy McDermed:	Interested Citizen
Andrew Montoya:	Councilman Candidate
Dennis Montoya:	Las Animas Light & Power Board candidate
Rose Prichard:	Interested Citizen
Michael Talmage:	Las Animas Light & Power Board
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Toni Umi:	Interested Citizen
Ken Wagner:	Public Works Director
Jaime Weber:	Interested Citizen

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 Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the Regular Minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting and the May 24, 2022

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

a. Dannah Koeniger-GMS Engineering

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Dannah Koeniger from GMS Engineering. Ms. Koeniger presented the rate study for the rate increases to the water, sewer and sanitation funds. The rates have not been changed for many years and need to be increased to keep up with inflation and gas prices. Ms. Koeniger presented the pay request from GMS Engineering for a total of \$42425.10 to Gardner Construction and \$6,600.00 to GMS Engineering.

b. Terry Kim-Interested Citizen

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Terry Kim. Mr. Kim addressed the City Council about his concern of the lack of professionalism. Mr. Kim would like to see the City Council work together better for the Citizens. Mr. Peterson thanked Mr. Kim for his comments.

c. Rose Prichard-Interested Citizen

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Rose Prichard. Ms. Prichard addressed the City Council about "the total disrespect of the City Councilors and the Department Heads". Mr. Prichard was also concerned with the lack of order in the meeting. Mayor Scott Peterson thanked Ms. Prichard for her comments.

MANDATORY COUNCIL TRAINING AT 5:00 ON JUNE 28, 2022 AND A SPECIAL CALL MEETING SET FOR JUNE 28, 2022 AT 7:00

Mayor Scott Peterson announced that a mandatory City Council training would be held on June 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. with a Special Call City Council meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

LAS ANIMAS LIGHT & POWER, ARPA AND CITY OF LAS ANIMAS SCHOLARSHIP

Superintendent of Light & Power Ron Clodfelter announced that the Las Animas Light & Power, ARPA and the City of Las Animas scholarship was awarded to two recipients: Roper Nichols and Kaden Morlan. Mr. Clodfelter and Richard Gallegos presented the scholarship at the awards ceremony at the Las Animas High School.

BENT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION DIRECTOR REPORT

Amanda Leck reported that she has received word that the C-Dot sidewalk grant application has been approved. Ms. Leck also asked that the incentive package be approved for the Cobblestone Hotel.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Several items were discussed by the City Councilors including the status of the pool and whether the pool can be tested before it opens at a cost \$2,500.00 to be checked for leaks, the golf course lease was discussed, and the lack of an animal control officer. Mr. Dale Speer has been hired by

the Bent County Sheriff's Office to fill the role of the Animal Control Officer. Placing a dog waste station at the park has also been discussed.

APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS MONTOYA TO THE LAS ANIMAS LIGHT & POWER BOARD

Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to appoint Mr. Dennis Montoya to the Las Animas Light & Power Board. On a voice vote, with Councilman Robert Smith abstaining, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF GRACE GARDNER TO THE YOUTH ADVISOR POSITION

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to appoint Grace Gardner to the Youth Advisor Position. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR COBBLESTONE HOTELS AND TO GIVE STAFF DIRECTION TO FINALIZE IN RESOLUTION FORM

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to give staff direction to finalize and approve the incentive for Cobblestone Hotels in Resolution form. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson Declared the Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, TO CREATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to pass on first reading and have published in the Bent County Democrat newspaper in its entirety AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, TO CREATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES with an amendment to add the Tourism, Arts and Culture Development Committee. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

MOTION DIES DUE TO A LACK OF A SECOND FOR APPROVAL OF THE APPRAISAL FOR THE BILL MILLER PROPERTY

After a brief discussion, Councilman Robert Smith made a Motion to table the motion for approval of the appraisal for the Bill Miller Property at a cost of \$600.00. The Motion died for the lack of a second. Motion fails.

APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR CARMENS RESTAURANT

Upon Recommendation of City Clerk Charmaine Tripp stating that the application was in order and the fees were attached, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the liquor license renewal application for Carmen's Restaurant. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR BOTTLE CAP LIQUOR

Upon Recommendation of City Clerk Charmaine Tripp stating that the application was in order and the fees were attached, Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to approve the liquor license renewal application for Bottle Cap Liquors. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE WATER, SEWER AND SANITATION PROPOSED RATE INCREASES AND TO DEVELOP RESOLUTIONS AND HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to move forward with the water, Sewer and Sanitation proposed rate increases and to develop Resolutions and have a public hearing for public input. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO APPROVING A CONTRACT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PURCASING REAL PRPERTY FROM VALLO RIBERTO, 400 5TH STREET

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve RESOLUTION NO. 10-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO APPROVING A CONTRACT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE FOR THE PURPOSES OF PURCASING REAL PROPERTY FROM VALLO RIBERTO, 400 5TH STREET. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

Charmaine D. Tripp
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:


Scott Peterson, Mayor