

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – March 5, 2018**

*Subject to approval at the  
March 19, 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 Pruyon on Monday, March 5, 2018, 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 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 Pruyon, 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
  - Todd Quick, Chief of Police
  - Aliza Libby-Tucker, Director of Finance
  - Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept
  - Paula Mahoney, Administration
  - Greg Kolomitz, 717 Belleview Ave
  - Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St
  - Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
  - Susan Elliott, 1310 Lincoln Ave
  - Julie Worley, 2417 San Juan Ave
  - Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St
  - Dennis Smith, 1509 Kilgore
  - Bri Buentello, 2822 Cascade Ave
  - Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyon asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 20, 2018. Council Member Vela wanted to amend his comment concerning Senior Center trips to read, “there will be no trips to Cripple Creek.” Hearing no further corrections, she declared the minutes approved as amended.

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1. Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.: Requested that Council members who sit on other boards be more consistent in giving reports. Sometimes reports are given and sometimes they are not.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Authorization to Commence Condemnation on Joshua Horn.** This property is located at 222 Dalton Avenue with its roof collapsing.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TO COMMENCE CONDEMNATION ON JOSHUA HORN: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: This house has been on the list for eight years now. It's not known yet if there is asbestos that needs to be removed.

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**B. Committee/Board Reports**

1. Council Member McIntyre (AVRMC Board): The annual dinner meeting was well attended. The hospital has a new machine used for interpreting languages. The "9 Health Fair" will be in April.

**C. City Manager's Comments**

1. Looking for pictures or information on the old brick yard facility. This is very tremendous history for our City. Please contact Rick Klein.
2. March 12<sup>th</sup> – 1119 Smithland will be taken down.
3. Awarded a \$10,000 grant from Department of Agriculture for noxious weeds.
4. Street Program will focus on 5<sup>th</sup> Street from Colorado to Maple.
5. Bought a new freezer compressor and dish washer for Mulligans, the hood and grease pan were still in good condition.
6. Performing line maintenance going out to Wal-Mart and the Industrial Park.
7. Black Hills Energy – phone call scams about late payments have been circulating. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the 24 hour hotline at 1-800-694-8989.

**ADDITIONAL TOPICS:**

- CDOT owns the property across from Sonic on Highway 50.
- The cost of the video equipment was between \$2,000 and \$2,200 and was budgeted in the computer budget.

**D. City Attorney's Comments**

1. Always a privilege to be here.

**E. Governing Body's Comments**

1. Council Member Goodwin: Please don't burn your grass, it's too dry. Have a new business in town, King Tire.
2. Council Member Lovato: OJC boy's basketball won. We get to host the tournament this weekend.
3. Council Member Vela: Commended Chief of Police for working with Superintendent Lovato on keeping police in each school building.
4. Mayor Pruyn: Our Lewis Bolt & Nut tour will be on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Spoke with a Girl Scout group and talked about "Girl Power". They are very interested in their local government.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Jeffri Pruyn, Madam Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk