

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, September 17, 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
- 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, Director of Urban Renewal/ED
  - Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept
  - Paula Mahoney, Administration
  - Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22<sup>nd</sup> St
  - Eugene & Joann Marez, 1121 Grace 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 September 4, 2018. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

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

1. Eugene Marez, 1121 Grace Avenue: Concerned about the speed of the traffic at 12<sup>th</sup> & Grace where there are kids playing at the park and about the break in at the old Sno-White Laundry.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **Second 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.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Mestas

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

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- B. Second 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 SECOND READING: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: Years ago a surcharge was created on moving traffic violations. At the time, it was used for specifically for S.W.A.T. training and equipment. This amendment is an expansion of the restricted nature of how the money is spent to include the police department and officers.

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**NEW BUSINESS****A. Tourism Board Recommendation for Funding.**

1. \$2,070.00 to Real Deals Magazine for a full page advertisement in two runs of the magazine.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF TOURISM TAX REVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,070.00 TO REAL DEALS MAGAZINE FOR A FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN TWO RUNS OF THE MAGAZINE: Vela

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: It would be nice to see a collection of some of those magazines to see where our money is going.

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

- B. Request from Southeast Health Group for use of the City Park for a new event, “Run for the Dead.”** There will be a memory wall with luminaries. All are welcome to come in costume and there will be “swag” in bags. The event will begin on November 1<sup>st</sup> at approximately 6:00 p.m.

MOTION TO GRANT SOUTHEAST HEALTH GROUP USE OF THE CITY PARK FOR THEIR “RUN FOR THE DEAD” EVENT NOVEMBER 1 TO BEGIN APPROXIMATELY AT 6:00 P.M. :  
Goodwin

SECOND: Lovato

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**C. Board Appointments****1. La Junta Urban Renewal Authority Board****a. Trevor Herasingh (term to expire 12/31/19)**

MOTION TO APPOINT TREVOR HERASINGH TO THE LA JUNTA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD: Vela

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: Trevor is new to the area, his wife works at the college, he has extensive remodeling experience and has worked with the Colorado Historical Foundation; he also wants an Urban Renewal youth advisory council.

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**b. Chad Penner (term to expire 12/31/20)**

MOTION TO APPOINT CHAD PENNER TO THE LA JUNTA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

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DISCUSSION: Chad is a real estate agent, is employed at Varner Motors, and has a lawn care service; he is also an associate broker at Hancock Group, is fluent in Spanish and is a Veteran. Chad was encouraged by another one of our board members to apply.

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**c. Shade Wright (term to expire 12/31/21)**

MOTION TO APPOINT SHADE WRIGHT TO THE LA JUNTA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY BOARD: Vela

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: Shade works at TBK Bank as an agriculture/commercial banker; he has done extensive Historical renovation and is interested in being a part of the community.

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

d. Thank you to Toni Madrid who also put in a letter of interest.

**D. Committee/Board Reports**

## 1. Council Member Vela (Sr. Center Board):

- Reported to me that the weeds at the old Book Stop are tremendously high.
- Flair Craft is closing so the firing they were doing for the Senior Citizens class will probably not happen anymore.
- They are still after me about the alley clean up.
- La Junta Help committee is also available.
- Next May will be a trip to New Orleans and the fall trip will be Nashville TN.
- Made a lot of money on the Arkansas Valley Cripple Creek trip and they will do it again.
- Dance committee chose Delhide Desperados.

## 2. Council Member Goodwin (Utilities Board):

- Water usage is up due to the drought and electric consumption is up a bit as well.
- Streets and sanitation are doing okay.
- Will be receiving a report at the next meeting regarding utility deposits.

**E. City Manager's Comments**

1. Early Settlers Day went good.
2. Lead and copper testing has been completed.
3. Spraying weeds, getting ready for winter.
4. GIS training.
5. Closing landfill #1.
6. Football starts on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.
7. Volleyball has 102 kids signed up.
8. Valley Pipeline did 600 more feet of sewer line.
9. Replaced transformer by the hospital.
10. Dedicated the flag at the cemetery and it was wonderful.

Additional Topics Discussed:

- Raton street repair is fantastic.
- 20<sup>th</sup> & Smithland is beautiful.

**F. City Attorney's Comments**

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1. Always a privilege.

**G. Governing Body's Comments**

1. Council Member Vela – Design Committee will meet Thursday at 5:30 in the Power Board Room.
2. Mayor Pruyn – Bravo to the Chamber of Commerce for Early Settlers Day.
3. Council Member Goodwin – Kudos to all of the sanitation department on the clean-up efforts after ESD.
4. Council Member Vela – Food for thought – Maybe next year we should look into getting an increase in our share of the property tax. Also, we should send letters to the private residents that the tree board sees should be a part of the 50/50 program.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk