

*Subject to approval at
the May 20, 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 Pruyn on Monday, May 6, 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 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 (arrived 7:18 p.m.)

Absent: none

- Also present:
- Rick Klein, City Manager
 - Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
 - Phil Malouff Jr, City Attorney
 - Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
 - Todd Quick, Chief of Police
 - Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
 - Cynthia Nieb, ED/UR Director
 - Paula Mahoney, Administration
 - Aimee & Abigail Hill, Engineering
 - Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
 - Caitlin Coffield, Inspiration Field
 - Louise Rodriguez, Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. Patrick’s Parish
 - Pam Lucero, Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. Patrick’s Parish
 - Nancy Bennett, 622 Santa Fe Ave
 - Gilbert Leyba, 511 Lincoln Ave
 - Dee Leyba, 511 Lincoln Ave
 - Elena Ramsay, 511 Lincoln Ave
 - William Macdonald, 706 Raton Ave
 - Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 15, 2019 and the Special Meeting of April 22, 2019. Hearing none, she declared both minutes approved as published.

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

1. William Macdonald, 706 Raton Avenue: Continues to talk about the dog barking problem in his neighborhood and that Code Enforcement needs to refine their focus.

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T.E.A.M. GRADUATION: The following individuals completed the 2019 TEAM Academy: Bret Coates, Jeanne Coates, Phillip Girard, Aimee Hill, Dee Leyba, Gilbert Leyba, Cheryl Lindner, Jessica Madrid, Paula Mahoney, Sally Mosher and Elena Ramsay. The Mayor presented those in attendance with a Certificate of Completion and a “Congratulations.”

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Liquor Licenses.**

1. **Application for a Special Event Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is the La Junta Trading Golf Classic to be held May 10, 2019 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 THE LA JUNTA TRADING GOLF CLASSIC TO BE HELD MAY 10, 2019 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE: Vela

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Eckhart absent, McIntyre abstained)

2. **Application for a Special Event Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is their Mother’s Day Lunch to be held May 12, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 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 THEIR MOTHER’S DAY LUNCH TO BE HELD MAY 12, 2019 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE: Lovato

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Eckhart absent)

3. **Application for a Special Event Permit by Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. Patrick Parish, Pamela Lucero, Event Manager. The event is their 100th Anniversary Bazaar Concert to be held June 22, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 222 Lincoln 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 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE/ST. PATRICK PARISH FOR THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY BAZAAR CONCERT TO BE HELD JUNE 22, 2019 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. AT 222 LINCOLN AVENUE: Lovato

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Eckhart absent)

4. **Application for a Special Event Permit by Our Lady of Guadalupe/St. Patrick Parish, Pamela Lucero, Event Manager. The event is their Annual Bazaar to be held July 5 and 6, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 222 Lincoln 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.

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MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE/ST. PATRICK PARISH FOR THEIR ANNUAL BAZAAR TO BE HELD JULY 5 AND 6, 2019 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. AT 222 LINCOLN AVENUE: Vela

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Eckhart absent)

5. **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. 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 HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE BY RAMONA CHAPARRO, D/B/A MEXICO CITY CAFÉ, 1617 RATON AVENUE: Lovato

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Eckhart absent)

B. Tourism Board Recommendation for Funding.

1. **\$500.00 to Koshare Foundation for annual Golf Tournament sponsorship.**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 TO KOSHARE FOUNDATION FOR ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP: Vela

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Eckhart absent)

2. **\$686.50 to La Junta Tribune Democrat for the Southeast Colorado Tourism Guide ad.**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$686.50 TO LA JUNTA TRIBUNE DEMOCRAT FOR THE SOUTHEAST COLORADO TOURISM GUIDE AD: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Eckhart absent)

7:18 P.M. – COUNCIL MEMBER ECKHART JOINED THE MEETING.

- C. **First Reading/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1242 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA AS CONCERNS A REQUEST BY ROGER CLARK AND RENATE CLARK.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: Mestas

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

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1. Council Member Vela (Senior Citizens Board):
 - Attendance to the dances may become an issue. It depends on how big the band is as to the amount of attendees. More dancers need to show up at all of the dances. Otherwise, they might cut it.
 - Swimming for fitness and water exercises will start up again in June.
 - Wellness Walk in Las Animas that any senior may participate in.
 - Will have Christmas singers show. A group from Longmont.
 - Auditors were very inquisitive about multiple accounts and the Senior Center part has been corrected.
2. Council Member Vela (Design Committee):
 - We are off to a very pleasant start and will be focusing now on the Live Well Park. The next meeting is May 22nd at 5:00 p.m. at the downtown park. Get your plans in so that the Engineering Department can go to work on it.
 - La Junta Garden Club will be starting up with the downtown area. The Garden Club also wants to learn more about hemp growth and production. It is a new fast growing agricultural industry. They will also have classes on this subject as well.
 - As a charter member of the La Junta Cares Foundation, we work with people who live in owner occupied homes that need help with the upkeep and maintenance of their property. We don't take away from locals who would do the clean up for money. If nobody else on Council wants it, I will consider taking it over this week.
3. Council Member McIntyre (AVRMC Board):
 - Met with a group of artists trying to save the SW Chief, Koshare Museum offered transportation. They will be continuing on through the month to California for a convention.
 - The phone number for La Junta Cares is 719-469-0034.
4. Mayor Pruyn (Ark Valley Water Forum): There's a group in Colorado that wants to devote one week out of every year in September to form volunteer groups and clean river beds. So we're going to keep bringing this idea up because we will need lots of volunteers.
5. Council Member McIntyre (AVRMC Board):
 - Handed out the executive summary for fiscal year ending March 2019.

E. City Manager's Comments

1. Soccer games have been having around 2,500 people attending.
2. We had a softball tournament last weekend with eight games.
3. Allan Lasater has scheduled sixteen races this season. He promotes the Raceway to other people on his weekend. These races bring a lot of people into the community.
4. The Police Department received 421 calls in one week.
5. Valley Tree Service won the bid for the 50/50 Tree Program.
6. Work is continuing on the electronics for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.
7. EPA showed up today and will start demolition on Wednesday: 1119 Smithland, 1501 Edison, 218 Dalton and 122 Carson.
8. Kingdom Hall construction has been delayed.
9. Loves and Wal-Mart have started their construction.
10. Sonic will be open June 1st.
11. We will be limiting access to Wickham Addition.
12. "No Parking" signs were installed on the west side of Kenilworth from 6th to 8th Street.
13. Chip Seal will begin and we'll start patching.
14. Spraying and cutting weeds.
15. The swimming pool opens May 31st.
16. The projected opening of the sewer plant will be closer to September.

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ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

- Would like to see the “Police Beat” in the newspaper again.
- Thankful for the new street signs that have been going up.
- Main Street La Junta is requesting community input to hear preferences in downtown in terms of the four pillars of the Main Street philosophy (Economic Vitality, Design, Promotion and Organization). May 22nd from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and May 23rd from 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. at 207 ½ Colorado Avenue.

F. City Attorney’s Comments

1. Always a privilege.

G. Governing Body’s Comments

1. Council Member Mestas:
 - Read letter from himself and his wife thanking the ambulance staff and emergency room staff for the excellent care given to their daughter.
2. Council Member Vela:
 - Would like a report from the UR/ED Director on progress that has been made and how the two jobs are meshing together.
3. Mayor Pruyn:
 - Talked about doing another Meet and Greet sometime this summer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk