

**Subject to approval at  
the November 20, 2017  
City Council Meeting**

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 Lynn Horner on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 7:30 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:

- Betty Velasquez, Ward 1
- Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
- Frank McKenzie, Ward 2
- Lynn Horner, Mayor
- Jeffri Pruyn, 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
  - Todd Quick, Chief of Police
  - Aliza Libby-Tucker, Director of Finance
  - Brad Swartz, Director of Parks & Recreation
  - Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
  - Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept
  - Paula Mahoney, Administration
  - Susan Elliott, 1310 Lincoln Ave
  - Kimberly Morlan, 1923 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St
  - Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
  - Joe Ayala, 1517 San Juan Ave
  - Paul Velasquez, 1313 Bradish Ave
  - Julie Worley, 2417 San Juan Ave
  - Mike Pruyn, 5 Circle Dr
  - Elaine McIntyre, 2022 Cimarron Ave
  - Kathleen Paolucci, 2407 Johnston Dr
  - Jeff Paolucci, 2407 Johnston Dr
  - Henry Valdez, 211 Harriet Ave
  - Julie Skeen, Bustang Outrider
  - Maddy Tischler, Bustand Outrider
  - Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

PROCLAMATION – NOVEMBER 2017 AS NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH: Mayor Horner proclaimed November 2017 as Hospice and Palliative Care Month and presented a proclamation to Gina Paradiso of Sangre de Cristo Hospice & Palliative Care.

CDOT Outrider Bus Service – Outrider will replace the Beeline Express which will result in a marketed state-wide service. The Lamar to Pueblo route will have its Grant Opening on January 2, 2018.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Horner asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 16, 2017. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as published.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (10 minute time limit per person):**

1. Henry Valdez, 211 Harriet Ave.: I bought a property in 2000 right next door to my home. I have never had utilities at this house. It's used as a shed. I received a dormant letter stating the fees I'll have to be paying for this house (shed), it's not fair. (City Manager Klein asked Mr. Valdez to come into the office tomorrow to discuss the situation.)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE MILL LEVY FOR ASSESSMENT OF VALUATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2017.** 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: Velasquez

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

- B. Second Reading/THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO, FOR THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2018.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Velasquez

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**NEW BUSINESS****A. Liquor Licenses**

1. **Application for Renewal of a 3.2% Beer Off Premises Liquor License by Safeway Store Forty Six Inc., d/b/a Safeway Store #3723, Melissa Gard, Operating Manager, 315 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The premise is under an action plan with the Fire Department. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A 3.2% BEER OFF PREMISES LIQUOR LICENSE BY SAFEWAY STORE FORTY SIX INC., D/B/A SAFEWAY STORE #3723, 315 W. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET: Pruyn

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

2. **Application for Renewal of a Club Liquor License by BPOE Lodge 701, d/b/a BPOE Lodge 701, James Parsons, Lodge Secretary, 119 Colorado Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The premise is under an action plan with the Fire Department. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

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MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE BY BPOE LODGE 701, D/B/A BPOE LODGE 701, 119 COLORADO AVENUE: Vela

SECOND: Pruyn

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

- B. A Resolution To Authorize Sale of Real Property.** Resolution No. R-21-2017 was presented for Council's consideration as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Junta owns the following described real property; and

**PARCEL NO. 1:**

A tract of land lying in Otero County, Colorado in the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 4, Township 24 South, Range 55 West, of the 6th P.M., as surveyed by Petersen and Strain Surveying, Inc. on October 30, 1985 and represented by map or plat recorded Reception No. in Book at page Otero County recorder and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of said southeast quarter of section 4 as monumented by a 3 ½ inch brass cap set in concrete; thence South 88 Degrees 17 Minutes 38 Seconds West, along the north line of said southeast quarter a distance of 602.0 feet considering all bearings contained herein relative thereto; thence South 1 Degree 44 Minutes 18 Seconds East, 416.8 feet to the southeast corner of a tract of land recorded in Book 668 at Page 139, Otero County, Colorado, which is the true Point of Beginning; thence South 88 degrees 24 Minutes 12 Seconds West, 158.43 feet to the northwest corner of a tract of land recorded in Book 626 at Page 121, Otero County, Colorado, thence South 1 Degree 31 Minutes 42 Seconds east, 243,40 feet to the southwest corner of the tract in Book 626 at Page 121; thence North 88 Degrees 18 Minutes 52 Seconds East; 304.02 feet along the south line of the tract in Book 626 at page 121 to the west line of the Southeast Colorado Power Association property; thence North 00 Degrees 45 Minutes 48 Seconds West, 222.12 feet to the northwest corner of the southeast Colorado Power Association property, thence 89 Degrees 16 Minutes 12 Seconds East, 416.00 feet to the westerly Right-of-Way of Colorado Highway No. 10; thence North 00 Degrees 45 Minutes 48 Seconds West, along said Right-of-Way 8.0 feet; thence South 89 Degrees 16 Minutes

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12 Seconds West, 564.65 feet; thence North 1 Degree 44 Minutes 18 Seconds West, 10.59 feet to the point of beginning.

**PARCEL NO. 2:**

Beginning at a point on the east boundary line of Section Four (4), Township Twenty-four (24) South, Range Fifty-five (55) West of the 6th P.M., nineteen hundred eighty-nine and five tenths (1989.5) feet north of the southeast corner of said section Four (4) and running thence westerly at an angle of ninety (90) degrees with said east boundary line of said Section Four (4) four hundred forty-six feet, thence northerly and parallel to the said east boundary line of said Section Four (4) two hundred eight (208) feet; thence easterly and at an angle of ninety (90) degree with said east boundary line of said Section Four (4) four hundred forty-six (446) feet; thence south along said east boundary line of Section tine, of Section Four (4) two hundred eight (208) feet to the point of beginning, subject to a public highway along the east side of the land conveyed.

**(A PRECISE LEGAL DESCRIPTION SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE TITLE COMPANY)**

with all improvements thereon and all fixtures of a permanent nature currently on the premises except as hereinafter provided, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, known as 100 Dalton La Junta, Colorado.

**WHEREAS**, the City of La Junta is desirous of selling said real property to Otero County, a political sub-division of the State of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have agreed upon a sale price of \$335,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties have executed a Earnest Money Contract which provides the details for the sale of the property, but is conditioned upon the approval by the City Council; and

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**WHEREAS**, the City of La Junta is desirous of fulfilling its contractual obligation under the Earnest Money Contract bid.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** as follows:

1. That the above described real property is surplus property and does not have a sufficient municipal purpose for the City of La Junta; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council City of La Junta authorizes the execution of the attached Earnest Money Contract;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager has authorized to affix his signature to said contact, and to take such steps as are necessary to consummate the sale of the real property;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of La Junta shall sell the above described real property to Otero County, a political sub-division of the State of Colorado, for the purchase price and under the terms set forth in the affixed contract.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-21-2017: Goodwin

SECOND: Pruyn

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

- C. **A Resolution Concerning the Petition for Annexation Filed by Jeff Paolucci.** Resolution No. R-22-2017 was presented for council's consideration as follows:

**WHEREAS**, a Petition for Annexation has been filed requesting an annexation of portions of the following described land:

A tract of land for annexation purposes lying in the N/2SE/4 OF Section 15, Township 24 South, Range 55 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of said N/2SE/4; thence S.88°18'24"W., along the South line of said N/2SE/4, a distance of 30.01 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing S.88°18'24"W., 760.48 feet; thence N.0°42'56"W., 240.03 feet; thence N.88°18'43"E., 760.44

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feet to a point on the East line of said N/2SE/4; thence S.0°43'27"E., 239.96 feet to the point of beginning. SUBJECT TO the South 40.00 feet for future road. In the County of Otero, State of Colorado. The annexation tract contains 4.19 acres.

said Petition having been filed by JEFF PAOLUCCI; and

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Petition for Annexation of land, filed by JEFF PAOLUCCI, is hereby received and that annexation proceedings are hereby authorized to be undertaken.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-22-2017: Vela

SECOND: Pruyn

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

**D. Committee/Board Reports**

There were no committee/board reports.

**E. City Manager's Comments**

1. First and second grade basketball registration ended.
2. Third through sixth grade basketball has started and will end on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. The pool liner has been stripped out and should be done by Thanksgiving.
4. The ball fields have been winterized.
5. Rick Lovato, his dad and brother, will be hosting a youth basketball camp.
6. The Library had ninety kids attend the Fox Theater movie on Friday.
7. Alley clean-up is done with 173.05 tons compared to 168 tons last year.
8. Work on the taxi-way has started.
9. The boilers in City Hall are working great.
10. Fire Department completing their annual pump certification at the training grounds.
11. CIRSA is performing property inspections.
12. There were a 130 dormant fee letters mailed out.
13. R.O. plant employees replaced a storage tank themselves saving \$10,000.
14. Annual fuel inspections being performed on pumps.
15. A culvert was replaced at train hill.
16. The wall at the Book Stop was removed.
17. We tore down 518 E 8<sup>th</sup> while we still had the excavator.
18. Tore down the old P.D. storage concrete building.
19. Cedaridge completing final projects of the Sidewalk Program.
20. Kingdom hall purchased the property at 10<sup>th</sup> & Topeka.

**F. City Attorney's Comments**

At the next meeting, the current Board will conduct any old business. The new officers will be sworn in and then move forward with the new business.

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**G. Governing Body's Comments**

1. Council Member Goodwin: The Retirement Board will be meeting tomorrow. Also, there are a number of City Board vacancies expiring on December 31, 2017. Please submit your letter of interest to the City Manager's office.
2. Council Member Vela: The American Legion will be celebrating Veteran's Day on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Intermediate School beginning at 11:00 a.m.
3. Mayor Horner: I want to thank each Council member for their teamwork. These four years have been very educational and a learning experience for me. It's been a pleasure and a joy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

ATTEST:

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Lynn Horner, Mayor

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk