

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – April 16, 2018**

*Subject to approval at the  
May 7, 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 Monday, April 16, 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 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
- Edward Vela, Ward 3
- Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent: Shannon Lovato, Ward 2

- 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
  - Rick Rigel, ARPA Manager
  - Susan Elliott, 1310 Lincoln Ave
  - Lorenz Sutherland, Utilities Board Chairman
  - Julie Worley, 2417 San Juan Ave
  - Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St
  - Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St
  - Frank McKenzie, Utilities Board Commissioner
  - Mike Bourget, Utilities Board Commissioner
  - Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY: Mayor Pruyn signed a proclamation declaring April 26, 2018 as Arbor Day. There will be a celebration at the Primary School at 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 2, 2018. Council Member Vela requested that on page 5 under “Governing Body’s Comments” his comment, “the food was good and the drinks were free” be stricken from the minutes. Hearing no further corrections, she declared the minutes approved as amended.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – April 16, 2018****CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 minute time limit per person):**

1. Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St.: Was wondering what the “downtown” is supposed to be. The maps online don’t include Santa Fe from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. (City Manager Rick Klein supplied a current map.)

**REPORTS**

- A. **City of La Junta Quarterly Financials.** Aliza Libby-Tucker explained that the City is right around 25% of its budget, which is where we should be after the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. The only exception is the insurance line items and some of the dues and subscriptions. These are items that are normally paid at the beginning of the calendar year for the year.

7:50 P.M. – COUNCIL MEMBER EDWARD VELA EXCUSSED HIMSELF FROM THE MEETING.

**NEW BUSINESS****A. Liquor Licenses.**

1. **Application for Renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License by Jodi’s Grill LLC, d/b/a Jodi’s Grill, 208 Santa Fe 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 30 day 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 JODI’S GRILL LLC, D/B/A JODI’S GRILL, 208 SANTA FE AVENUE: McIntyre

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

2. **Application for a Special Event Permit by Otero Museum Association, Becky Goodwin, Event Manager. The event is their Annual Benefit for the Museum to be held May 19, 2018 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 218 Anderson Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The premise is pending inspection by 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 OTERO MUSEUM ASSOCIATION FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD MAY 19, 2018 FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M. AT 218 ANDERSON AVENUE: Goodwin

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

**B. Tourism Board Recommendations for Funding.**

1. **\$895.00 to Pueblo Chieftain for Full Page Advertisement in 2018 Visitor’s Guide.**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$895.00 TO PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN FOR FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN 2018 VISITOR’S GUIDE: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – April 16, 2018****2. \$2,500.00 to Colorado Office for Social Media Co-op.**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO COLORADO OFFICE FOR SOCIAL MEDIA CO-OP: McIntyre

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: the motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

**C. Committee/Board Reports****1. Council Member Goodwin (Utilities Board):**

- Employees involved in an incident were released back to work.
- Electric Department replacing steel poles to aluminum.
- New Sanitation trucks should be arriving on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**D. City Manager's Comments**

1. Performing line maintenance at 12<sup>th</sup> and Bradish.
2. Replaced poles at Lewis Bolt anchor plant.
3. Chiller at City Hall is ready.
4. Closing out Tiger 7.
5. Well #10 has been replaced and is back up.
6. New tanks are in at Motor Pool.
7. Over 500 kids/38 teams have signed up for soccer.
8. The Senior Center trip to Memphis will be May 15<sup>th</sup>.
9. Cemetery getting ready for Memorial Weekend.
10. "One Book for Colorado" at the Library for all four year olds.
11. Recycled 150 tires at the recycling center. Over 700 tires were collected amongst the community.
12. Meeting with EPA on the 30<sup>th</sup> regarding asbestos grant.
13. Nine houses have been turned over to Senator Gardners office concerning asbestos.
14. CAPA will be doing road assessments.
15. GIS training will be done next week.
16. Enclave between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets from Belmont to Barnes will affect eight properties.

**E. City Attorney's Comments**

1. **Landlord Electric Charge Ordinance.** The Finance Department is trying to find ways to utilize the new computer program to help reduce the three quarter of a million dollars in debt. One idea is for the land owner to be responsible for part or all of the debt. An ordinance will be drafted up for us to hash over and review.

**F. Governing Body's Comments**

1. Council Member Goodwin: The new La Junta sign on the west side of town is up. The Department Tour was fantastic and educational. Thank you.
2. Council Member Eckhart: Concerned about the pothole on Smithland right outside the student parking lot. The traffic is becoming congested and is dangerous.
3. Mayor Pruyn: Thanked Mel and all the other employees who helped with the Department Tour. Majestik Pizza is open at Thyme Square. The DCI conference was incredible. Our mission was on revitalizing up stairs apartments in our downtown. Everyone wants to come to La Junta. We were chosen to be a Main Street candidate. There are copies of the kiosk that went up next to the train at train hill.

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

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

**Council went into Executive Session from 8:21 p.m. until 9:47 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

ATTEST:

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Jeffri Pruyn, Madam Mayor

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk