

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING – June 18, 2018**

*Subject to approval at the  
July 2, 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 Pruyon on Monday, June 18, 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 Pruyon, Mayor  
Edward Vela, Ward 3

Absent: Shannon Lovato, Ward 2  
Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager  
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager  
Phil Malouff, Jr., City Attorney  
Debra Fraker, Admin. Asst.  
Cynthia Nieb, Economic Development/UR Director  
Darren Adame, Director of Engineering  
Reuben DeLeon, Electric Superintendent  
Aaron Eveatt, Fire Chief  
Tom Seaba, Administrative Coordinator  
Keith Manweiler, RO Plant  
Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept  
Paula Mahoney, Administration  
Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative  
Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St  
Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St  
Julie Worley, 2417 San Juan Ave  
William Macdonald, 706 Raton Ave  
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 June 4, 2018. 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: Shared complaints about barking dogs, rap music and wanted to know where property line is in order to build a fence.

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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1242 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA AS CONCERNS AN APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION BY THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Vela

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato and Eckhart absent)

- B. **Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING AN ANNEXATION FOR PROPERTY.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Mestas

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato and Eckhart absent)

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. **First Reading/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1242 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA AS CONCERNS A REQUEST BY BO WHITE.** 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: Vela

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato and Eckhart absent)

- B. **Tourism Board Recommendation for Funding.**

1. **\$2,500.00 to Colorado Tourism Office for a Leadership Program.**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 TO THE COLORADO TOURISM OFFICE FOR A LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:  
Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato and Eckhart absent)

- C. **First Reading/AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO THE CITY OF LA JUNTA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CERTAIN WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE FORM AND EXECUTION OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY BOND TO EVIDENCE SUCH LOAN; DELEGATING TO CERTAIN AUTHORIZED OFFICERS THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE, WITHIN CERTAIN PARAMETERS, CERTAIN FINANCIAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE LOAN; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

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MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato and Eckhart absent)

**D. Change Capital Line Item in the Financial from “Speculation Building” to “Building Purchase”.**

MOTION TO CHANGE CAPITAL LINE ITEM FROM SPECUALTION BUILDING TO BUILDING PURCHASE: Goodwin

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato and Eckhart absent)

**E. Request for Stage 1 Fire Restrictions to be enacted effective immediately for the City of La Junta.** Fire restrictions are being implemented due to increasing fire danger, lack of moisture, and the forecast for hot temperatures and continued drought. It is also expected to be an increase in recreational activities with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. In addition, local and regional fire suppression resources have been committed to large fires in Colorado and across the nation. The plan is to continue the Community Fire Works Display as this is allowable under Stage 1; however, consumer sales and use are not allowed. It is anticipated that Otero County will also do the same this week.

MOTION TO ENACT STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOR THE CITY OF LA JUNTA: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato and Eckhart absent)

**F. Committee/Board Reports**

1. Council Member Vela (Sr. Citizens Board):
  - Dinner Theater evening performance in Manitou Springs for only \$50.00 in August.
  - Cripple Creek trip lined up for the month of July, call the Senior Center.
  - Trip to Maine is still on for October, the prices have not yet been determined.
  - Have completed a revision of the by-laws.
2. Council Member McIntyre:
  - There is a large pothole at 605 Santa Fe that has been there for quite some time.

**G. City Manager’s Comments**

1. Have 100% of the residential electric meters installed.
2. Crews are tree trimming on the east side.
3. Have had 92 fire calls this year with 60 of the calls being for weeds.
4. Two volunteer fire staff, Elijah Morgan and Steve Elwood, went to honor guard.
5. Cleared Wickham area and will plant trees next.
6. Cleared 1418 Rice, 1501 Edison and 1119 Smithland. Darren has been working with EPA.
7. Took out one of the storage buildings at the Airport.
8. Starting to replace some of our street signs.
9. Golf Course is looking good.
10. We’ve had 473 kids sign up for the Summer Reading Program.
11. Continue on filling potholes every Thursday.

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12. Check out Belmont from 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Street where half of the street has been paved. Barnes will be next.
13. At Rural Philanthropy Days, Cynthia was able to make over \$2 million in requests.

**H. City Attorney's Comments**

1. Received a call from a citizen bragging about Paula, Rick's secretary, being such a good addition to the City.

**I. Governing Body's Comments**

1. Council Member Vela: Hancock and Froese were here for the 2017 City audit and they presented it starting at 5:00 and was able to finish in time for us to get a little break before the start of our meeting.
2. Council Member Goodwin: Administration leads by example and I have watched many supervisors from the City doing different projects. The Water Department, Sewer Department, the Power Plant. Every one of them has done a fantastic job. Darren was out cutting weeds. Aaron goes out on all the fire calls. We have one of the best municipalities who are involved with their community.
3. Council Member Vela: The La Junta Cares project have helped nine individuals this year.
4. Council Member McIntyre: Had the opportunity to golf with the La Junta Koshares Golf Tournament that they host for their foundation. The golf course was in tip top shape. The summer musical at the Picketwire is My Fair Lady (opening night is the 14<sup>th</sup>, then the 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>) and they are having their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala (July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>) as well.
5. Mayor Pruyn: Spent several hours with the Main Street Core Group sharing our ideas and thoughts with them. We will be heading to CML tomorrow attending three days of informative meetings.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF A MATTER REQUIRED TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL BY THE FEDERAL OR STATE LAW, RULE, OR REGULATION AS ALLOWED UNDER C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4) (c): McIntyre

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato and Eckhart absent)

**Council went into Executive Session from 8:03 p.m. until 8:55 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk