

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 15, 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 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, ED/UR Director
 - Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
 - Todd Quick, Police Chief
 - Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept
 - Susan Elliott, 1310 Lincoln Ave
 - Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
 - William Macdonald, 706 Raton Ave
 - 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 July 1, 2019. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

PROCLAMATION: Cynthia Nieb presented the proclamation, "Creation of the Age Friendly Advisory Council to the City of La Junta Colorado."

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

1. William Macdonald, 706 Raton Avenue: Continued discussion regarding dog barking. The City needs to start enforcing nuisance problems.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Liquor Licenses

1. **Application for a Special Event Permit by La Junta Chamber of Commerce, Susan Fisher, Event Manager. The event is Early Settlers Day to be held September 14, 2019 from Noon to 11:59 p.m. at La Junta City Park.** 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.

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MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO LA JUNTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR EARLY SETTLERS DAY TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 FROM NOON TO 11:59 P.M. AT LA JUNTA CITY PARK: Lovato

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

- a. **City Manager Klein** then asked Council if they would go ahead and approve the use of the dumpsters and amenities by La Junta Chamber of Commerce that they request every year.

MOTION TO APPROVE USE OF DUMPSTERS AND AMENITIES FOR EARLY SETTLERS DAY BY THE LA JUNTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS: Lovato

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

2. **Application for Renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License by Fargerson LLC, d/b/a Boss Hogg's Saloon & Restaurant, 808 E. 3rd Street.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE BY FARGERSON LLC, D/B/A BOSS HOGG'S SALOON & RESTAURANT, 808 E. 3RD STREET: Lovato

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

B. Committee/Board Reports

1. Design Committee:
 - Will meet at the end of this month on Wednesday the 31st 5:00 p.m. at the CORE Building
 - Tons of people at the Wet/Dry Parade; it was all cleaned up when it was over
2. Senior Citizens Board:
 - Nothing planned other than the trip to Manitou
3. LJ Garden Club:
 - Have had contact with the Rocky Ford people to try to spread the Garden Club through the Valley
 - There's cooperation between the entities
 - Will meet every first Saturday of the month at the Senior Center at 9:00 a.m.
4. LJ Cares:
 - Please call 469-0034
5. Building a Better Colorado:
 - Program at Lamar Community College from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. this Thursday to generate youth programs involving LCC, OJC and the Valley
6. Lockheed Martin:
 - Ongoing meeting to try to bring youth programs to the area along with Highlands Ranch
 - Meeting on Thursday with UBTECH Robotics putting together a video conference on Microsoft opportunities for youth in the area

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7. Utilities Board:
 - R.O. Plant trying some new membranes at a cheaper cost to the City
 - WWTP is running better than anticipated, finishing demolition
 - Staying busy with the landfill
 - Helping other communities by renting our open top boxes to them
 - Still looking at closing out the power plant
8. Planning Commission:
 - Meets this Thursday at 4:00 p.m.
9. AVRMC Board:
 - The Board does not meet in June
 - Will be meeting the last Tuesday of the month
 - Compliment Reuben DeLeon on his years of service with the City

C. City Manager's Comments

1. Working on a new Tiger grant that will put out 34 more miles of track to Class 4 status
2. About a thousand people down at the pool, lessons are up
3. Installed another 600 feet of irrigation at the cemetery
4. YBC played over 200 games on our fields
5. Youth football started registration today
6. Next week volleyball registration will begin
7. Senior Center Rockies trip on August 4th; San Diego trip in September
8. Continue with patching and weeding
9. Chip seal will begin on August 25th
10. Getting the asbestos out of 1418 Rice
11. Runway rehab project pre-bid will be the 17th
12. Bill working with the Electric Department to move the SCADA program along
13. Put six cameras up at the warehouse
14. Light pole hit at 1st & Santa Fe
15. Replacing light fixtures on 3rd & Colorado and Santa Fe
16. Replacing roof at the old electric storage building
17. Received no violations on our drinking water report
18. Waiting for the results on the lead and copper
19. Wastewater Treatment Plant demo has begun then to landscaping
20. Amwest has almost completed the SCADA
21. Met the head people of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment through Action 22 and they love what the City of La Junta has done with our new plants and the demo of our vacant structures
22. Cynthia has been real busy writing lots of different grants, opportunity zone, family leadership training, citizen institute of rural design, health foundation, main street, goco, building a better colorado

ADDITIONAL TOPICS:

- Need to roto mill 3rd Street by the Catholic Church and the next road over
- Commend Brad and his crew with the 200 games played in June
- Nice ad about the 50/50 Tree Program in utility bill (let's do this for the City Clean-Up)

D. City Attorney's Comments

1. Always a privilege.

E. Governing Body's Comments

1. Mayor Prunyn:

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- Received letter from Mr. Horn with all his concerns written down. Have looked through it and will make copies for the rest of Council.
- Business owners received a letter regarding the opportunity zone.
- We are working on getting Jon Schallert to La Junta. He runs a business boot camp for existing or those considering becoming business entrepreneurs.

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

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk