

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – May 21, 2018

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

*Subject to approval at the
June 4, 2018
City Council Meeting*

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Mayor Jeffri Pruyon on Monday, May 21, 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
- Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
- Jeffri Pruyon, Mayor
- Shannon Lovato, Ward 2
- Edward Vela, Ward 3
- Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent: Jim Goodwin, Ward 1

- Also present:
- Rick Klein, City Manager
 - Phil Malouff, Jr., City Attorney
 - Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
 - Cynthia Nieb, Economic Development/UR Director
 - Todd Quick, Chief of Police
 - Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
 - Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept
 - Paula Mahoney, Administration
 - Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
 - Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12th St
 - Greg Kolomitz, 717 Belleview Ave
 - Sylvia Rocha, 111 S. Main St
 - Crestina Martinez, DOLA
 - Joe Swan, BNSF
 - Jeffrey Wood, UTA Field Supervisor
 - Brittany Wheeler, Post Graduate Fellow
 - Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyon asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 7, 2018 and of the Special City Council Meeting of May 14, 2018. Hearing none, she declared the minutes of both meetings approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS **(5 minute time limit per person):**
There was no citizen participation.

REPORTS

- A. **La Junta Transit Hub/Visitor’s Center Project.** Jeffrey Wood and Brittany Wheeler presented to those in attendance, the updated possibilities for the Transit Hub/Visitors Center. A report of the summary of the project can be viewed in the City Clerk’s office.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Tourism Board Recommendation for Funding.

1. **\$500.00 to Southeast Colorado Creative Partnership for the Arkansas Valley Summer Brewfest.**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 TO SOUTHEAST COLORADO CREATIVE PARTNERSHIP FOR THE ARKANSAS VALLEY SUMMER BREWFEST: Vela

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

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

B. Committee/Board Reports

1. Council Member Vela (Sr. Citizens Board):
 - The Memphis trip was very exciting and we had great weather. Our next trip will be five days in Maine. There are still spots open for those who might be interested.

C. City Manager's Comments

1. Soccer ended Saturday. Next year the weekdays will be utilized for games.
2. Wayne Walter donated a pole and flag for Train Hill Park.
3. Wayne Walter is also cleaning out the bathrooms at the City Park. It should be done in a couple of weeks.
4. Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins May 29th and starts June 4th.
5. There are several golf tournaments in swing.
6. Dean Brewery is looking into having a tap room.
7. We just received the finished audit today.
8. The fireline at Star Cleaners is in.
9. Will be conducting a selenium study while the river is low.
10. Fuel farm is fixed, we now have positive drainage.
11. There will be patching every Thursday as long as we have oil.
12. All the trees are out at 1418 Rice and 1501 Edison.
13. Still working on the EPA grant.
14. The new liner at the pool is beautiful.
15. Two new sanitation trucks came in.
16. We need a policy change to save all the long distance trains.

D. City Attorney's Comments

1. It's always a privilege.

E. Governing Body's Comments

1. Mayor Pruyn: The Special Meeting will be May 29th at 6:30 p.m. – the CAPA meeting (free assessments of roads) is this Wednesday at 11:30 – the MainStreet meeting has not been scheduled yet.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

ATTEST:

Jeffri Pruyn, Madam Mayor

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk