

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – April 2, 2018

*Subject to approval at the
April 16, 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 Pruyne on Monday, April 2, 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 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, Economic Development/UR Director
 - Todd Quick, Chief of Police
 - Aliza Libby-Tucker, Director of Finance
 - Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
 - Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept
 - Paula Mahoney, Administration
 - Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
 - Caitlin Coffield, Inspiration Field
 - Kathleen Long, 402 Belmont Ave
 - Cindy Arnett, 415 Colorado Ave
 - Lisa Pantoya, 1020 Russell Ave
 - Chrissie Stork, La Junta
 - Elizabeth Randall, 1517 Santa Fe Ave
 - Sandy Leonard, 415 Colorado Ave
 - William Macdonald, 706 Raton Ave
 - Anne Boswell, KVAZ Lamar
 - Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK: Mayor Pruyne signed a proclamation declaring April 8-14, 2018 as National Crime Victims’ Rights Week.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyne asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 19, 2018. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

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1. William Macdonald, 706 Raton Ave.: Continues to have dog barking problems and is being videoed. Was also a crime victim in Denver.
2. Kathleen Long, 402 Belmont Ave.: Having problems with landlord and is being told that it is a civil matter. Concerned about the actions of the police officers, the department and the procedures for body cams.

REPORTS

- A. **Economic Development Update.** Economic/Urban Renewal Director Cynthia Nieb gave a report on the many exciting things happening in La Junta and this movement is happening because of teamwork. Listed are a few of the areas discussed: opportunity zone, certified local government, tax credits, La Junta Brick & Tile, Colorado Main Street, Industrial Park, Boys Ranch, BluePrint.20, Creative Initiative District, Downtown Colorado Inc., Rural Philanthropy Days and so much more.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE CITY SALES AND USE TAX ORDINANCE.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: McIntyre

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

NEW BUSINESS**A. Liquor Licenses.**

1. **Application for Renewal of a Tavern Liquor License by Red Dog Revisited LLC, d/b/a Red Dog Revisited, 709 E. 3rd Street.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The premise is under an action plan with the Fire Department. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT RENEWAL OF A TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE BY RED DOG REVISITED LLC, D/B/A RED DOG REVISITED, 709 E. 3RD STREET: Mestas

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

2. **Application for Renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License by Ramona Chaparro d/b/a Mexico City Café, 1617 Raton Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT RENEWAL OF A HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE BY RAMONA CHAPARRO D/B/A MEXICO CITY CAFÉ, 1617 RATON AVENUE: Vela

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

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3. **Application for Renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License by Fargerson LLC, d/b/a Boss Hogg's Saloon & Restaurant, 808 E. 3rd Street.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The premise is under an action plan with the Fire Department. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT RENEWAL OF A HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE BY FARGERSON LLC, D/B/A BOSS HOGG'S SALOON & RESTAURANT, 808 E. 3RD STREET:
Mestas

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

4. **Application for a Special Event Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is a Food Tasting to be held April 12, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 612 Adams Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. 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 INSPIRATION FIELD FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD APRIL 12, 2018 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE:
Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

5. **Application for a Special Event Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is their Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration to be held May 5, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:59 p.m. at 612 Adams Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. 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 INSPIRATION FIELD FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD MAY 5, 2018 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE:
McIntyre

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

6. **Application for a Special Event Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is their Annual Rocky Ford Food Market Golf Classic to be held May 11, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at 612 Adams Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. 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 INSPIRATION FIELD FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD MAY 11, 2018 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE:
Goodwin

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

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- B. Request from Southeast Health Group for special use of City Park on May 10, 2018.** Southeast Health Group will be celebrating Children’s Mental Health Day on May 10, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the south gazebo and surrounding lawn at City Park. In years past, free games, snacks and prizes have been provided to those who attend. This year they would like to add Goat Yoga. They are aware that this new event can impact the park and would like permission to move forward. They will section off a 20x20 area of lawn to hold Goat Yoga and will be fully responsible for all clean up after the event.

MOTION TO GRANT PERMISSION TO SOUTHEAST HEALTH GROUP TO ADD GOAT YOGA TO THEIR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS TO BE HELD MAY 10, 2018 FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY PARK: Goodwin

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

C. Committee/Board Reports

1. Council Member Goodwin (Bustang):
 - Expanding service first part of May.
 - Operations picking up and looking good.
2. Council Member Vela (Neighborhood Improvement):
 - Group met and cleaned up the lot across from the Shell Station last Saturday.
3. Council Member McIntyre (AVRMC Board):
 - 9Health Fair is Saturday, April 21st from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
 - Gave board action summary and financial report for the month of March 2018.

D. City Manager’s Comments

1. Will be attending Downtown Colorado’s “Challenge Studios” next week.
2. WWTP is at 32% completion.
3. Auditors are here.
4. Elegant Concrete won the bid for the sidewalk project.
5. Star Cleaners is progressing.
6. Working on head gate at 1st and Bradish
7. Start spaying weeds.
8. Should be receiving the two new sanitation trucks this month.
9. Moved the announcer’s booth at the rodeo grounds.
10. EPA coming down April 11th regarding asbestos issue.
11. CLG training went well.
12. Have 227 kids registered for soccer so far (95 are Pre-K) expect 500.
13. Installed check valve on slide at the pool.
14. Fire Department had 23 calls over the weekend.
15. All-Rite Paving will begin asphalt in May.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

- Conferences attended by the Director of Tourism are paid out of that budget.
- Have been out to bid on auditors, will continue with Hancock & Froese.
- Along with new sanitation trucks, the electric department received a new bucket truck which had already been budgeted for.
- Senator Gardener is meeting with cities regarding cutting the costs of asbestos removal.

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E. City Attorney's Comments

1. Always a privilege to be here.

F. Governing Body's Comments

1. Council Member McIntyre: Attended OJC International Food Night, it was nicely done. There were twenty-one countries represented.
2. Council Member Vela: The food was good and the drinks were free.
3. Mayor Pruyn: Reminder – Department Tour on Saturday, April 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Jeffri Pruyn, Madam Mayor

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk