

*Subject to approval at the
April 10, 2018
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, March 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
Frank McKenzie, Vice-Chairman
Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
P. Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman

Absent: Jim Goodwin, Commissioner

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Tom Seaba, Administrative Coordinator
Rick Gumke, Line Crew Chief
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
Kathy DelRio, La Junta (4:24 p.m.)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Chairman Sutherland asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2018. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as published.

UPDATED BANK REFINANCING

Rick Rigel with ARPA emphasized how critical it is to get all members (Holly, Springfield, Las Animas, Lamar and La Junta) approval for the bond refinancing through the approval of a resolution by City Council.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL TO FAVORABLY PASS THE BOND REFINANCING RESOLUTUION: McKenzie

SECOND: Bourget

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (Goodwin absent)

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no citizen participation.

REPORTS

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

1. R.O. Plant
 - Chemical cleaning of RO membranes complete.
 - Installed new Clortec generating cells.
 - Preventative maintenance on raw and finished water panels and other in-line systems.
 - Building maintenance.
2. Distribution
 - Storage tanks inspected.
 - Repairing known service leaks.
 - Meter reading.
3. Wastewater
 - Plant treated effluent flow discharged 29.61 million gallons and removed 26 feet of screenings and grit.
 - Grit collector motor failed. New motor installed on 03/12/18.
 - Flushed/jetted/cleaned 92,431 feet of sewer main throughout the city.
 - New plant progress listed at 28% complete.
4. All Departments
 - Chlorine safety training.
 - Assisting Police Department and East Otero School District with drill on 03/15/18.

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

1. Line Crew
 - Working on line maintenance on the AB 52-7 which is the Air Base circuit. The crew has also been doing work on G52-20 which is the Gardner Sub and the LP 52-2 which is the Light Plant Sub. The crew has replaced poles, crossarms, hardware and equipment as needed.
 - The crew continues to read meters and install new radio read meters as we receive the meters from the vendor. Additional meters have been ordered and will be set in place as soon as we receive them.
 - The crew has tested all of the fiber glass Hot Sticks and all grounding equipment. All sticks and grounds did pass the test.
 - The line crew added two of the 150 HPT light fixtures for customers that were having trouble with individuals coming onto the property at night.
 - The crew also did some prep work at 2nd and Cimarron to get ready for the new tower being erected by Viaero. The street light pole has been moved and water, sewer and gas have been located.

C. Sanitation. Darren Adame gave the following report:

1. Year-to-date numbers are as follows:
 - Special pickups down by 12
 - 40-yard boxes up by 7
 - 20-yard boxes up by 8
 - Containers from the shop down by 3
 - Compactor Box Service down by 1
 - New dumpster up by 1
 - New 40-yard box rents down by 4
 - New 20-yard box rents up by 1
2. Continue to wait for the new trucks to arrive.
3. OCLI is running good.

NEW BUSINESS

A. **City Manager's Comments.**

1. Commended Aliza (Director of Finance) on all the hard work with the new ADG system taking us paperless.
2. Thanked Darren (Director of Engineering) on all of the work on the GIS system.
3. There will be a Disc Golf tournament held on April 28, 2018.

B. **City Attorney's Comments.**

1. Not present.

C. **Governing Body's Comments.**

1. Chairman Sutherland: La Junta will be hosting the 24th Annual Arkansas Basin Water Forum on April 11 and 12. There will be three tours: highlights of the R.O. Plant, Rocky Ford Innovative Water Technologies and Hanagan Farms on drip system farming.

Rick Klein and Bill Jackson will be co-managers in decommissioning the power plant. The Board would like a project plan by May's meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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ATTEST:

P. Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk