

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – July 2, 2018

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

***Subject to approval at
 the July 16, 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 Pruyn on Monday, July 2, 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 Goodwin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

Eugene Mestas, Ward 1
 Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
 Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
 Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
 Shannon Lovato, Ward 2
 Edward Vela, Ward 3
 Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent: none

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
 Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
 Phil Malouff, Jr., City Attorney
 Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
 Cynthia Nieb, Economic Development/UR Director
 Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
 Tom Seaba, Administrative Coordinator
 Todd Quick, Chief of Police
 Aliza Libby-Tucker, Finance Director
 Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept
 Paula Mahoney, Administration
 Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12th St
 Susan Elliott, 1310 Lincoln Ave
 Caitlyn Coffield, Inspiration Field
 David Encinias, Las Animas Sheriff
 Damon Nichols, 513 Lewis Ave
 Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of June 11, 2018. Council Member Vela would like more about the comments and discussion at this meeting. Hearing no further corrections or additions, she declared the minutes approved as amended. Mayor Pruyn then asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 18, 2018. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

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

1. Mitch Zgorzynski, La Junta Police Department: American Legion Post 9 will be having a BBQ on July 25th at 6:00 p.m. at gazebo #1 at City Park to honor our First Responders.

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2. Chief Todd Quick, La Junta Police Department: Presented a “Distinguished Service Award” to Sheriff Dave Encinias of Bent County. Bent and Otero Counties formed a task force called “Prairie Snow”. There were thirty-one arrest warrants and thirty-three defendants charged.

The 2018 Citizens Academy will begin on the first Thursday in August and will meet in the Council Chambers. It will run for eleven weeks plus the firearms day.

The 2nd Annual Police in the Park will be held Friday August 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at the Wipe-Out.

NEW BUSINESS**A. Liquor Licenses.**

1. **Application for a Special Events Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is the 31st SECPA & SECOM Charity Golf Classic to be held July 11, 2018 and July 12, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. 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 AN EVENT TO BE HELD JULY 11, 2018 AND JULY 12, 2018 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE: Vela

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

2. **Application for a Special Events Permit by Picketwire Players, Tracey Salzbrenner, Event Manager. The event is the 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner to be held July 12, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at 802 San Juan 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 PICKETWIRE PLAYERS FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD JULY 12, 2018 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. AT 802 SAN JUAN AVENUE: Mestas

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

3. **Application for a Special Events Permit by La Junta Chamber of Commerce, Susan Fisher, Event Manager. The event is Party at the Plaza to be held July 20, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. at Santa Fe Plaza.** 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 LA JUNTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD JULY 20, 2018 FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 12:00 A.M. AT 802 SANTA FE PLAZA: Mestas

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

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4. **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 07/07/18, 7:00 a.m. – End 07/07/18 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

Start 07/21/18, 7:00 a.m. – End 07/21/18 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

Start 08/04/18, 7:00 a.m. – End 08/04/18 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

Start 09/24/18, 7:00 a.m. – End 09/24/18 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

Start 10/06/18, 7:00 a.m. – End 10/06/18 12:00 a.m. (Midnight)

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 JULY 7, 21, AUGUST 4, SEPTEMBER 24 AND OCTOBER 6, 2018 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 12:00 A.M. AT 709 E. 3RD STREET: McIntyre

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

B. **First Reading/AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND, INTERNAL SERVICES FUND, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FUND, ELECTRIC FUND, AND WATER FUND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018.** 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: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

C. **A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property.** Resolution No. R-11-2018 for Council's consideration as follows:

WHEREAS, the City is a Home Rule City organized under the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to purchase certain real property described as follows:

Lots 21 and 22, Block 25 to the City of La Junta, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, in Otero County, Colorado.

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the real property has no utility to the City and as such is useful property to be long range development of the City; and

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WHEREAS, the City desires to purchase the same from BRIAN H. HANCOCK.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO as follows:

1. The City authorizes the City Manager (or his designee) to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purchase of the real property from BRIAN H. HANCOCK for an amount not to exceed the purchase price of \$143,250.00.

2. The resolution is enacted at the instruction of the City Council of the City of La Junta.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-11-2018: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

D. Committee/Board Reports

1. Council Member Vela (Sr. Citizens Board):
 - Trip to Maine is full, there is a waiting list.
 - LJ Cares completed tenth job this year. It took three days, 70 cubic yards of tumble weeds. Thank the City for the 20 and 40 yard boxes.
2. Council Member McIntyre (Hospital Board):
 - Discussed the Activities Report for June 2018 (attached.)

E. City Manager's Comments

1. Had eighty kids sign up for first session swim lessons.
2. July 9-19 will be the second session of lessons.
3. Football registration begins July 23.
4. There were 541 signed up for the Summer Reading Program.
5. Hats off to Darren on clearing out the lots and working with the EPA to get these buildings taken care of.
6. Patching every Thursday.
7. Spraying weeds.
8. Will start replacing street signs.
9. There is a company who will take the bricks of 122 Carson.

Additional Topics Discussed:

- Pothole about 10" deep south end of Bradish.
- People watering lawns in the daytime on Lincoln.
- Awesome teamwork with paid and volunteer firefighters with fire this afternoon.
- Storm sewer at 14th and Raton.
- Concerns about new Belmont road being messed up by big trucks when school starts.

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F. City Attorney’s Comments

1. Decriminalization of Municipal Court. FYI – State law is requiring municipal courts that provide for criminal penalties must fund a public defender paid for out of our expenses.

G. Governing Body’s Comments – (CML Review)

1. Mayor Pruyn: Sessions I enjoyed:
 - John O’Leary – “What More Can I Do”
 - Dana Crawford – “Meetings of the Minds”
 - Irv Halter – Head of DOLA, speech contained lots of quotes from Daniel Burnham, a 19th century architect
2. Council Member Mestas – Rick’s speech was good and interesting.
3. Council Member Vela – Enjoyed the motivation class, the speaker spoke about people getting along.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk