

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, September 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. The City Council meeting was in person and on Facebook live. There being present at roll call were the following members:

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

Mayor Scott Peterson declared a quorum present.

Others Present:

Brandon Dittman:	City Attorney (by zoom)
Ronald Clodfelter:	Superintendent of Light & Power
Penny Calhoon:	Public Works Board
Wyatt Dowell:	Acting Public Works Director
Sheila Frasier:	Interested Citizen
Richard Gallegos:	Deputy City Clerk
Ross Stotz:	Interested Citizen
Charmaine Tripp:	City Clerk & Treasurer
Karen Van Egmond:	Interested Citizen
Rhetta Van Egmond:	Interested Citizen
Lynn Wright:	Las Animas Light & Power

SWEARING IN OF COUNCILMAN JOSEPH FRAZIER

Mayor Scott Peterson swore in Councilman Joseph Frazier for Ward 3, Precinct 8.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve the Consent Agenda including the Regular Minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting and the August 2022 vouchers. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- a. Karen Van Egmond- Request to change the penalty date on the LAMU utility bills

Mayor Scott Peterson invited Ms. Karen Van Egmond of 30774 Co Rd 14.9, Las Animas Colorado to address the Council. Ms. Van Egmond addressed the City Council about receiving a late fee due to the fact that she is charged after she receives her Social Security check on the third Wednesday of the month. Ms. Van Egmond asked that the Senior Citizens not be penalized if they are paid later in the month. Councilman Robert Smith asked Ms. Van Egmond if she would be willing to let the City Council discuss it at the Council work session. Ms. Van Egmond stated that she would appreciate it.

WATER SURCHARGE RELIEF DUE TO WATER LEAKS

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to give a credit for the water surcharge due to water leaks for the following:

1. Krystal Hinricks at 248 E. 5th St in the amount of \$83.34.
2. Tanner and Lilly Gingerich at 725 Poplar Ave in the amount of \$148.88.
3. Laura Zaragoza at 903 6th St in the amount of \$55.98.
4. Sandra Hernandez at 842 4th St in the amount of \$47.68
5. Sondra Cude at 626 5th St in the amount of \$19.82
6. Anthony Martinez at 443 10th St in the amount of \$15.43.

On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

PAINT AND CONNECT REPORT

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas presented a written report to the City Council on the Paint and Connect Project. Councilwoman Siefkas stated that there are a few projects that are not completed and would like to move forward with the projects.

DECISION FROM THE HIRING COMMITTEE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR POSITION

Upon recommendation from the Public Works Director hiring committee, Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to approve hiring Wyatt Dowell as the Public Works Director. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL REVIEW USE APPLICATION FROM LA PANSA FOOD TRAILER

Upon recommendation from the Planning Commission, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilman Robert Smith seconded to approve the Special Review Use Application for La Pansa Food Trailer to be located at 232 2nd Street in Las Animas, Colorado. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR VFW POST NO. 2411

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Upon recommendation from City Clerk & Treasurer Charmaine Tripp, Councilman Troy Abdulla moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to approve the liquor license renewal application for the VFW Post #2411. On a voice vote Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF LILLIE MAE TRUJILLO AND MAURITTA ADAMS TO THE TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENT OF MAURITTA ADAMS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas moved, Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe seconded to appoint Lillie Mae Trujillo and Mauritta Adams to the tourism, arts and culture committee and Mauritta Adams to the parks and recreation committee. On a voice vote Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992 IN LIEU OF THE COLORADO MUNICIPAL ELECTION CODE OF 1965 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A COORDINATED ELECTION IN BENT COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Troy Abdulla seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 21-22, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE UNIFORM ELECTION CODE OF 1992 IN LIEU OF THE COLORADO MUNICIPAL ELECTION CODE OF 1965 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN A COORDINATED ELECTION IN BENT COUNTY ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022. On a voice vote, Mayor Scot Peterson declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-22, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CITY CLERK & TREASURER CHARMAINE D. TRIPP TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BENT COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO PARTICPATE IN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION

Councilman Andrew Montoya moved, Councilman Joseph Frazier seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 22-22, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING CITY CLERK & TREASURER CHARMAINE D. TRIPP TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BENT COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 ELECTION. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-22, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING MAYOR SCOTT PETERSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND APPOINTING A SPECIAL COUNCIL FOR WATER RELATED ISSUES HAYES POZNANOVIC KORVER LLC

Councilman Robert Smith moved, Councilman Andrew Montoya seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 23-22, A RESOLUTION RATIFYING MAYOR SCOTT PETERSON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT AND APPOINTING A SPECIAL COUNCIL FOR WATER RELATED ISSUES HAYES POZNANOVIC KORVER LLC. On a voice vote, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO APPROVING A CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR CITY OFFICERS

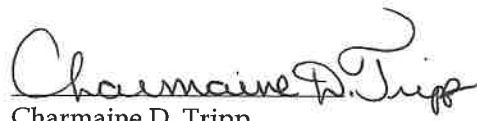
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Councilwoman Lynette Wolfe moved, Councilwoman Cassandra Siefkas seconded to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO APPROVING A CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR CITY OFFICERS. On a voice vote, with Councilman Robert Smith abstaining, Mayor Scott Peterson declared the Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: After a brief discussion, the City Council by a unanimous consensus has decided to allow Code Enforcement Officer Gregory Champney to return to work full time. Mr. Champney is not allowed at the limb pile site or the roll off area.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott Peterson adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.


Charmaine D. Tripp
City Clerk & Treasurer

ATTEST:


Scott Peterson, Mayor