

***Subject to approval at
the February 21, 2017
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 Monday, February 6, 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: The Mayor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

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

Absent: Jeffri Pruyn, Ward 2

- Also present:
- Rick Klein, City Manager
 - Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
 - Phil Malouff Jr, City Attorney
 - Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
 - Ryan Stevens, Economic Development
 - Donna Starck, OCHD
 - Mike Mustain, OCHD
 - Gary Cranson, 705 Edison Ave
 - Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12th St
 - Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22nd St
 - Eugene Mestas, 1203 Grace Ave
 - Robert Fowler, 15 W 22nd St
 - Kristin Carpenter, La Junta
 - Aiden Carpenter, La Junta
 - Michelle Griego, OCHD
 - Angelo Griego III, RFPD
 - Nancy Harrington, Coalition
 - Dawn Block, LJ Senior Center
 - Kaysie Schmidt, OJC
 - Rod Stambaugh, 27781 Railroad St
 - Rick Ritter, 1122 Cimarron 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 January 17, 2017. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS **(10 minute time limit per person)**:
There was no citizen participation.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. A Resolution Appointing ARPA Representatives. Resolution No. R-7-2017 was presented for Council's consideration as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta, (hereinafter referred to as "City") is a member of the Arkansas River Power Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, the City is entitled to place two representatives on the Arkansas River Power Authority Board; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:

1. That P. Lorenz Sutherland is hereby appointed to represent the City of La Junta on the Arkansas River Power Authority Board.
2. That Gary Cranson is hereby appointed to represent the City of La Junta on the Arkansas River Power Authority Board.
3. That the appointments shall be for a two year term beginning January 1, 2017.

MOTION TO APPOINT P. LORENZ SUTHERLAND TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF LA JUNTA ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER POWER AUTHORITY BOARD: Vela

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: None

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

MOTION TO APPOINT GARY CRANSON TO REPRESENT THE CITY OF LA JUNTA ON THE ARKANSAS RIVER POWER AUTHORITY BOARD: McKenzie

SECOND: Velasquez

DISCUSSION: None

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

B. Board Appointees. Mayor Horner asked Council to review three Resolutions regarding board appointments. Currently, when there is a vacancy and the individual does not want to continue, the position is advertised in the newspaper. However, if the individual wants to continue with another term, the board recommends reappointment and the vacancy is not advertised. Review these current procedures and we will decide at our next meeting if any changes need to be made.

C. Committee/Board Reports. There were not any reports.

D. City Manager's Comments

1. Bent County Regional Transit Plan. Bent County is looking to expand their services with Otero and Prowers Counties to link services from Lamar through Las Animas to La Junta. I handed out a questionnaire regarding this and there will be meetings on February 16 at the La Junta

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Senior Center from 12:00 – 2:00, February 17 in Lamar from 12:00 – 2:00 and February 23 at the Las Animas Senior Center from 12:00 – 2:00.

Dawn Block – Bent County received a planning grant through the Colorado Department of Transportation. Currently, between the Las Animas public transit system and the Colorado Coalition, they're running five buses to La Junta and they run at least that many to Lamar. This is actually a study to put a plan together to see how we can connect and coordinate better. (Council Member Vela: Is it going to cost us any money out of your budget?) No, because we're already running the buses.

2. There will be a "Chili Cook-off" at the Senior Center on February 28th at 11:00 a.m.
3. The Senior Center is accepting winter coats.
4. The Rambling bus is going to Cripple Creek on May 27th.
5. There are two seats available for the San Diego trip the first week of May.
6. We are re-doing the batting cages at 22nd street field. The college and high school bought all the materials and the City is furnishing the labor.
7. We had a national evaluator from Kaiser Permanente come down and interview us. They picked two Colorado cities out of over 40 that are LiveWell Heal Cities. She was truly impressed with what she saw here.
8. Southeast Health Group has "Weigh and Win" where you earn money to lose weight.
9. Our 1st Quarter Safety Meeting will be February 15th on educating people about diabetes. Southeast Health Group will be the presenters.
10. All of the W-2's have been mailed out.
11. There were two poles that went down at 1st and San Juan within two weeks (the same pole.) Also lost a pole at 1st and Barnes.
12. The primary service is being installed for the new wrestling gym for the college.
13. Last Tuesday, we had the second meeting of the Comprehensive Plan.
14. Six years ago, Council asked me to see what I could do to help the Amtrak. I've been told that it's been preserved but we still need \$41 million. How do we hit up the Federal government for the \$41 million when we're saying it's already preserved? This July, the "Southwest Chief Economic Development Rural Tourism Repair and Maintenance Rail Commission" is expiring and we're asking the State of Colorado to start a new commission called the "Southwest Chief and Front Range Rail Commission" to take a look at getting a passenger rail on the front range.

Council Member Veal: For the benefit of the audience, can you tell them what TIGER means? (Transportation Income Generating Economic Recovery – which are grants that the federal government gives out for infrastructure.) Do you think the line from here to Pueblo will be accomplished first before the Front Range? (Yes, we should have that running this year.)

Council Member McKenzie: Regarding the contractors doing the underground cable work are they on the hook for cleaning up or patching streets? (Yes, that's the point they're at right now.) They left a tremendous mess on 12th Street between me and Scott's uncle. (They're supposed to be coming in Wednesday to take care of that.) We didn't feel we got treated too fair. (Council Member Vela: They left a pile at 5th and Lincoln without any cones up but there was still a crew there.) They were doing it under tough conditions, but it sure ended up being a mess. We need a street sweeper if nothing else to get the mud up off the road.

Eugene Mestas, La Junta: The rail between Holly and the Kansas line is pretty rough I understand. (That was some of the last rail that was left.) Are they going to work on that pretty soon? (As soon as we get one more grant.)

Council Member Vela: Is there anything new to report on the nursing home yet? (Not yet, we've been looking at different funding sources and partnerships.)

E. City Attorney's Comments

1. **Tobacco Ordinance.** The ordinance has been revised. Wendy expressed that the ordinance was satisfactory. So we're going to try out this final draft; however, it can still change if need be. I ask that we put this on the next agenda for First Reading, which will be February 21st.

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- 2. On May 4th, CIRSA and CML have partnered up to come to this end of the state. They've asked the City of La Junta to sponsor a presentation about open meetings, conflicts of interest, and liability to various members of the body who choose not to follow the rules. This is a very significant meeting to attend.

Council Member Vela: Is there any latitude in that May 4th? (They picked the date.) I'll be in San Diego for that trip. Also, on page 4 of your ordinance, I see that January 1s5t probably meant January 15th or something like that. (Mayor: Actually it's January 1st and on the next line there's a 4d in the word calculated, that Melanie has already caught and changed.) Also, I like your license transfer not allowed and I also like the proration.

F. Governing Body's Comments

Council Member Vela: I would like to point out that the city invested a great deal of money, close to \$350,000 or maybe more on the City Park concrete. Observations have been made that people are not picking up their dogs doo doo. Do we need to put a specific ordinance to that? (Mr. Malouff: We already have one; it's a matter of catching them.) There's an awful lot around there and I hate to see that because it does stain. We made a big investment there and it really needs to be handled.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR A CONFERENCE WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING LEGAL ADVICE ON SPECIFIC LEGAL QUESTIONS UNDER C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (b) AND THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIAIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (a); AND THAT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION; AND AT THE END OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION THE REGULAR MEETING WILL BE RECONVENED: Velasquez

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: None

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

Council went into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. The session ended at 9:40 p.m., and the regular meeting was reconvened. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Lynn Horner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk