

**Subject to approval at
the December 3, 2018
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 Jeffri Pruyn on Monday, November 19, 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 McIntyre 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
Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent: Shannon Lovato, Ward 2
Edward Vela, Ward 3

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Phil Malouff, Jr., City Attorney
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Cynthia Nieb, UR/ED Director
Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
Aimee Hill, Engineering Dept
Susan Elliott, 1310 Lincoln Ave
Dee Ann Wagner, 1117 Grace Ave
Felix Lucero, Albuquerque, NM
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 November 5, 2018. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

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

1. William Macdonald, 706 Raton Avenue: Ongoing code enforcement problems/nuisance dog barking.
2. Dee Ann Wagner, 1117 Grace Avenue: Complaints with the police department over events that happened to her in her life and receiving no help.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – November 19, 2018**PETITION TO HONOR MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT SSGT. ABROSIO GUILLEN – Rick Klein read the following letter:**

La Junta City Manager and City Council,

On December 7, 1929, Ambrosio Guillen was born in La Junta, Colorado. On July 25, 1953, two days before the ceasefire, he was killed in action near Songuch-on Korea during the Korean War – the “Forgotten War.” On August 18, 1954, he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

A group of concerned citizens have come together for the purpose of honoring Staff Sergeant Guillen. We have located a large stone, approximately 13” x 34” x 144”. We would like to stand this stone on end and place a proper plaque honoring SSgt. Guillen. We are in contact with people at Fort Hood, TX regarding proper protocol for such a monument. Placement will be near the flagpole at Veteran’s Field. The surrounding sod will be pulled up to accommodate installation and then cleanly re-laid up to the stone. Monument and signage will comply with City Standards & Regulations. The labor and cost of this project will be borne by the Committee to Honor SSgt. Ambrosio Guillen.

We are also asking that the name of Veteran’s Field be renamed the SSgt. Ambrosio Guillen Veterans’ Field.

We believe that the actions of SSgt. Guillen meet the highest standards for exceptional circumstance, historical significance, positive image and importance to the community and Nation called for in City ordinances. We feel that renaming Veteran’s Field after SSgt. Guillen is particularly suitable and will enhance the character and identify of this facility. We feel it is fitting, proper and necessary to honor SSgt. Guillen.

We ask the City for the approval and blessing of this project and that the City provide services of the City Engineer to design and approve installation of a proper foundation for this large stone. It should be noted that members of the Committee to Honor SSgt. Ambrosio Guillen have extensive construction experience.

We greatly appreciate any advice or instruction regarding requirements, legalities, etc. that we might need to address in order to successfully complete this project to honor SSgt. Guillen in La Junta, the place of his birth.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
The Committee to Honor SSgt. Ambrosio Guillen

After some discussion, it was decided to hold a public hearing and address the issues of the placement of a memorial and the renaming of the park as two separate topics.

NEW BUSINESS**A. Liquor Licenses.**

- 1. Application for a Special Events Permit by OJC Foundation, Brooke Matthew, Event Manager. The event is their Annual Fundraiser to be held December 31, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at 2001 San Juan 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. The City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO OJC FOUNDATION FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD DECEMBER 31, 2018 FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 1:00 A.M. AT 2001 SAN JUAN AVENUE:
Mestas

SECOND: Goodwin

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DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

2. **Application for Renewal of a 3.2% Beer Off Premises Liquor License by Safeway Store Forty Six Inc., d/b/a Safeway Store #3723, 315 W. 2nd Street.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The premise is under a 30 day 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. 2ND STREET: McIntyre

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

3. **Application for Renewal of a Tavern Liquor License by Ross V. Leyba, d/b/a B.J.'s Sports Bar, 10 E. 2nd Street.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The premise is under a 30 day action plan with the Fire Department. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE BY ROSS V. LEYBA, D/B/A B.J.'S SPORTS BAR, 10 E 2ND STREET: Mestas

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

4. **Application for Renewal of a 3.2% Beer Off Premises Liquor License by Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, d/b/a Love's Country Store No. 12, 308 E. 1st 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 3.2% BEER OFF PREMISES LIQUOR LICENSE BY LOVE'S TRAVEL STOPS & COUNTRY STORES, D/B/A LOVE'S COUNTRY STORE NO. 12, 308 E. 1ST STREET: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: Love's would have to apply for a modification of premises if they were to use any of their new addition for liquor.

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

- B. **First Reading/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1576 WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 1242 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA AS CONCERNS A REQUEST BY THE CITY OF LA JUNTA.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON FIRST READING: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: This ordinance adds the legal description that had been originally omitted.

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Lovato, Vela absent)

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – November 19, 2018**C. Committee/Board Reports**

1. Council Member Goodwin (Utilities Board):
 - Passed several changes regarding trash totes to be removed from the street within 24 hours, new rates for deposits and requiring a rental agreement for hook-up.
2. Council Member Goodwin (Planning Comm.):
 - Working on revision of the town for the “Revitalization” of downtown.
3. Council Member McIntyre (AVRMC Board):
 - Shared AVRMC summary, things have been improving over the years.
 - There is still a Board vacancy.
 - Will be having a blood drive on December 5th.

A. City Manager’s Comments

1. Volleyball has ended.
2. Need coaches for 3rd – 6th basketball.
3. “Fire on the Plains” will be using our training facility on September 14th.
4. The State will be using La Junta as a written testing site for SE Colorado.
5. “Food for Fines” is happening at the Library.
6. The City has been featured in “Raceway Online.”
7. Meaghan Yergert was featured in an article regarding “Women in Water.”
8. La Junta was one of three towns featured in “Love Colorado” magazine.
9. Thank you to:
 - Darren and Aimee working on GIS
 - Aliza upgrading accounting system, fraud resistance, audit trails
 - Tom on the WWTP project
 - Cynthia on effort of the Opportunity Fund, Jump Street, Main Street
 - Bill on the C.O.R.E. building
10. Many thanks to all supervisors and employees who work under them.

B. City Attorney’s Comments

1. Always a privilege.

C. Governing Body’s Comments

1. Council Member Mestas: Served on council for 25 years and this new council is doing a terrific job. Many thanks to Rick and Dean for their dedication.
2. Mayor Pruyn: Kudos to Lynn Horner on beginning the project of cleaning up our neighborhood.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk