

*Subject to approval at the  
February 12, 2019  
City Council Meeting*

CITY OF LA JUNTA            )  
COUNTY OF OTERO        )       SS  
STATE OF COLORADO       )

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Utilities Commissioners of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Chairman Lorenz Sutherland on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. in the Power Board Room of the Municipal Building.

Roll was called and the following Board Members were present:

Present            Jim Goodwin, Commissioner  
                      Jeffri Pruyne, Mayor  
                      P. Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman

Absent:            Mike Bourget, Commissioner  
                      Frank McKenzie, Vice-Chairman

Also present:     Rick Klein, City Manager  
                      Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager  
                      Melanie Scofield, City Clerk  
                      Tom Seaba, Director of Water/Wastewater  
                      Rick Gumke, Line Crew Chief  
                      Darren Adame, Director of Engineering  
                      Edward Vela, Council Member  
                      Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative  
                      Kathy DelRio, La Junta  
                      Bette McFarren, Tribune Democrat

#### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Sutherland asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2018. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as published.

#### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

1. Edward Vela: Made a request if those in attendance at the ARPA Board meetings would be able to give a report. Also, it would be nice if it were listed as an agenda item.

#### REPORTS

**A. Water & Wastewater Treatment.** Tom Seaba gave the following report:

1. R.O. Plant
  - New security gate installed.
  - Cleaned chlorine tanks and lines.
  - Clearwell inspected.
  - Beginning prep work for membrane replacement on skid "B".
  - Plant maintenance.
2. Distribution
  - Continue working with contractors at Primary School and Lewis Bolt & Nut construction.
  - Repaired main leaks: 18<sup>th</sup> & Santa Fe and two on East 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Installing new radio read meters.
  - Equipment maintenance.
3. Wastewater
  - Reorganization and repair of plant maintenance shop.
  - Treated 29.38 million gallons. Removed 20 ft<sup>3</sup> of screenings and 16 ft<sup>3</sup> of grit.

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- Jetted 1,416 feet of main in connection to seven emergency calls.
  - New plant rated at 84% complete.
4. All Departments
- Safety meeting for Slips & Falls.
  - Training with the Colorado Rural Water circuit rider held at water department.
  - Yearly water and wastewater monitoring test bids completed. Wastewater will use ACZ; water will use SGS Accutest.

**B. Power Distribution.** Rick Gumke gave the following report in Reuben's absence:

1. Line Crew
- Bore in new line at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cimarron Avenue.
  - Dug in a line for 409 and 411 Kiva Court.
  - Finished up at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Cimarron Avenue for Viaero.
  - Put the Super Save in at 411 Kiva Court in order to dig a new underground service for that address.
  - Covered up a line at Hampton Inn for work being performed on their sign.
  - Changed the transformer at 808 Belmont Avenue due to damage. It has previously been installed three weeks prior.
  - Put in 100 new radio read meters. The read list is getting smaller. We're at about 98% complete with this project.

**C. Power Plant.** Bill Jackson gave the following report:

1. HDR has furnished us with near final blue prints which are required for them to take out to bid for the distributive side.

**D. Sanitation.** Darren Adame gave the following report:

1. December report.

	Month to Date	Month to Date	Over/Under	Year to Date	Year to Date	Over/Under
<b>December 2018</b>	2018	2017	<b>Month</b>	2018	2017	<b>Year</b>
Special Pickups	3	1	<b>2</b>	43	86	<b>(43)</b>
40 Yd Box Service	11	7	<b>4</b>	194	173	<b>21</b>
20 Yd Box Service	9	14	<b>(5)</b>	122	126	<b>(4)</b>
Overages on Boxes	5	0	<b>5</b>	72	0	<b>72</b>
Containers from Shop	0	0	<b>0</b>	18	28	<b>(10)</b>
Compactor Box Service	3	3	<b>0</b>	46	46	<b>0</b>
New Dumpsters Rent	0	0	<b>0</b>	10	13	<b>(3)</b>
New 40 Yd Box Rent	1	0	<b>1</b>	30	29	<b>1</b>
New 20 Yd Box Rent	0	3	<b>(3)</b>	44	38	<b>6</b>
Bagster	0	0	<b>0</b>	1	0	<b>1</b>
Residential Accounts	2576	2601	<b>(25)</b>	2575	2606	<b>(31)</b>
Commercial Accounts	1090	1125	<b>(35)</b>	1113	1130	<b>(17)</b>
Municipal Accounts	87	85	<b>2</b>	87	85	<b>2</b>

2. The \$5.00 charge for extra totes will be effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. Notifications will be sent with utility bills.
3. OCLI Site 1 is getting really close.
4. Demolition of Reggie's should begin by the end of the week, followed by A&W and then the hotel.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Election of Officers for 2019**

1. **Chairman.** The chair opened the floor for nominations. Goodwin nominated Lorenz Sutherland for Chairman. Hearing no further nominations, the chairman closed nominations and called for the vote. Lorenz Sutherland was unanimously elected as Chairman.
2. **Vice-Chairman.** The chair opened the floor for nominations. Pruyn nominated Frank McKenzie for Vice-Chairman. Hearing no further nominations, the chairman closed the nominations and called for the vote. Frank McKenzie was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman.

**B. City Manager's Comments.**

1. Will be going to the Capital with Tom Seaba to testify in regards to two bills concerning dredging the Arkansas River. Senator Larry Crowder would also like us to talk about the conduit.

**C. City Attorney's Comments.**

1. Not in attendance.

**D. Governing Body's Comments.**

1. Mayor Pruyn: Would like to invite everyone to the open house of our CORE Center on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be tours and refreshments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

ATTEST:

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P. Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk