

*Subject to approval at
the July 1, 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, June 17, 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
- Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
- Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
- Shannon Lovato, Ward 2
- Edward Vela, Ward 3

Absent: Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
Scott Eckhart, Ward 3 (arrived 7:02 p.m.)

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
Paula Mahoney, Administration
Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22nd St
Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12st St.
William Macdonald, 702 Raton Ave
James Conlan, La Junta Tribune Democrat

7:02 p.m. – Scott Eckhart joined the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 3, 2019. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published

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

1. William Macdonald, 706 Raton Avenue: Continued discussion regarding nuisance barking and property line issues.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Application for a Temporary Modification of Premises – Tavern Liquor License for Red Dog Revisited, LLC d/b/a Red Dog Revisited, 709 E. 3rd Street for the following days:

- Start 06/29/19, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)
- Start 07/13/19, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)
- Start 08/03/19, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)
- Start 08/24/19, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)
- Start 09/07/19, 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

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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 TEMPORARY MODIFICATION OF PREMISES TO RED DOG REVISITED FOR EVENTS TO BE HELD JUNE 29, JULY 13, AUGUST 3, 24, AND SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 12:00 A.M. AT 709 E. 3RD STREET: Lovato

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

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

- B. Approve Funding of Southwest Chief Route BUILD Grant Match Pledge in the Amount of \$12,500.00.** This is the next grant needed to save the Southwest Chief. There is 27 miles left in Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado of rail replacement.

MOTION TO APPROVE FUNDING OF SOUTHWEST CHIEF ROUTE BUILD GRANT MATCH PLEDGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,500.00: McIntyre

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion

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

C. Committee/Board Reports

1. Council Member Vela (Senior Citizens):
 - Trips for 2020 will be: April – flight to Washington D.C. and in September – flight to San Diego California
 - Rockies games are currently all sold out
 - Will be getting two new busses – a 14 and 22 passenger
 - Leather work will be starting soon at the Center
 - Be getting wireless microphone and speakers for the swimming pool
 - Dance floor will be completely re-finished
 - Pool tables have been recovered
 - More people are showing up for the crochet class
 - There is also a program on learning to make an afghan
2. Council Member Vela (Design Committee):
 - Will meet on the 26th of June at the LiveWell Park
3. Council Member Vela (LJ Garden Club):
 - Will meet every first Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m.

D. City Manager's Comments

1. Audit presentation went well
2. New Waste Water Treatment Facility is at 93% operation
3. Demo crews will begin mobilization June 10th
4. Village Inn and Wal-Mart remodels are complete
5. Sonic and Loves are close to being done
6. Have begun blading alleys
7. Chip and Seal will be on Cimarron from 16th – 22nd Street
8. Continuing work on weeds and patching
9. Have been putting up new street signs – started on the east side

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ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

- Getting the word out to citizens to quit throwing junk in their alleys
- Concern over the alley behind Loma Vista

E. City Attorney's Comments

1. Always a privilege.

F. Governing Body's Comments

1. Council Member Vela:
 - Congratulate Stanley Butcher on his retirement from the Rural Fire District in Cheraw
 - Brew Fest was a success again
 - On June 5th, John Schallert gave a great presentation on helping entrepreneurs find their place – this would be great for our community

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk