



CITY OF LA JUNTA)
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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, February 13, 2018, 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 Mike Bourget, Commissioner
Jim Goodwin, Commissioner
Frank McKenzie, Vice-Chairman
Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
P. Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman

Absent: none

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Tom Seaba, Administrative Coordinator
Reuben DeLeon, Electric Superintendent
Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
Aliza Libby-Tucker, Director of Finance
Rick Rigel, ARPA Manager
Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
Elaine McIntyre, Council Member
Edward Vela, Council Member
Heather, Tri-County Housing
Bette McFarren, Tribune-Democrat

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING POSITIONS RELATIVE TO MATTERS THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS, DEVELOPING STRATEGY FOR NEGOTIATIONS, AND/OR INSTRUCTING NEGOTIATORS, UNDER C.R.S. §24-6-402 (4) (E): McKenzie

SECOND: Bourget

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0

The Utilities Board went into Executive Session at 4:03 p.m. The session ended at 4:36 p.m., and the regular meeting was reconvened.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Sutherland asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 9, 2018. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no citizen participation.

REPORTS

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

1. R.O. Plant
 - Pump motor for well #10 burned up. Researching a new high efficiency motor for replacement.
 - Preventative maintenance on all wells, with repairs on wells 2, 3, 4 and 8.
 - Drained and cleaned chlorine storage tank.
 - Chemical cleaning of all RO membranes. This will be the second cleaning for RO train "B" in hopes the dropping/inconsistent pressures will stabilize.
2. Distribution
 - Replacing the service line to Red Lion Inn and Dickies BBQ to separate services.
 - Repaired service leaks.
 - Off season maintenance on heavy equipment.
 - Meter reading.
3. Wastewater
 - Jetted 9,094 feet of sewer main throughout city based on emergency calls; will begin annual jetting program in March.
 - Repair/replacement of current effluent line and additional emergency repairs completed on January 26th.
 - WFI near completion of the clean, cut, and camera of city mains on west end of city to include Wal-Mart and surrounding mains. Weather pending, project should be completed by the end of next week.
 - New construction continues ahead of schedule. As of January 30th, the plant is 23% complete.
4. All Departments
 - Meghan Yergert is the new Water Treatment Operator Apprentice at the R.O. Plant.
 - Departmental safety training begins February 22nd.

B. Power Plant & Distribution. Reuben DeLeon gave the following report:

1. Line Crew
 - Performing line maintenance on the AB 52-7 which is the Air Base circuit. The crew has replaced some poles, cross-arms and hardware as needed.
 - Also the crew has been working on the G 52-20 which is the Gardner circuit out to Wal-Mart changing cross-arms and hardware as needed.
 - The Crew has been working at the old Gibson building; upgrading the primary service to get it ready for the new hemp business going in at that site.
 - The Line Crew continues to read meters and install new radio read meters as we receive them from the vendor. More residential meters are going to be ordered by the end of February.
 - The Crew replaced a 25 KVA transformer in the fourteen hundred block of Lincoln as the transformer failed. Customers were out for approximately eight hours with half power due to the fact that the line crew was not notified until seven o'clock the next morning.
2. Steps for Plant Decommissioning
 - Distributed Generation should be installed at the locations provided by HDR Engineering before decommissioning begins.
 - City of La Junta Utility Board would have to approve the decommissioning of the La Junta Power Plant along with the funding to do the decommissioning in the figure of \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000.
 - La Junta would have to meet the needs of the CDPHE to close our title 5 Air permit and the Department of Labor to close the Diesel fuel storage permit.
 - La Junta would have to remove all means to start the engines, removal all fuel sources and the electrical connections for the Air permit.
 - The fuel storage may require us to have an environmental assessment of the site to make sure we did not have oil that leaked into the ground.

- We would have to reclaim the engine oil and or fuel, but believe this can be done over time if we burn it in our existing oil heaters.

C. Sanitation. Darren Adame gave the following report:

1. Year-to-date numbers are as follows:
 - Special pickups up by 1
 - 40-yard boxes up by 3
 - 20-yard boxes up by 4
 - Containers from the shop remained the same
 - Compactor Box Service remained the same
 - New dumpster up by 1
 - New 40-yard box rents down by 2
 - New 20-yard box rents up by 2

NEW BUSINESS

A. City Manager's Comments.

1. When you get a change, you should walk the Arroyo. Darren's crew has made tremendous gains on that and we're going to be able to pass a flood like we have never been able to before.
2. Heather with Tri-County Housing says they have a new marketing ploy they would like to try and asked for mailing addresses from the Utility Department.

B. City Attorney's Comments.

1. Not present.

C. Governing Body's Comments.

1. There were no governing body comments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

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ATTEST:

P. Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk