

**Subject to approval at
the February 19, 2019
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 Jeffri Pruyn on Monday, February 4, 2019, at 7:00 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 McIntyre gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

- Eugene Mestas, Ward 1
- Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
- Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
- Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
- Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent: Shannon Lovato, Ward 2
Edward Vela, Ward 3 (attending City training)

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Phil Malouff Jr, City Attorney
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Joey Gacnik, Fire Chief
Todd Quick, Police Chief
Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
Paula Mahoney, Administration
Aimee Hill, Engineering
Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12th St
Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22nd St
James Balicki, La Junta
Mike Pruyn, 5 Circle Dr
William Macdonald, 706 Raton Ave
Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mayor Jeffri Pruyn and City Manager Rick Klein recognized Joey Gacnik as the City's new Fire Chief.

PUBLIC HEARING: Petition to rename Veteran's Field to "SSgt. Ambrosio Guillen Veteran's Field" and erect a stone in his honor.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING A PETITION TO RENAME VETERAN'S FIELD TO SSGT. AMBROSIO GUILLEN VETERAN'S FIELD AND ERECT A STONE IN HIS HONOR: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

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City Manager Klein: While doing my research, a gentleman dropped off a tin that was used to print the newspapers. In 1980 they put out a deal to all the service men and women of the La Junta area and it listed off anybody who was in the service from La Junta. As you go through the list of names, you'll see there's a lot of good La Junta's that were on here. I have a folder here of several people from La Junta who served their country, which you are more than welcome to look at. (Rick Klein shared many examples with those in attendance.)

To me everybody is important, even if you weren't on the front lines. I would love to see this become an honors wall versus being named after one person. If we do go with one name, Ernesto Jimenez would be at the top of my list.

My recommendation is to have an honor wall.

Board: It was the consensus of the Board that an honor wall would be more appropriate than naming Veteran's Field after just one individual.

Mayor Pruyn closed the public hearing and opened the floor to any motions. Hearing none, the Mayor proceeded to the next agenda item.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 22, 2019. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 minute time limit per person):

1. William Macdonald, 706 Raton Avenue: Continued discussion regarding nuisance dog barking issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR THE USE OF CITY FACILITIES OR INFRASTRUCTURE.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance. This ordinance will allow for the process of negotiation for each circumstance that arises.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Goodwin

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Liquor Licenses

1. **Application for a Special Events Permit by Koshare Indian Museum, David Balicki, Event Manager. The events are for fundraising to be held February 15, 16, March 15, May 10 and June 21, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at 115 W. 18th Street.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The premise is under a thirty day action plan with the Fire Department. 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 KOSHARE INDIAN MUSEUM FOR A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2019 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 115 W. 18TH STREET: Eckhart

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

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MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO KOSHARE INDIAN MUSEUM FOR A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2019 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 115 W. 18TH STREET: Eckhart

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO KOSHARE INDIAN MUSEUM FOR A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO BE HELD MARCH 15, 2019 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 115 W. 18TH STREET: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO KOSHARE INDIAN MUSEUM FOR A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO BE HELD MAY 10, 2019 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 115 W. 18TH STREET: McIntyre

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO KOSHARE INDIAN MUSEUM FOR A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO BE HELD JUNE 21, 2019 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 115 W. 18TH STREET: McIntyre

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

2. **Application for Renewal of a Beer Off Premises Liquor License by Wal-Mart Inc., d/b/a Wal-Mart #1384, 6 Conley Road.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The premise is under a thirty day action plan with the Fire Department. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A BEER OFF PREMISES LIQUOR LICENSE BY WAL-MART INC., D/B/A WAL-MART #1384, 6 CONLEY ROAD: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

B. Appoint Bill Jackson to the AVRMC Board.

MOTION TO APPOINT BILL JACKSON TO THE AVRMC BOARD: Mestas

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

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- C. First Reading/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1242 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA AS CONCERNS A REQUEST BY BOB HOUSTON AND DAN WAGNER.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: Mestas

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

D. Committee/Board Reports

1. Council Member McIntyre (AVRMC Board):
 - Reviewed executive summary
 - All attended the joint board meeting. It was nice with great conversation.

E. City Manager's Comments

1. Darren continues to work with the EPA.
2. Our "Citizens TEAM Academy" will run from March 6th through April 10th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
3. Soccer registration is in two weeks.
4. There are still a few openings for pool parties.
5. Replacement of the RO filter will be on February 19th.
6. The WWTP is at 84% (working on electronics at this time.)
7. Commend the Police Department for all their hard work and keeping everybody safe. Did a great job working together with other agencies.
8. Looking at a company out of Denver to complete patching for us.
9. The City needs more police reserves.
10. A&W is starting to come down.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- Look into how the stripes are painted on the split road coming into town, it's confusing.
- More discussion about potholes.
- Possibly put a security camera at the cemetery due to the amount of theft happening.

A. City Attorney's Comments

1. Always a privilege.

B. Governing Body's Comments

1. Council Member McIntyre:
 - There will be a blood drive February 5th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. at the AVRMC Medical Education Center.
2. Mayor Pruyn:
 - "Help a Child Become a Better Reader" need volunteers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk