

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 19, 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
- 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
  - Todd Quick, Police Chief
  - Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
  - Cynthia Nieb, ED/UR Director
  - Paula Mahoney, Administration
  - Aimee Hill, Engineering
  - Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
  - Pam Denahy, Director of Tourism & Events
  - Rick Rigel, ARPA
  - Lorenz Sutherland, Utilities Board Chairman
  - Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

REPORTS

A. ARPA Update: Rick Rigel, General Manager, reported the following concerning power supply proposals:

- Tri-State proposal would take over ARPA power supply and transmission contracts and defease ARPA's bonds
- ARPA members would contract for power supply with Tri-State through an agreement with SECPA
- Pricing would be based on Class A Member Rate plus monthly fixed charge
- WAPA allocations would be divided among the members
- The fixed pricing proposal is based from 2025 through 2034 and includes the ability to install up to 20% of additional renewables beginning n 2025
- The alternate approach is to do nothing – market pricing is projected to be stable
- Issues that are related to the Tri-State transaction are: renewables allowance, contract term and distribution of equity and assets

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- Our next steps include: 1) decision to go with the Tri-State transaction or not, 2) if fixed pricing – negotiate terms and PPA, 3) if evaluating market – continue to track market to time pricing and 4) explore renewable opportunities post 2024

DISCUSSION: It was the consensus of the Board that there is too many unknowns regarding the Tri-State proposal. We don't want to be stuck in a deal until 2050. The more the Tri-State proposal gets pushed onto us, the more we're against it. We would like time to look over other request for proposals. We would also prefer that the Lamar deal is dealt with first. Would like to see some more diagrams as to what others can do that we know we have shown good faith to our citizens.

- B. Tourism Board Update. Pam Denahy, Director of Tourism & Events, reported on the following items:
- CRAFT 101 Program – have identified three goals: 1) heads in beds, 2) data collection and 3) education & awareness
  - Social Media – getting people to our website
  - Colorado Concierge Training – launches the end of June
  - SOCO Tourism Summit – La Junta is hosting the Summit which will be in April
  - Painting Program – April 14th

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 4, 2019. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

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

1. There was no citizen participation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **Second 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 SECOND READING: Eckhart

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Liquor Licenses**

1. **Application for a Special Events Permit by Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, James Wallace, Event Manager. The event is their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner Auction to be held March 16, 2019 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 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 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH FOR THEIR ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AUCTION TO BE HELD MARCH 16, 2019 FROM 4:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT AT 202 LINCOLN AVENUE: Vela

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

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1. \$2,500.00 to Colorado Tourism Office for social media coop match, February 28 – March 2.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COOP MATCH, FEBRUARY 28 – MARCH 2: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

2. Up to \$1,000.00 to Southern Colorado Tourism Summit for Visit La Junta Welcome Reception sponsorship.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,000.00 TO SOUTHERN COLORADO TOURISM SUMMIT FOR VISIT LA JUNTA WELCOME RECEPTION SPONSORSHIP: McIntyre

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

3. \$3,750.00 to Colorado Tourism Office for 25% match on \$15,000.00 Project & Technical Assistance Grant award.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,750.00 TO COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE FOR 25% MATCH ON \$15,000.00 PROJECT & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD: Vela

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: This is not the same as Buxton, they analyzed credit card data. This survey focuses on getting the City's name out to other people.

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

- C. **New Business Added by Council Member Vela:** Would like to propose to Council that the parkway (or curve) between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street behind Veteran's Field have the name changed to Ambrosio Guillen Parkway.

MOTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE STREET (OR CURVE) BEHIND VETERAN'S FIELD FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO 6<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO AMBROSIO GUILLEN PARKWAY: Vela

City Attorney Malouff: The ordinance for renaming City facilities is still at play here. This brings us back to the same process where the City Manager gets to do his research and recommendation. City facility applies to a parkway, street, or to a telephone pole not just structures. The Board would need to direct the City Manager to commence his review of this new proposition which would require the same number of public support. We need to remain consistent.

Council Member Vela: I mentioned this to the City Manager three weeks ago, two weeks ago. It was determined that it wasn't necessary to go through the 200 signatures.

Council Member McIntyre: There is a street west of town that is named after an individual. I'm not sure how that came about.

City Attorney Malouff: This is totally different. That was part of a plat that went through Planning Commission and then two different readings here at Council. We're talking about renaming City facilities and we have an ordinance in place. The process is going to be exactly the same as before. Public support, refer it to the City Manager and he makes a report to the Council.

Council Member Vela: I got the okay from the Veteran organization in town.

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Council Member Goodwin: I have a problem with that as was discussed at the last meeting. We have a lot of people who have served . . .

Council Member Vela: No, your last meeting was about renaming the field.

Council Member Goodwin: It came out in that meeting that there's been a lot of military from this area. To change it to one certain person – I'd be opposed to it.

Council Member Vela: I don't think you understand the motion.

City Attorney Malouff: Madam Mayor, Mr. Klein may have a copy of the ordinance. I'll take a look at it and we can move on to other business.

**D. Committee/Board Reports**

1. Council Member Lovato (Library Board):
  - Take Note Colorado came to the library with a music initiative
  - Talked about Growing Together Readers bags
  - W(A)RP already has over 200 slips out
  - Free workshop at 10:00 Saturday "Creating a Paper Trail for your Heirs"
2. Council Member Vela (Sr. Citizens Board):
  - Senior Board didn't have a meeting due to a lack of quorum
  - There will be a Design Committee meeting Wednesday at 5:30 at the CORE Center – we will be setting up the La Junta Garden Club again
  - Attended CPI in Denver – there were great speakers

City Attorney Malouff: The ordinance doesn't specifically mention streets as such. There is case law that is available to help me define whether that is a City facility or not. The process needs to be consistent, which is the reason why this ordinance was considered in the first place. Give me the time to find the law that clearly defines streets as a facility or not. Madam Mayor, I'm going to ask permission to get you the law, one way or the other.

**E. City Manager's Comments**

1. Hired a company to come in and patch out all the big holes

**ADDITIONAL TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

- Continued discussion regarding pot holes in the City

**A. City Attorney's Comments**

1. At the last Council meeting, you were informed that Mr. Jackson has been notified that the City of La Junta is the recipient of a grant. On Friday, we received documentation asking for a more formal acceptance and promotion of the application. It's a \$600,000.00 project. We receive \$540,000.00 as a grant with a \$60,000.00 match. I present a resolution to you tonight which authorizes moving forward with that. I'd ask you to favorably consider the resolution.

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION NO. R-9-2019: Goodwin

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**B. Governing Body's Comments**

1. Council Member Vela:
  - Sent an email to Dean about something that happened at the AVRMC Board meeting. I didn't like how things were thrown on the Mayor.

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2. Council Member Lovato:
  - Belong to “Community that Cares” (Health Dept./School District) there’s a common theme that a community center is needed in our area. Classrooms for activities, indoor walking track, a place for our kids to have a safe space.
3. Council Member Eckhart:
  - Manufacturing group trying to get kids to stay in the area. There’s a big gap we need to fill. It’s not just great jobs and affordability, but what is here for them to do.
4. Mayor Pruyn:
  - Remind everybody about the work session on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
  - Received a \$468,686.00 grant from Colorado Health Foundation
  - Went to Saving Places Conference and was also able to go to the Capital
5. Council Member Vela:
  - Attended the High School Accountability meeting and suggested the City for bring a kids to work day on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402 (4)(e): Mestas

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**Council went into Executive Session from 9:12 p.m. until 10:07 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk