

*Subject to approval at the
February 20, 2018
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 5, 2018, 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:

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

Absent: none

- Also present:
- Rick Klein, City Manager
 - Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
 - Phil Malouff, Jr., City Attorney
 - Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
 - Cynthia Nieb, Economic Development/UR Director
 - Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
 - Todd Quick, Chief of Police
 - Aliza Libby-Tucker, Director of Finance
 - Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept
 - Paula Mahoney, Administration
 - Dawn Block, Senior Center
 - Henry Valdez, 211 Harriett Ave
 - Pat Valdez, 211 Harriett Ave
 - Dennis Smith, 1509 Kilgore St
 - Susan Elliott, 1310 Lincoln Ave
 - Greg Kolomitz, 717 Bellevue Ave
 - Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12th St
 - Kathy DelRio, 320 Carson Ave
 - Lorenz Sutherland, Utilities Board Chair
 - Frank McKenzie, UB Commissioner
 - Mike Bourget, UB Commissioner
 - Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
 - Rick Rigel, ARPA Manager
 - Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

CITY OF LA JUNTA WELLNESS TEAM – LIVEWELL COLORADO. City Council passed a “HEAL” Resolution in May of 2004. HEAL stands for Healthy Eating Active Living. We have continued with LiveWell Colorado moving through each of their city designations: Eager, Active, Fit and Elite. In November 2017 the City of La Junta received its “Elite” status.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyne asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of January 16, 2018. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

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

1. Kathy DelRio, 320 Carson Ave.: A big dog came out and attacked me while I was riding my bike. It was a boxer and happened on 6th and Cimarron. I made a police report. Dogs are out running loose in the community and we need to enforce the law for them to be on a leash for the safety of the community.

NEW BUSINESS**A. Liquor Licenses.**

1. **Application for Renewal of a 3.2% Off Premises Liquor License by Wal-Mart Stores 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 RENEWAL OF A 3.2% OFF PREMISES LIQUOR LICENSE BY WAL-MART STORES INC., D/B/A WAL-MART #1384, 6 CONLEY ROAD: Mestas

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

2. **Application for a Special Events Permit by Children's Literacy Center, Gina Solazzi, Event Manager. The event is the Children's Literacy Banquet to be held February 15, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 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 CHILDRENS LITERACY CENTER FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2018 FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M. AT 1802 COLORADO AVENUE: Mestas

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

3. **Application for a Special Events Permit by Our Lady of Guadalupe, James Wallace, Event Manager. The event is the St. Patrick's Day Annual Banquet to be held March 17, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to midnight at 202 Lincoln 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 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD MARCH 17, 2018 FROM 4:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT AT 202 LINCOLN AVENUE: Mestas

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

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- B. First Reading/AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF GARDNER AVENUE IN LA JUNTA, OTERO COUNTY, COLORADO, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.** The ordinance was read by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: Mestas

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

C. Board Appointment

1. Tree Board

a. Shannon Lovato (term to expire 12/31/2020)

MOTION TO APPOINT SHANNON LOVATO TO THE TREE BOARD: Mestas

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Lovato abstained)

D. Committee/Board Reports

1. Council Member McIntyre (AVRMC Board): I attended the AVRMC Board meeting last Tuesday. Tomorrow we have a La Junta Community Blood Drive from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the medical education center rooms. The Board should be getting notification on the executive summary for the year ending December 2017. Also, the City meets once a year with the AVRMC Board and that will be the last Tuesday of this month.

E. City Manager's Comments

1. Thanks to Beverly Babb for sharing with me the release on the corridor of Highway 50. <https://www.codot.gov/projects/us50e>
2. OJC International Food Night will be March 29th.
3. CML will be from June 19th through the 22nd in Vail.
4. Continuing work along the Anderson Arroyo.
5. Demo for 702 Smithland is about 90% complete.
6. We'll be working on the house on the 1200 block of Smithland. The walls are falling out.
7. Three officers in 37 days. Not a good thing at all.

F. City Attorney's Comments

1. For the benefit of the new council members, lawyer ethics preclude me from discussing client business with non clients. The way the Charter is set up, I am the attorney for the Council not the City. I can't talk about your business without your permission.
2. I congratulate and applaud Rick Klein for receiving the Community Service Award.
3. In light of the events in the Springs today, one cop killed, three injured, three cops in the last thirty days. In our community, there is a pandemic of heroin use, methamphetamine use that has trickled down to newborns. It is a catastrophic problem. There are serious things going on in the world that are affecting even La Junta Colorado.

G. Governing Body's Comments

1. Council Member Goodwin: A local business person received a letter from the City of La Junta and didn't understand it. It involves the new Health District and sales tax. I spoke with Aliza about this and apparently this is a form letter that requires everything to be said in the letter to go to everybody. I just want to make it clear that the City didn't generate this letter, it is a State mandate.

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2. Mayor Pruyn: Remind everybody about our Meet & Greet and Work Session this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. Lewis Bolt & Nut has extended to us an invitation for anyone who would like to take a tour of their facilities. Also, last week, I was able to attend the Saving Places Conference in Denver. I'll go over a few of the things at the work session. It's really great that we became a Certified Local Government. This step will allow us to move into a lot of other directions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Jeffri Pruyn, Madam Mayor

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk