

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 Tuesday, September 4, 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  
Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor  
Shannon Lovato, Ward 2  
Edward Vela, Ward 3  
Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent: Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2

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  
Cynthia Nieb, Director of ED/Urban Renewal  
Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept  
Paula Mahoney, Administration  
Susan Elliott, 1310 Lincoln Ave  
Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative  
Caitlin Coffield, Inspiration Field  
Ron Tomlin, 1820 Cimarron Ave  
Karen McCormick, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Meg Brown, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

PRESENTATION – Karen McCormick, 4<sup>th</sup> District: I would like to serve my community in a new way. There are lots of situations that arise where problem solving is needed to find solutions. I want to be a voice for the people. What are the issues in this town? Living in Longmont is quite different than La Junta. Some areas of concern are the Arkansas Valley Conduit, the future of health care and strong fair trade deals. I want to work towards solutions in these areas. I want to focus on what’s best for our District, our State and our Country. (Discussion continued regarding the South West Chief) For more discussion, or to share information, Karen can be reached at karen@mccormick for congress.org.

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 20, 2018. On page 3, under governing body comments, “The use of coal in power plants has been relaxed” should read “The use of coal in power plants has been relaxed for emission control by the EPA.” Hearing no further corrections or additions, she declared the minutes approved as amended.

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

1. Ron Tomlin, American Legion Post 9: Will be having a dedication of the new flag pole at the cemetery next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. Would like to invite all to come out and participate. There will be a special speaker.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Liquor Licenses.**

1. **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 September 21, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.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 SEPTEMBER 21, 2018 FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT SANTA FE PLAZA: Mestas

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

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

2. **Application for a Special Events Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is the La Junta High School Hall of Fame Banquet to be held September 15, 2018 from 6:00 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. They are subject to an action plan with the Fire Department. The City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO INSPIRATION FIELD FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE: Lovato

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

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

3. **Application for a Special Events Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Monster Bash Costume Party & Dance to be held October 27, 2018 from 6:30 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. They are subject to an action plan with the Fire Department. The City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO INSPIRATION FIELD FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD OCTOBER 27, 2018 FROM 6:30 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE:

SECOND:

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

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

- B. **First Reading/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1242 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA AS CONCERNS A REQUEST BY LLOYD LABRIER AND DARLENE LABRIER.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

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MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion affecting the vote

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

- C. **First Reading/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MOVING VIOLATION SURCHARGE.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: Vela

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion affecting the vote

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

- D. **Present the 2019 Budget.** Aliza Libby-Tucker handed out the proposed budget for 2019. Section 1 (white) is budget information and graphs, Section 2 (green) is the three year budget comparison, Section 3 (yellow) is the summarized budget worksheet, Section 4 (pink) is capital outlay, Section 5 (blue) is the ten year capital outlay plan and Section 6 (white) is the budget worksheets.

E. **Committee/Board Reports**

1. Council Member Goodwin (Planning Comm.):
  - Approved the lot split south of La Junta for Labrier.
  - Want to send condolences to family, Lloyd passed away last weekend and this was something he worked hard to accomplish.
2. Council Member Vela (Design Comm.):
  - Will have a meeting next Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
3. Council Member Vela (Sr. Center Board):
  - Will meet on Thursday at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center.

F. **City Manager's Comments**

1. Football and Volleyball numbers are up.
2. Getting the weeds taken care of.
3. Senior have two busses going to the Rockies game on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
4. Over 500 pounds of food was donated to Associated Charities from Dog Days of Summer (over 40 dogs were in attendance.)
5. WWTP is at 66% completion.
6. Chip seal is done.
7. Commercial sidewalk program is complete.
8. The work done at 10<sup>th</sup> and Smithland is beautiful.
9. Project at 14<sup>th</sup> and Raton has been completed.
10. East School has its signs and crosswalks finished.
11. Useful Public Service kids are being used to take care of weeds on our empty lots.
12. Meeting at Amtrak went well – They are willing to work with us on a plan.

Additional Topics Discussed:

- The possibility of the median by the college being removed to allow more room for the streets.
- Would like the downtown walking signs to be placed for the walking path.
- Many compliments have been received about the tiger at 20<sup>th</sup> & Smithland.
- The move of Durango Beer out of Durango.

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**G. City Attorney's Comments**

1. Have a citizen in La Junta that is very unhappy and have tried to take different approaches to satisfy this person. Think we've come up with a plan. Just want to let the board know that it's easy to stand up here at the microphone and complain but when somebody goes out of their way to find a solution, that's not always noted. Would like you all to know that.

**H. Governing Body's Comments**

1. Council Member Mestas – Receiving complaints about the alley pick-up. Alley clean-up should continue as it has in the past and I wish you would reconsider. It's very hard on people.
2. Council Member Vela – Have had the same complaints. People wish it had been implemented next year because they had already been putting things in the alley. I know it's really important to make this work. We need to help our neighbors.
3. Council Member Goodwin – Have also received a lot of complaints. I try to explain to them that we are short handed and things are tight because the 1% sales tax didn't pass.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk