

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – May 14, 2018**

STATE OF COLORADO )  
COUNTY OF OTERO ) SS  
CITY OF LA JUNTA )

*Subject to approval at the  
May 21, 2018  
City Council Meeting*

CALL TO ORDER: The special meeting of the City Council of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Mayor Jeffri Pruyn on Monday, May 14, 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 McIntyre gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

- Eugene Mestas, Ward 1
- Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
- Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
- Edward Vela, Ward 3
- Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent: Jim Goodwin, Ward 1  
Shannon Lovato, Ward 2

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager  
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager  
Phil Malouff, Jr., City Attorney  
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk  
Paula Mahoney, Administration  
Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative  
Lorenz Sutherland, Utilities Board Chairman  
Frank McKenzie, Utilities Board Commissioner

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. First Reading/AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO, APPROVING A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC. (TRI-STATE) AND THE TERMINATION OF THE POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ARKANSAS RIVER POWER AUTHORITY (ARPA) AND APPROVING ARPA’S EXECUTION OF THE DEFEASANCE FUNDING AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRI-STATE, AND PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.** City Attorney Malouff explained that this is a very important matter and there is still much more discussion to be had. Tri-State is similar to ARPA in that they buy power in bulk and distribute it. This will give the ability to purchase power more efficiently for the taxpayers. The consideration on first reading of this ordinance may not necessarily reflect the final ordinance. Bottom line – this ordinance 1) approves the Tri-State agreement and 2) authorizes the disbanding of ARPA.

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MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: Vela

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION:

- Tri-State is a co-op made up of forty-three members whereas ARPA is made up of seven member cities.
- The members of Tri-State are pushing for more renewables.
- The City of La Junta is not the only member city of ARPA to consider and pass this ordinance on first reading.
- The sale of the Lamar plant and settlement on boiler is independent of this matter.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Jeffri Pruyn, Madam Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk