

**Subject to approval at
the December 17, 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, December 3, 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

Absent: Scott Eckhart, 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
 - Paula Mahoney, Administration
 - Todd Quick, Chief of Police
 - Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
 - Greg Kolomitz, La Junta
 - LJHS Football Team
 - Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

The La Junta High School Football Team was recognized for their great achievement in becoming the 2A State Champions for 2018. Congratulations and good luck in their future endeavors.

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 19, 2018. Council member Vela asked questions regarding the City Managers comments. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

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

1. There was no citizen participation.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Second 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 SECOND READING: Vela

SECOND: Goodwin

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Liquor Licenses.**

1. **Application for Renewal of a Tavern Liquor License by Eagle Lanes LLC, d/b/a Eagle Lanes, 2420 San Juan Avenue.** 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 TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE BY EAGLE LANES LLC, D/B/A EAGLE LANES, 2420 SAN JUAN AVENUE: Goodwin

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

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

2. **Application for Modification of a 3.2% Beer Retail Liquor License (floor plans to add additional refrigeration and shelving for beer) by Safeway Stores 46 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. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A MODIFICATION OF A 3.2% BEER RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE BY SAFEWAY STORES 46 INC., D/B/A SAFEWAY STORES #3723, 315 W. 2ND STREET: McIntyre

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

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

B. Committee/Board Reports

1. Council Member Vela (Sr. Citizens Board):
 - Toured the brewery and watched operations.
2. Council Member McIntyre (AVRMC Board):
 - AVRMC action summary was included in packets.
 - Joint board meeting will be Tuesday, January 29th at 6:00 p.m.
3. Council Member Lovato (Tree Board):
 - Talked about advertising for the 50/50 tree program in utility bills.
 - April 25th will be Arbor Day at the Primary School on Topeka.
 - The City is ranked in top 5 for Tree City USA (37 years).
 - 52 trees were planted on City properties in 2018.
 - Two trees were removed at City Park and still have a few more.

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4. Council Member Goodwin: Contacted the local VFW group and they have no bad feedback and are willing to work with us regarding the request of name change of Veteran's Field. Council Member Vela said that American Legion 9 is interested as well.

A. City Manager's Comments

1. Working on King Arroyo underneath the railroad structure.

Additional Topics Discussed:

- Potholes

B. City Attorney's Comments

1. Always a privilege.

C. Governing Body's Comments

1. Mayor Pruyn:
 - We have been invited to apply to be a Creative District.
 - Planning a work session on February 4th to include the Chamber, Urban Renewal and Tourism. Afterwards, there will be a Town Hall meeting.
 - Excited to participate in recycling. Clean Valley Recycling has accepted a bid offer which will be presented to council.
 - Parade of Lights was great. Thank you to Cynthia for decorating the C.O.R.E. Building.
 - Suggestion was given about planting a big spruce tree at the Plaza to be decorated every year by the community.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk