

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF LAS ANIMAS
January 9, 2024
7:00 P. M.
REGULAR MEETING:

1. Roll Call
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Approval of the consent Agenda, Disposition of Minutes, Approval of vouchers Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2023, and the December vouchers
 4. Citizen Participation: Audrey Hatfield – Flooding in front of house
 5. Bent County Sheriff’s Office Sheriff’s Office Deputy
 6. Executive Session An executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purpose of discussion of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Las Animas and Bent County Sheriff’s Office for police services, determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators.
 6. Parks & Rec Committee Robert Smith
 7. Deputy City Clerk Richard Gallegos
 8. Superintendent of Light and Power Lynn Wright
 9. Director of Public Works Richard Blake Elliott
 10. Code Officer N/A
 11. Youth Advisor Grace Gardner
 12. City Council Member Reports
 13. Mayor Ronald Clodfelter
- Public Hearings**
- A. **ORDINANCE 740** SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, CREATING THE POSITION OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR, AND AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS REGARDING THE SAME

General Business

- b. **RESOLUTION 01-24** - APPOINTMENT OF BRANDON DITTMAN OF WILSON WILLIAMS FELLMAN DITTMAN AS THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO
- c. **LIGHT & POWER RESOLUTION 01-24** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO APPROVING THE UPDATED SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET OF THE LAS ANIMAS MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A NEW TRUCK
- d. **RESOLUTION 02-24** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO APPROVING A REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT WITH WILSON WILLIAMS FELLMAN DITTMAN FOR CITY ATTORNEY LEGAL SERVICES
- e. **RESOLUTION 03-24** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE LOCATION AND THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO
- f. **RESOLUTION 04-24** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF \$3,720 IN LEGAL EXPENSES NOT COVERED INSURANCE FOR GREG CHAMPNEY
- g. **RESOLUTION 05-24** - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO AUTHORIZING A \$1,000 PER PAY PERIOD INCREASE TO THE SALARY OF THE DEPUTY CLERK UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A CLERK IS APPOINTED OR ELECTED
- h. **RESOLUTION 06-24** – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO APPROVING THE UPDATED SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TAX LEVY
- i. **RESOLUTION 25-23** -, A RESOLUTION LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2023 TO HELP DEFRAID THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE CITY OF LAS ANIMAS, COLORADO, FOR THE 2023 BUDGET YEAR
- j. POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF THE MAYOR PRO-TEM

- 12. Unfinished Business None
- 13. New Business None

- 14. For Your Information December Council Proceedings
December Public Works Report
December Light & Power Report
December City Clerk’s Report

Mission Statement

The City Council representing the City of Las Animas strives to promote and improve our quality of life, enhance our sense of community, and preserve the integrity of our small town heritage.

Commitment(s)

We are committed to providing excellence in services for all citizens, businesses, and visitors through constant improvement and determination. We strive to sustain the public trust through open and responsive government, and we encourage public participation from our citizens and businesses.

Vision

Las Animas is a close knit community with a significant history of hard working families and friends who believe strongly in successes that are achieved through teamwork, faith, and dedication to each other.

Values Statements

We believe that service to the public is our reason for being and strive to deliver quality services in a highly professional, cost-effective, and efficient manner.

We believe that fiscal responsibility and the prudent stewardship of public funds is essential for citizen confidence in government.

We believe that ethics and integrity are the foundation blocks of public trust and confidence and that all meaningful relationships are built on these values.

We believe that the very essence of leadership is to be visionary and to plan for the future.

We believe that in order to 'make things happen' for the city we must be both proactive and progressive in the setting of goals and implementation of our plans.

We believe that continuous improvement is the mark of professionalism and are committed to applying this principle to the services we offer and the development of our employees.

We believe that the public is best served when departments and employees work cooperatively as a team rather than at cross purposes.

We believe that positive relations with the community and public we serve leads to positive, involved, and active citizens.

Strategic Plan Focus Areas

Safety and Security of Citizens

Economic Development

Infrastructure Sustainment and Improvement

Community Involvement and Engagement

Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency

Housekeeping Rules

The regular meeting of the Las Animas City Council convenes in the Council Chambers which is located in the City Hall at 532 Carson Ave at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. Because the Council desires to hear the viewpoints of all citizens and needs to conduct its business in an orderly and efficient manner, members of the public wishing to speak under the "Public Participation section of the Agenda must complete the sign-up sheet provided. Members of the public will not speak until called upon, and are asked to limit their comments to three minutes. In public session, the Council will not hear personal comments on personnel and staff connected with the City of Las Animas.

Consent Agenda

Is a list of action items which the Council proposes to adopt with one motion and vote. All members must agree to the items on the consent calendar, and if any one member disagrees the proposed action is taken off the consent calendar and dealt with individually.

How to get on the Agenda

Persons wishing to be added as a formal presentation to the council must submit the following in writing to the City Clerk no later than noon on the Wednesday preceding the meeting. The written notification to the City Clerk shall include:

- 1) Topic to be discussed;
- 2) Estimated time for presentation and discussion;
- 3) Names of all persons to be included in the discussion. The Council delegates to the City Clerk the authority to limit or deny the proposed formal presentation. The Board reserves the right to allocate such time to the presentation as it may deem appropriate.