

*Subject to approval at  
the April 15, 2019  
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 Pruyne on Monday, April 1, 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 Pruyne, 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, ED/UR Director
  - Aimee Hill, Engineering
  - Paula Mahoney, Administration
  - Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
  - Marianne Hale, 34349 Hwy 194
  - Julie Worley, 2417 San Juan Ave
  - Nancy Bennett, 622 Santa Fe Ave
  - Cheryl Lindner 16 E 22<sup>nd</sup> St
  - Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

RECOGNITION: Council Member Vela recognized the OJC Women’s Basketball team. It gives us great pleasure to know that your actions in the classroom and on your laptop on the way to a game or wherever you play always show honor to La Junta. We are very proud of you. The head coach for the OJC Rattlers is Sta-Nisha Hersey assisted by Jordan Bishop. The Rattlers overall season record is 15 and 13. They finished 5<sup>th</sup> in Region 9 South and they made it to Region 9 Tournament in Scottsbluff Nebraska. The leading scorer was Grace O’Neil with 16 points per game and 9 rebounds per game. She also made All Region Team and All Advanced Team. The second leading scorer was Hilda Garcia with 10 points per game and 3 rebounds per game.

Coach Hersey: Thank you for inviting us here. I will introduce everyone: Jessalyn (Freshman), Kaitlyn (Sophomore), Zaryna (Freshman), Angelica (Sophomore), Danelle (from La Junta), Charisse (Freshman), McClain (Sophomore), Alessia (Freshman), and Grace (Sophomore).

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 18, 2019. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

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

1. Marianne Hale, 34349 Hwy 194: Requesting temporary variance on Section 12.04.250 from April 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 for the purpose of placing painted pianos in front of business venues on sidewalks.

City Attorney Malouff: A variance is not what you want; this Board does not have the authority to grant a variance. What you're really asking for is a moratorium on enforcement of a particular ordinance.

MOTION TO PLACE A MORATORIUM FOR ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 12.04.250 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE FROM APRIL 1, 2019 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2019: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: For clarification, this moratorium will apply to everybody and everything. It is not case specific. This is not a law and can be revisited in the future. Permission will be received from business owners before pianos are set out front of their establishment. This project is being done through SECCP not the City of La Junta.

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Second Reading/**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1604 AS TO A LEGAL DESCRIPTION IN SAID ORDINANCE WHICH WAS 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: Goodwin

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**NEW BUSINESS****A. Tourism Board Recommendation for Funding.**

1. **Up to \$1,000.00 to Visit La Junta for 2019 FAM (familiarization) trips.**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,000.00 TO VISIT LA JUNTA FOR 2019 FAM (FAMILIARIZATION) TRIPS: Vela

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

2. **Up to \$500.00 to Visit La Junta for VisitLaJunta.net yearly maintenance.**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$500.00 TO VISIT LA JUNTA FOR VISITLAJUNTA.NET YEARLY MAINTENANCE: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

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- B. Application for Renewal of a Tavern Liquor License by Red Dog Revisited LLC, d/b/a Red Dog Revisited, 709 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.** 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 A RENEWAL OF A TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE BY RED DOG REVISITED LLC, D/B/A RED DOG REVISITED, 709 E. 3<sup>RD</sup> STREET: Mestas

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

- C. First Reading/AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO THE CITY OF LA JUNTA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CERTAIN WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE FORM AND EXECUTION OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY BOND TO EVIDENCE SUCH LOAN; DELEGATING TO CERTAIN AUTHORIZED OFFICERS THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE, WITHIN CERTAIN PARAMETERS, CERTAIN FINANCIAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE LOAN; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: This is the first step in finalizing the package of completing the finances of this project. This is a very small interest loan with the potential that they can forgive some or all of the interest, some or the entire principal. This is a revolving loan.

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**D. Committee/Board Reports**

1. Council Member McIntyre (AVRMC Board):
  - Board Action Summary for March 2019 is attached.
  - The 9 Health Fair will be Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at the OJC Student Center from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
2. Council Member Vela (Design Committee):
  - Still have our \$10,000.00 committed to the Design Committee.
  - Discussed costs of tearing out the pad at the Wellness Center. Will try using in-kind work between the City and the County. Hope to have a plan after the pad is removed. Let us know what you would like in there.
  - Develop a five year plan for window scaping and getting the alley done.
  - Received a call from a Cheraw resident to donate a piano.

**E. City Manager's Comments**

1. Handed out downtown wellness walking map. There are three routes.
2. Gold Buckle Beer is La Junta's hometown beer distributed by Dean Brewery.
3. Johnnie DeLeon would like for the City to give to Inspiration Field the old practice field at 6<sup>th</sup> and Harriet Avenue. He is asking Council for the donation of this field.
4. Signs have already been ordered to put up on one side of Kenilworth from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.
5. Soccer starts April 13<sup>th</sup>.
6. We had eighteen baseball teams here this weekend.

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7. Library's W(A)RP ended with 109 patrons reading 749 books.
8. There's a lot of activity happening along 1st Street/Hwy 50: new construction at Wal-Mart, McDonalds, Love's and Sonic.

**F. City Attorney's Comments**

1. Always a privilege.

**G. Governing Body's Comments**

1. Council Member Vela:
  - If you have anything to do with the Design Committee, please forward it to me and I will immediately forward it to the committee.
2. Council Member McIntyre:
  - I wonder if there's a way that we as Council could get together to help work on the downtown. I think Council needs to be vested in our downtown as well. Maybe some city crews or civic groups could also help
3. Mayor Pruyn:
  - Thank Jim Goodwin for sitting in for me at the last Council meeting. Cynthia Nieb and I had the opportunity to go to the National Main Street Conference. We received so much great information that just followed right into everything we're working on. The idea of all of our groups working together for the betterment of La Junta was just re-iterated over and over.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE, ACQUISITION, LEASE, TRANSFER, OR SALE OF REAL, PERSONAL, OR OTHER PROPERTY INTEREST UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402 (4)(a): Mestas

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**Council went into Executive Session from 8:08 p.m. until 8:43 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk