

*Subject to approval at the  
March 5, 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 Tuesday, February 20, 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 Vela 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
  - Tom Seaba, Administrative Coordinator
  - Mitch Zgorzynski, Police
  - Angela Ayala, 1514 San Juan Ave
  - Joe Ayala, 1514 San Juan Ave
  - Greg Kolomitz, 717 Belleview Ave
  - Glenn Parker, La Junta
  - Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St
  - Tim Klob, 1306 Lincoln Ave
  - Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
  - Anne Boswell, KWAY 105.7
  - Ukiah Ramirez, 1325 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St
  - James Diggs, La Junta
  - Jessica Axtul, La Junta
  - Pat Membreno, La Junta
  - Shirley Benz, La Junta
  - Georgia Atx, La Junta
  - Anselmo Membreno, La Junta
  - Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

CITIZEN'S ACADEMY AWARDS – Chief Todd Quick presented awards of completion to the following graduates: Georgia Atz, Jessica Axtul, Joe Ayala, Shirley Benz, James Diggs, Patrick Hill (not in attendance), Anselmo Membreno, Patricia Membreno, Mayor Jeffri Pruyn and Council Member Vela.

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FBI TRAINING AWARDS.- Chief Todd Quick presented awards to: Lt. Mitch Zgorzynski (schools), John Salazar (neighborhood watch/K-9 unit), Jon McMillan (citizens academy) and Mike Hasty (police in the park/pool).

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 5, 2018. On page 3 of “City Manager’s Comments” the URL needs to be changed to using back slashes. Hearing no further corrections, she declared the minutes approved as amended.

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

1. Tim Klob, 1306 Lincoln Ave.: Questioned why the Utility Department will no longer be making “courtesy calls” before terminating service. It was appreciated to receive that little bit of customer service from a citizen owned utilities. Would like the City to reconsider this decision.
2. Ukiah Ramirez, Co-Owner Mulligans & General Manager of Dickies: Had another fire due to malfunctioning equipment. Was offended when accused of incompetent staff. We can’t work with malfunctioning equipment. All I’m doing is trying to ask for help or any ideas you might have. I am deeply filled with anger.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **Second 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 introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Mestas

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Request for use of City Park/South Gazebo for Glow Round Disc Golf.** Southeast Mental Health Group is requesting use of City facilities to conduct a glow round disc golf tournament on April 28, 2018 from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ALLOW THE SOUTH END OF CITY PARK AND THE SOUTH GAZEBO FOR A GLOW ROUND DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT BY SOUTHEAST MENTAL HEALTH GROUP: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

- B. **Resolution Designating Official Depositories for City Funds.** Resolution No. R-1-2018 was presented for Council’s consideration as follows:

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of La Junta that the following are hereby designated as official depositories for the various funds for the City of La Junta for the calendar year 2018:

1. The Colorado Bank & Trust Company of La Junta;

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2. State Bank and Trust Company of La Junta;
3. TBK Bank;
4. First National Bank of Las Animas and La Junta;
5. U.S. Bank.

Whenever investment circumstances exist that prohibit banks from accepting City funds as deposits without requiring deposit fees be paid by the City, the City Manager or his designee, is authorized to locate other financial institutions; provided however that all funds be maintained in a federally insured account and all funds must be fully insured by the FDIC.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-1-2018: McIntyre

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

- C. **Resolution Concerning the Timing of City Council Meetings.** Resolution No. R-2-2018 was presented for Council's consideration as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Charter of the City of La Junta allows for the commencement of regular City Council Meetings, but does not set forth the times at which the meetings shall be held; and

**WHEREAS**, heretofore, the City Council Meetings have been conducted at 7:30 p.m. for regular recurring council meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the present Council is desirous of changing the meeting time for those meetings.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO** as follows:

SECTION 1: Commencing on March 5, 2018, regular Council Meetings shall convene at 7:00 p.m. for all Council Meetings unless otherwise stated in Notices that may be required for publication by Colorado Law.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-2-2018: Goodwin

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

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**D. Committee/Board Reports**

1. Council Member Goodwin (Planning Commission): Working on Red Lion Inn and Dickie's property description change and utilities.
2. Council Member Goodwin (Utilities Board): All is busy in future operations with the new Waste Water Treatment Plant, the Reverse Osmosis Plant and the Power Plant. Problems may arise concerning power generation.
3. Council Member Vela (Senior Citizens): Changing by-laws again. Board meetings will be at 11:00 a.m. instead of noon. Trips to Cripple Creek start in May. The dances weren't very well attended during the Holiday season. The flu may be the culprit. They were also invited to the work session.
4. Council Member Vela (CML Policy Committee): Quite a bit of discussion going on in collecting information from legislative representatives for proposals to vote on. We receive CML Newsletters that we would be willing to share.

**E. City Manager's Comments**

1. Soccer registration begins March 16<sup>th</sup>.
2. Cemetery and Parks are preparing for Spring.
3. We will be beginning the 600 feet of sprinkler line at the Cemetery.
4. The Library is offering Tax Aide, call Peggy Powel for an appointment, 469-7546.
5. 702 Smithland building is all clear.
6. State has given us the permit to drop the walls on 1119 Smithland Avenue.
7. Houses with asbestos we're working on: 1119 Smithland, 2<sup>nd</sup> & Carson, 1418 Rice, 1518 Edison.
8. Easier to drop structures now and then pick up the debris later.
9. The dormant fee is to help keep costs down by taking care of the system.
10. Replaced transformer on 14<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln.

**F. City Attorney's Comments**

1. Council meets with the Hospital Board every year. It is intended to be a social event and it is our turn to pay. It will be February 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in their board room.

**G. Governing Body's Comments**

1. Mayor Pruyn: We had our Meet & Greet last Saturday; however, the weather wasn't very good. I want to thank Council for being there. We received a lot of good information from our City Attorney. I believe we have some vision as to where we want the City to go. Perhaps we will schedule another Meet & Greet in the Fall or Winter

At our last meeting, Mark Paper from Lewis Bolt invited us to take a tour. I'm thinking perhaps the first week of March around 3:30 or 4:00 p.m. An email will be sent out to gather the best days from you. Also, don't forget to answer the doodle poll for the City Department Tours.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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Jeffri Pruyn, Madam Mayor

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk