

*Subject to approval at
the January 17, 2016
City Council Meeting*

STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF OTERO) SS
CITY OF LA JUNTA)

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Mayor Lynn Horner on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Council Member Goodwin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

- Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
- Frank McKenzie, Ward 2
- Lynn Horner, Mayor
- Jeffri Pruy, Ward 2
- Edward Vela, Ward 3
- Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent: Betty Velasquez, Ward 1

- Also present:
- Rick Klein, City Manager
 - Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
 - Phil Malouff Jr, City Attorney
 - Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
 - Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
 - Aaron Eveatt, Fire Chief
 - Pam Denahy, Director of Tourism & Events
 - Glenn Parker, 11 Seeley
 - Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman Utilities Board
 - Donna Starck, OCHD
 - Mike Mustain, OCHD
 - Gary Cranson, 705 Edison Ave
 - Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12th St
 - Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22nd St
 - Dreyton Nichols, 1605 Cimarron Ave
 - David Balicki, 1605 Cimarron Ave
 - Damian Ryder, La Junta
 - Lauren Carlson, La Junta
 - Tim Kelley, La Junta
 - Joe Ayala, 1514 San Juan Ave
 - Bette McFarren, Tribune-Democrat

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Horner asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 19, 2016. Council Member Vela: Invocation should read as "The Mayor gave the invocation." Hearing no further corrections, he declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS **(10 minute time limit per person):**
None.

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REPORTS

- A. **Tourism Board Funding for New Website Development and future matches towards a Welcome Center.** Pam Denahy, Director of Tourism & Events handed out the proposal from AgTown and Tourism's financials. There was lengthy discussion regarding the most "bang for our buck" way to expend the monies.

MOTION TO TABLE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE TOURISM BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING NEW WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND THE WELCOME CENTER FOR ANOTHER THIRTY (30) DAYS TO EXPLORE MORE OPTIONS: Eckhart

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FUND, ELECTRIC FUND, WASTEWATER FUND AND WATER FUND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2016.** The ordinance was read by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Goodwin

SECOND: Pruyn

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Liquor Licenses**

1. **Application for a Special Events Permit by La Junta Chamber of Commerce, Angela Ayala, Event Manager. The event is the Annual Chamber Banquet to be held January 30, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to Midnight at 1802 Colorado Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The appropriate fee has been tendered and the premises have been posted. The City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO LA JUNTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET TO BE HELD JANUARY 30, 2017 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT AT 1802 COLORADO AVENUE: Vela

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

2. **Application for Renewal of a Tavern Liquor License by Eagle Lanes LLC, d/b/a Eagle Lanes, 2420 San Juan Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The premise is under an action plan through the Fire Department. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT RENEWAL OF A TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE BY EAGLE LANES LLC, D/B/A EAGLE LANES, 2420 SAN JUAN AVENUE: Pruyn

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

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B. Resolutions for the new year 2017

1. **A Resolution Concerning Publication of Legal Notices.** Resolution No. R-1-2017 was presented for Council's consideration. The resolution states that all legal notices required to be published by the ordinances of the City of La Junta shall be published in the La Junta Tribune-Democrat.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-1-2017: Goodwin

SECOND: Pruyne

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

2. **A Resolution Concerning Discovered or Reported Offenses against City Property.** Resolution No. R-2-2017 was presented for Council's consideration. The resolution states that it shall be the policy of this Council that all discovered or reported offenses against the property of this city shall be referred to the appropriate law enforcement agency in this county for such action as may be deemed proper.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-2-2017: Goodwin

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

3. **A Resolution Designating Official Depositories for Various City Funds.** Resolution No. R-3-2017 was presented for Council's consideration. The resolution names the following banks as official depositories for the various funds of the City for the calendar year 2017: 1) The Colorado Bank & Trust Company of La Junta; 2) State Bank and Trust Company of La Junta; 3) Colorado East Bank & Trust a/k/a TBK Bank; 4) First National Bank of Las Animas and La Junta; 5) U.S. Bank.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-3-2017: Pruyne

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

4. **A Resolution Concerning City Enterprise Funds.** Resolution No. R-4-2017 was presented for Council's consideration. The resolution states that the following City funds are considered to be "enterprise" funds as used within the Tabor Amendment: a) Electric Fund; b) Sewer Fund; c) Water Fund; d) Sanitation Fund; e) Property Management Fund.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-4-2017: Vela

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

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5. **A Resolution Concerning Posting of Open Meetings.** Resolution No. R-5-2017 was presented for Council's consideration as follows:

WHEREAS, public can not exercise its right to attend open meetings unless sufficient notice is provided to its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meetings Law requires the public to receive full and timely notice of any meetings held; and

WHEREAS, the Open Meeting statute (24-6-402) provides in part as follows:

Any meetings at which the adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action occurs or at which a majority or quorum of the body is in attendance, or is expected to be in attendance, shall be held only after full and timely notice to the public. In addition to any other means of full and timely notice, a local public body shall be deemed to have given full and timely notice if the notice of the meeting is posted in a designated public place within the boundaries of the local public body no less than twenty-four hours prior to the holding of the meeting. The public place or places for posting such notice shall be designated annually at the local public body's first regular meeting of each calendar year. The posting shall include specific agenda information where possible.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of La Junta, the Board of Utilities Commissioners, the Planning Commission of the City of La Junta, the Airport Advisory Board, the Urban Renewal Authority, the Tourism Board, and any other advisory boards which have been created by Ordinance and which are required by ordinances of the City of La Junta to comply with the open meetings law shall comply with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the meetings shall be issued by the Clerk of the City of La Junta.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that designated place for posting of the meetings shall be the main foyer of the City

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Building, located at 6th and Colorado Avenue, La Junta, Colorado.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-5-2017: Goodwin

SECOND: Pruyn

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

C. Appoint Council Representatives

1. Retirement Board (2 year term)

MOTION TO REAPPOINT LORENZ SUTHERLAND TO THE RETIREMENT BOARD: Vela

SECOND: Pruyn

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

2. Senior Citizens Center Advisory Board (3 year term)

MOTION TO APPOINT EDWARD VELA TO THE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER ADVISORY BOARD: Goodwin

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Velasquez absent/Vela abstained)

D. Board Appointments

1. La Junta Capital Inc.

a. Jim Wallace (term to expire 12/2019)

MOTION TO REAPPOINT JIM WALLACE TO THE LA JUNTA CAPITAL INC. BOARD:
Pruyn

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

2. Recreation Advisory Board

a. Jeff Paolucci (term to expire 12/2019)

MOTION TO REAPPOINT JEFF PAOLUCCI TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD:
Goodwin

SECOND: Pruyn

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

b. Barrett Bender (term to expire 12/2019)

MOTION TO REAPPOINT BARRETT BENDER TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Eckhart

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

c. Dan Nuschy (term to expire 12/2019)

MOTION TO REAPPOINT DAN NUSCHY TO THE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Goodwin

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

3. Tree Board

a. Diane Rikhof (term to expire 12/2019)

MOTION TO REAPPOINT DIANE RIKHOF TO THE TREE BOARD: Vela

SECOND: Pruyn

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

b. Gene Jacks (term to expire 12/2018)

MOTION TO REAPPOINT GENE JACKS TO THE TREE BOARD: Pruyn

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

c. Steve Vanhook (term to expire 12/2019)

MOTION TO REAPPOINT STEVE VANHOOK TO THE TREE BOARD: Goodwin

SECOND: Pruyn

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

d. Tim Vanhook (term to expire 12/2018)

MOTION TO REAPPOINT TIM VANHOOK TO THE TREE BOARD: Pruyn

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

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E. Authorization to commence condemnation

1. Ronnie Gonzales – 1006 Raton Avenue

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMENCEMENT OF CONDEMNATION OF 1006 RATON AVENUE OWNED BY RONNIE GONZALES: Goodwin

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

2. Crystal McFadden – 1515 Grace Avenue

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMENCEMENT OF CONDEMNATION OF 1515 GRACE AVENUE OWNED BY CRYSTAL MCFADDEN: Pruy

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Velasquez absent)

F. Committee/Board Reports

- 1. Council Member Vela – does the City have to go through condemnation on Walt’s Book-Stop? Urban Renewal has their own process of condemnation.

G. City Manager’s Comments

- 1. Crew guys have been busy with snow removal and placing sand material.
- 2. First and Bradish had a water valve crack a while back and that area had to be torn out and re-done.
- 3. TLM is working between 3rd and 4th Street at the Anderson Arroyo where the head wall for the storm sewer came loose.
- 4. We have been clearing out the trees on the City land between 10th and 9th Street off the East side of Anderson Arroyo. We have also been working with the Eberly’s and they are willing to give us an easement for the trail
- 5. Montiel is getting ready to stucco the walls at the Wellness Park and Taylor Fence put slats in the fence on the West side.
- 6. Got a grappler bucket for the bob cat.
- 7. Hugh Osbourne with National Parks Service wants to schedule a meeting.
- 8. We received notification from the Federal Railroad Administration that they accepted the project management plan. The grant has been awarded and signed.

H. City Attorney’s Comments – I have drafted a dilapidated buildings ordinance. The information in the ordinance is not new, but a new approach.

I. Governing Body’s Comments

Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 p.m. Items for discussion will be: Visitor/Welcoming Center, Dilapidated Buildings Ordinance and the Smokeless Tobacco Ordinance.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Lynn Horner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk