

*Subject to approval at
the July 15, 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, July 1, 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 McIntyre gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

- Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
- Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
- Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
- Edward Vela, Ward 3
- Scott Eckhart, Ward 3 (arrived 7:08 p.m.)

Absent: Eugene Mestas, 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
Cynthia Nieb, ED/UR Director
Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
Paula Mahoney, Administration
Mitch Zgorzynski, Police Dept
Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept
Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12st St.
Susan Elliott, 1310 Lincoln Ave
Caitlin Coffield, Inspiration Field
Ronda Yochum, 2116 Raton Ave
Bart Coates, 1613 Santa Fe
Joshua Horn, Texas
Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

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 17, 2019. Council Member Vela, under Governing Body Comments, added: "great for our chamber and community." Hearing no further corrections or additions, she declared the minutes approved as amended.

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

1. Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12th Street: Would like the topic of renewables and recycles to be placed on the agenda for discussion.
2. Joshua Horn, Texas: Discussed, at length, the unfair way his property located at 218 Dalton was handled. Doesn't feel he should have to buy back his own property and felt threatened to sign it over.

7:08 p.m. – Scott Eckhart joined the meeting.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – July 1, 2019**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Ratification of a Special Event Permit Application by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is their annual SECOM Golf Tournament to be held July 10 and 11, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to Midnight at 612 Adams Avenue.** 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 INSPIRATION FIELD FOR THEIR ANNUAL SECOM GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD JULY 10 AND 11, 2019 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE: Vela

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

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

B. Committee/Board Reports

1. Council Member Vela (Senior Citizens):
 - Senior trip to Manitou is July 20th, they are needing seven more people to go to the Historic Melodrama Theatre
 - Daily water exercises are going very well
 - Zumba and Tai Chi is still ongoing
2. Council Member Vela (Design Committee):
 - The piano at the City Park gazebo has been removed because of being vandalized
 - Still working on designing the Live Well Park downtown between 3rd and 4th Street
 - Would like a plan ready before the work is started on the parking lot
 - Next meeting will be July 31 at 5:00 p.m. at the CORE Center (2nd floor)
3. Council Member Vela (LJ Cares):
 - Received four phone calls and they are all completed
 - 719-469-0034 – Please call

C. City Manager's Comments

1. Fire Department is at full staff
2. Michael Clark and Matt Johnson have been certified for fireworks
3. Pool has been averaging 275 for open swims and 600 daily including classes
4. Had an eight team baseball tournament at Potter and 22nd Street ball field
5. Continue on weeds/mowing
6. Added an additional 600 feet of new irrigation line at the Cemetery
7. 50/50 Tree Program going well
8. Summer Reading Program has 549 kids signed up
9. Police at the Park is scheduled for August 2nd at 5:30
10. Spraying for mosquitoes
11. People are dumping trashing again in Wickham Addition
12. 322 Maple is cleaned out
13. 1418 Rice is coming down
14. Putting a sidewalk at Train Hill
15. Finishing up Tiger 9

ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

- Concern over the alley behind 1st National Bank
- Would like traffic assessment done on 9th Street between Carson and Belleview
- Some things seem to be coming back to the El Camino lot along with a lot of weeds
- Street light out north of City Park pond on 10th Street and Santa Fe

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D. City Attorney's Comments

1. Regarding the Joshua Horn situation: 1) it was done by court order, 2) my file is open to everyone on Council, and 3) he knocked down half of his building creating a hazardous condition. The situation he is in was not brought by the City but by the EPA.

E. Governing Body's Comments

1. Council Member Goodwin:
 - Would like to thank the La Junta Fire Department, the county guys and all involved with the fire we had out south.
 - I've had lots of complaints about fireworks; we need to come up with something.
 - CML training was fantastic.
 - Would like to see the posters that were on the wall.
2. Mayor Pruyn:
 - The trial run with the piano downtown by the CORE Center seems to be going well. I've watched several people sit down and play.
 - Want to thank Ed Vela for taping an entire session for me at CML.
3. Council Member McIntyre:
 - Wet/Dry Parade is this Saturday at 11:00 a.m.
 - Next week, starting Thursday, is the Picketwire's Mama Mia.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk