

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – January 17, 2012

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

Subject to approval at the
February 6, 2012 regular City
Council meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Mayor Don Rizzuto on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

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

INVOCATION: The City Clerk gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

- Billie Johnson, Ward 2
- Don Rizzuto, Mayor
- Bill Schmidt, Ward 2
- Bob Freidenberger, Ward 3
- Michael Moreno, Ward 3

Absent: Betty Velasquez, Ward 1
Eugene Mestas, Ward 1

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Safety
Phil Malouff, Jr., City Attorney
Jan Schooley, City Clerk
Bev Babb, La Junta
Dan Davis, La Junta
Mike Pruyn, La Junta
Jeffri Pruyn, La Junta
Candi Hill, Tribune-Democrat

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Rizzuto asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the January 3, 2012, Regular City Council Meeting. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

- A. Bev Babb, who serves on the SECHORT Board, told Council that today there were 48 requests for information on Southeast Colorado and the birding opportunities here. Yesterday she received 9 requests. The requests came through the Audubon National Magazine.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Board Appointment – Appoint Lorna Miller to a 5-year term on the La Junta Housing Authority.** Mayor Rizzuto received a letter from Russell Karney, Chairman of the La Junta Housing Authority recommending the appointment of Ms. Miller, who lives in North La Junta.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO APPOINT LORNA MILLER TO A FIVE-YEAR TERM: Freidenberger

SECOND: Schmidt

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Velasquez and Mestas absent).

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B. Board Reappointments**1. Allen Hill to Airport Advisory Board for a 3-year term.**

MOTION TO REAPPOINT ALLEN HILL TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM: Freidenberger

SECOND: Schmidt

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Velasquez and Mestas absent).

2. Larry Tucker to the Airport Advisory Board

MOTION TO REAPPOINT LARRY TUCKER TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM: Schmidt

SECOND: Johnson

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Velasquez and Mestas absent).

C. Application for a Special Events Permit by the La Junta Chamber of Commerce, Adela Licano, Event Manager. The event is the Annual Chamber Banquet to be held January 30, 2012 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Otero Junior College Student Center. The application is in order and proper fee has been tendered. City supervisors have reviewed the application for compliance with City and State codes. The premises has been posted.

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT TO THE LA JUNTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE ANNUAL CHAMBER BANQUET: Freidenberger

SECOND: Schmidt

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Velasquez and Mestas absent)

D. Committee/Board Reports

1. Moreno reported on the recent Youth Commission meeting.
2. In regard to ARPA, Freidenberger asked if ARPA's General Manager, Rick Rigel, could be scheduled to give a report to Council in either February or March.

E. City Manager's Comments

1. We are still working on cleaning of snow

F. City Attorney's Comments.

1. **New China Liquor Enforcement Proceeding.** New China has been cited for selling to a minor. They have had a conference with the City Attorney. The City Attorney recommends tabling this matter until the City Council Meeting of February 6.

MOTION TO TABLE THE ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDING FOR NEW CHINA UNTIL FEBRUARY 6, 2012: Freidenberger

SECOND: Schmidt

DISCUSSION: Mr. Malouff said this will not affect the renewal of their liquor license.

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Velasquez and Mestas absent).

2. **Love's Country Stores No. 12, Liquor Enforcement Proceeding.** Love's has been cited for selling to a minor. They have had a conference with the City Attorney. The City Attorney recommends tabling this matter until the City Council Meeting of February 6.

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MOTION TO TABLE THE ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDING FOR LOVE'S COUNTRY STORES
NO. 12 UNTIL FEBRUARY 6, 2012: Freidenberger

SECOND: Schmidt

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Velasquez and Mestas absent).

G. Governing Body's Comments

1. Mayor Rizzuto thanked everyone for attending the planning session held this past Saturday. It went well, and everyone should be receiving the notes by e-mail.
2. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS UNDER C.R.S § 24-6-402 (4) (e); THAT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND THAT THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BE RECONVENE AND ADJOURNED AT THE
CONCLUSION: Freidenberger

SECOND: Schmidt

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Velasquez and Mestas absent).

Council went into executive session at 7:47 p.m. The session ended at 8:07 p.m., whereupon the meeting was reconvened and there being no further business was adjourned.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

ATTEST:

Don Rizzuto, Mayor

Janice L. Schooley, City Clerk