

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, August 20, 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
Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
Shannon Lovato, Ward 2
Edward Vela, Ward 3
Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent: Jim Goodwin, Ward 1

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Phil Malouff, Jr., City Attorney
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Aliza Libby-Tucker, Director of Finance
Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
Tom Seaba, Administrative Coordinator
Todd Quick, Police Chief
Reuben DeLeon, Electric Superintendent
Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept
Paula Mahoney, Administration
Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12th St
Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
Bill Macdonald, 706 Raton Ave
Brad Patterson, KOA Campground
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 August 6, 2018. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

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

1. Bill Macdonald, 706 Raton Avenue: Will be having a trial on the 29th of August and call some people in to testify at court to tell the story.
2. Brad Patterson, KOA Campground: Trying to put up a coffee concession stand and being denied access to electricity. (The Board requested Mr. Klein to look into any possible solutions to Mr. Patterson’s situation.)
3. Beverly Babb, 1120 W. 12th Street: Questioned what was at the foot of 10th Street hill. (Disc Golf.)

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NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Application for a Special Events Permit by La Junta Chamber of Commerce, Susan Fisher, Event Manager. The event is Early Settlers Day to be held September 8, 2018 from 12:00 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.

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO LA JUNTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 FROM 12:00 NOON TO 11:59 P.M. AT LA JUNTA CITY PARK: Mestas

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Goodwin absent)

- B. **A Resolution of Support for Bringing Horse Racing Back to Raton, New Mexico.** Resolution No. R-15-2018 was presented for Council's consideration as follows:

WHEREAS, La Mesa Park was constructed in Raton in 1946 and was the first permanent paramutual horse racing facility in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Raton and northeastern New Mexico have a long tradition and history of horse racing lineage that continues to the present day; and

WHEREAS, Raton and northeastern New Mexico and La Mesa Park mutually supported one another during the 46 years of active horse racing at La Mesa Park; and

WHEREAS, Raton has a rich history of horse racing and tourism and has been a destination to many visitors from New Mexico and the neighboring four state region including Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas; and

WHEREAS, Raton's geographic location, surrounding area attractions, and favorable climate make Raton an ideal location for horse racing; and

WHEREAS, returning horse racing to Raton is favorable and beneficial to the New Mexico horse racing industry; and

WHEREAS, Raton and northeastern New Mexico will be enhanced by horse racing returning to the area;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, that the City of La Junta supports the efforts to return horse racing to Raton for the purpose of stimulating local and regional economic development.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-15-2018: McIntyre

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion affecting the vote

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Goodwin absent)

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- C. **Authorization to Approve a Permit with Viaero Wireless.** City Attorney Malouff explained that this allows Viaero to bore underneath our streets for their fiber. There is a flat permit fee of \$10,000. The contract is ready to go.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE RICK KLEIN TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO VIAERO WIRELESS FOR BORING UNDERNEATH THE CITY'S STREETS: Vela

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Goodwin absent)

D. Committee/Board Reports

1. Council Member Vela (Policy Comm.):
 - Opportunity to go to CML for a one day seminar for Downtown Development Authority, which is a little bit different than the Urban Renewal Authority.
 - Went to Ft. Collins and the Windsor area.
2. Council Member Vela (Design Comm.):
 - Try to have another meeting next week.
 - Going to intermingle with Urban Renewal Authority.
3. Council Member Vela (Sr. Center Board):
 - Maine trip is third week in October.

E. City Manager's Comments

1. Started remodeling the CORE Center.
2. Repaired some water lines at DeBourgh.
3. TLM is working at 14th & Raton (due to years of settlement.)
4. October – June was the third warmest and third driest on record.
5. Replaced electric pole burnt at 10th and Park.
6. Police at the Park went well.
7. Done trimming trees on the eastside.
8. Chip seal comes off tomorrow (west to east on 5th Street.)
9. Next patching will be between 22nd and 16th Street on Cimarron.
10. Have meeting with Amtrak in Raton.

Additional Topics Discussed:

- Not being a sidewalk over the 5th Street Bridge.
- Article in Pueblo Chieftain “incorrectly” stating La Junta’s average electric bill.
- The change in the alley pick up.

F. City Attorney's Comments

1. Always a privilege.

G. Governing Body's Comments

1. Council Member Vela – Thanked Darren for his report even though he doesn't agree with everything. The use of coal in power plants has been relaxed.
2. Council Member McIntyre – Have several older ones concerned about alley clean up. Also commented about the grating of alleys.
3. Council Member Mestas – Wanting to know if Code Enforcement will be issuing tickets if stuff is left in the alley and isn't picked up.

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MOTION TO MOVE INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402 (4)(e): Vela

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Goodwin absent)

Council went into Executive Session from 8:04 p.m. until 8:49 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Jeffri Pruyne, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk