

## 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, July 12, 2022, at 7:10 p.m. The City Council meeting was in person. There being present at roll call were the following members:

Mayor:	Scott Peterson
Council members:	Troy Abdulla Andrew Montoya Cassandra Siefkas Robert Smith Lynette Wolfe
Youth Advisor:	Grace Gardner

Mayor Scott Peterson declared a quorum present.

### Others Present:

Brandon Dittman:	City Attorney (by zoom)
Ronald Clodfelter:	Superintendent of Light & Power
Wyatt Dowell:	Public Works Foreman
Richard Gallegos:	Deputy City Clerk
Terry Kim:	Councilman Candidate
Amanda Leck:	Bent County Development Foundation Director
Jason Meyer:	GMS Engineering
Rose Prichard:	Interested Citizen
Barbara Shively:	Las Animas/Bent County Library board member
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

## APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the Regular Minutes of the June 14, 2022 meeting and the June 28, 2022 Special Call Minutes and the June 2022 vouchers and add letter d. Recreation Grant under new business. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

## CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

### a. Jason Meyer-GMS Engineering

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Jason Meyer from GMS Engineering. Mr. Meyer recommended the rate increases to the water, sewer and sanitation funds. The rate increase would be

approximately a 25% increase to the current rates for water, sewer and sanitation. The rates have not been changed for many years. Mr. Meyer also presented the pay request from GMS Engineering for a total of \$113,314.57 to GMS Engineering for the current sewer project. Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to approve the payment of \$113,314.57 to GMS Engineering for the sewer project. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

b. Barbara Shively-Las Animas/Bent County Library District

Mayor Scott Peterson recognized Barbara Shively from the Las Animas/Bent County Library District. Ms. Shively addressed the City Council about the Little Free Library program and asked if a little library could be placed in the park area in the planter box for Citizens use. There will be a total of 4 boxes to start and will be placed in different areas in town. Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to allow the Las Animas/Bent County Library District to place a little library box in the park area in the planter. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**MOTION TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to change the order of the agenda to move Resolution 15-22, Resolution No. 16-22 and Resolution No. 17-22 concerning the rate increases for water, sewer and sanitation items b., c., and d. to the top of the Agenda. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-22, A RESOLUTION MAKING ADJUSTMENT TO THE WATER RATE SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO**

Mayor Scott Peterson opened the Public Hearing at 7:48 p.m. and asked if there was any public comment. Upon hearing no comment Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:56 p.m.

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Seifkas seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-22, A RESOLUTION MAKING ADJUSTMENT TO THE WATER RATE SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-22, A RESOLUTION MAKING ADJUSTMENT TO THE SEWER RATE SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO**

Mayor Scott Peterson opened the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. and asked if there was any public comment. Upon hearing no comment Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:02 p.m.

Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 16-22, A RESOLUTION MAKING ADJUSTMENT TO THE SEWER RATE SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-22, A RESOLUTION MAKING ADJUSTMENT TO THE SANITATION RATE SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO**

Mayor Scott Peterson opened the Public Hearing at 8:04 p.m. and asked if there was any public comment. Upon hearing no comment Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:05 p.m.

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to approve RESOLUTION NO. 17-22, A RESOLUTION MAKING ADJUSTMENT TO THE SANITATION RATE SCHEDULE IN THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**BENT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION DIRECTOR REPORT**

Amanda Leck reported that she has accepted the Bent County Administrator position and will be resigning her position as the Bent County Development Foundation Director. Ms. Leck stated that she will be available and still wants to be involved with City projects.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Several items were discussed by the City Councilors including a request for Senior Citizens swimming for free at the pool and a request to place a dog waste station at the City Park. The Public Works Department has agreed to place a dog waste station at the City Park.

**APPOINTMENT OF CASSANDRA SIEFKAS TO THE BENT COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to appoint Councilwoman Cassandra Seifkas to the Bent County Development Foundation. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW MONTOYA AS A MEMBER OF THE LAS ANIMAS CITY COUNCIL**

Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman Lynette Wolfe seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 12-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDREW MONTOYA AS A MEMBER OF THE LAS ANIMAS CITY COUNCIL. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMAN ANDREW MONTOYA**

Mayor Scott Peterson asked Mr. Andrew Montoya to stand to be sworn in to the office of the City Council. Councilman Andrew Montoya took the oath of office and was welcomed as a City Councilman.

**RESIGNATION OF COUNCILWOMAN KIMBERLIE KING AND DECLARING A VACANCY IN WARD 2, PRECINCT 8**

Mayor Scott Peterson announced that Councilwoman Kimberlie King has resigned her position by notification by e-mail. Mayor Scott Peterson then declared a vacancy in Ward 2, Precinct 8. Letters of interest are now being accepted for Ward 2, Precinct 8.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F-150 4X4 SUPERCREW**

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 13-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A FORD 5-150 4X4 SUPERCREW. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-22, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCENTIVES FOR THE COBBLESTONE HOTEL**

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 14-22, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INCENTIVES FOR THE COBBLESTONE HOTEL. On a voice vote, Mayor Scot Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THAXTON'S MARKET LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Upon recommendation from City Clerk & Treasurer Charmaine Tripp, stating that the fees were attached and the application was in order, Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman Andrew Montoya seconded to approve the liquor license renewal application for Thaxton's Market. On a voice vote, with Councilman Robert Smith abstaining, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 733, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, TO CREATE BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

Mayor Scott Peterson opened the Public Hearing at 9:27 p.m. and asked if there was any public comment. Upon hearing no comment Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Public Hearing closed at 9:28 p.m.

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to adopt on second reading and have published by title only in the Bent County Democrat newspaper ORDINANCE NO. 733, 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.

**APPROVAL FOR COUNCILMAN ROBERT SMITH TO NEGOTIATE AN IGA WITH SECED FOR GRANT WRITING PURPOSES**

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to approve Councilman Robert Smith negotiating an IGA with SECED for grant writing purposes. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**MAYOR SCOT PETERSON SETS A CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION FOR AUGUST 1, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Scott Peterson announced that a Special Call City Council meeting will be held on August 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS TO OPT-IN TO THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT**

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to Opt-in to the opioid settlement. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE BENT COUNTY CLERK TO PLACE TWO QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 COORDINATED ELECTION**

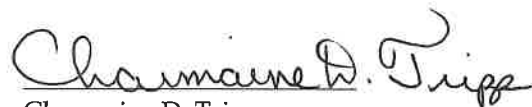
Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to submit a letter of intent to the Bent County Clerk & Recorder to participate in the November 8, 2022 coordinated election to add two questions:

1. Publication of Ordinances by title only.
2. Change the City Clerk & Treasurer to an appointed position instead of an elected position.


**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** The City of Las Animas will be participating with the Las Animas School District in the Back to School Picnic. The picnic will be held on August 12, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded 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:

  
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Scott Peterson, Mayor