

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 Lynn Horner on Monday, June 19, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: The Mayor gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
Frank McKenzie, Ward 2
Lynn Horner, Mayor
Jeffri Pruyn, Ward 2
Edward Vela, Ward 3

Absent: Betty Velasquez, Ward 1
Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Phil Malouff Jr, City Attorney
Debra Fraker, Admin. Assistant
Joe Kelley, Director of Water & Wastewater
Todd Quick, Chief of Police
Susan Elliott, 1310 Lincoln Ave
Keith Goodwin, 2121 Carson Ave
Angela Ayala, 1514 San Juan Ave
Joe Ayala, 1514 San Juan Ave
Andrew Froese, Hancock, Froese & Company
Patrick Hancock, Hancock, Froese & Company
Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12th St
Susan Brumstead, Rocky Ford
Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22nd St
David Balicki, La Junta
Jack Johnston, Southeast Colorado Power
Gary Cranson, 705 Edison Ave
William Macdonald, 706 Raton Ave
Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD: Joe Kelley, Director of Water and Wastewater, was presented with a certificate and pin commemorating twenty five years of service with the City of La Junta.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Horner asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 5, 2017. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (10 minute time limit per person):

1. Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12th Street: We just had a brand new baby in the family and was on my way to Greely for the celebration. On the way there, I was feeling very tired. We stopped at Limon to get some coffee but I actually needed water. I was dehydrated and was told you needed three liters a day of water. The moral of the story is to drink more water and stay hydrated.

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2. Angela Ayala, 1514 San Juan Avenue: Invited all to the Wake-Up Breakfast tomorrow morning at 6:37 a.m. Also, my family and I were at the River Walk in Pueblo and came across a little splash fountain that my kids loved. I think La Junta could utilize something like that. La Junta could build a small splash pad at the Santa Fe Plaza.
3. David Balicki, La Junta: Wanted to thank the City for supporting the Koshare Golf Tournament this past weekend. Next year will be our 85th year for the Koshare program. I think "DiscoverLaJunta.com" would be a better name than "VisitLaJunta.com". This might help reach out to more local and regional people in the area. I do own that domain name but I would give it to the City free of charge.

REPORTS

- A. **City of La Junta Monthly Financials.** The summarized financials are for the end of May so we should be around 42%. September is the month when we really want to be checking that number. Everything's looking pretty good.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF SEVENTH AVENUE AND "B" STREET IN LA JUNTA, OTERO COUNTY, COLORADO, AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.** The ordinance was read by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Vela

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

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

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Presentation of 2016 Audit Report.** Patrick Hancock with Hancock, Froese & Company began by complimenting the City and it's employees on their willingness to help in any way. He is very impressed with how information is given in a timely manner. The Financial Statements and the Ratio Analysis was made available to Council. He went over the independent auditor's report and the government-wide financial statements. The ratio analysis worksheet shows the key financial ratios for the General Fund, Electric Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund and Sanitation Fund.
- B. **Application for a Special Events Permit by Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce, Susan Brumstead/Peggy Meyer, Event Managers. The event is the Annual NRA Dinner to be held July 22, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Otero Junior College Gym.** 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 THE ROCKY FORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE ANNUAL NRA DINNER TO BE HELD JULY 22, 2017 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. AT THE OTERO JUNIOR COLLEGE GYM: Goodwin

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: None

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

- C. **Tourism Board Recommendations for Funding.**

1. **\$500.00 to La Junta Growlers Wrestling Club for Arkansas Valley Summer Duels.**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 TO LA JUNTA GROWLERS WRESTLING CLUB FOR THE ARKANSAS VALLEY SUMMER DUELS: Pruyn

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SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: None

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

2. \$3,495.00 to Visit La Junta for purchase of VisitLaJunta.com domain.

There was much discussion about domain names, surcharges, extensions, search engines and so forth. It was recommended that this information be explained to the Tourism Board before approving this expenditure. This item was tabled.

D. Committee/Board Reports

1. Council Member Pruyn (Design Committee) – Our new project is benches downtown with having businesses buy in on them. We also discussed the priorities of the members of the committee. A lot of those priorities were concerning the landscaping downtown, mainly our trees. We'll bring in the Forestry Service to help us with different options. Also, painting electrical boxes is still on our agenda.

E. City Manager's Comments

1. It only took about two days for the chipper to grind everything.
2. Chip seal on 9th Street.
3. Stripping the 1st floor of City Hall.
4. There's an app for diagnostics of heart attacks.
5. The Fire Department has 144 calls more than last year.
6. We lost a business – Star Cleaners burnt down last night.
7. Welcome banners downtown are beautiful.
8. Electric Department now trimming trees at the Industrial Park, then will come back into town.
9. Corsintino's is working with Engineering on the new hangar at the Industrial Park.
10. Mosquito spraying is being done on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
11. Contracts going for asbestos removal and demolition of the Book Stop.
12. Summer Reading Program has 441 kids signed up. There were 395 people at the kick-off.

Council Member Goodwin: I see there's construction trailers out at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, are they starting stuff now?

City Manager Klein: They'll be starting after the 1st.

Council Member Goodwin: Because of the wage increase this year, how many employees for the summer did we lose or have we stayed the same?

City Manager Klein: We're running about one less per department.

13. Thank you again to Patrick and Andrew. You guys are doing a terrific job.

F. City Attorney's Comments

1. City Management has asked me to start condemnation with a property located at 809 Bradish Avenue owned by Antonio and Joyce Martinez. In order to start the condemnation process, I need your permission.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS AT 809 BRADISH AVENUE: Vela

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: None

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G. Governing Body's Comments

1. Council Member Vela: I would like to thank Sergeant Hasty on the nice article about texting and driving. Also, I have heard multiple comments about how good of a job Brad is doing with City Park.
2. Mayor Horner: We are set for a work session for July 17 at 5:30 p.m., if you have something you would like for me to put on the agenda please get those to me.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Lynn Horner, Mayor

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk