

*Subject to approval at the
July 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, June 12, 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
 Phil Malouff Jr., City Attorney
 Debra Fraker, Admin. Asst.
 Reuben DeLeon, Electric Superintendent
 Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
 Aliza Libby-Tucker, Director of Finance
 Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
 Elaine McIntyre, Council Member
 Edward Vela, Council Member
 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 May 8, 2018 or the Special Meeting of May 14, 2018. Hearing none, he declared both meeting minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

There was no citizen participation.

REPORTS

A. Water & Wastewater Treatment. Rick Klein gave the following report in Tom's absence:

1. R.O. Plant
 - Personnel assisted the WWTP by decommissioning and removing most components from the old pump house at the Lewis Bolt & Nut Anchor Plant.
 - Well #6 failed to start; fuses replaced.
 - Quarterly storage tank inspections completed.
 - Chemical pump, degassifiers, and raw and finished water panels received routine maintenance.
2. Distribution
 - Installed new fire hydrant at 3rd and Smithland. Previous one was destroyed in a car accident.
 - Completed new service to "Train Hill."
 - Installing up to 80 radio-read meters received earlier this year.

3. Wastewater

- Plant treated effluent flow discharged 32.051 million gallons and removed 30 ft³ of screenings and 1 ft³ of grit.
- Jetted 8,364 feet of main for service calls; 23,010 feet for annual jetting program.
- New cooling fans and service on VFD's (Variable-frequency drive) motors in the blower room.
- New plant progress listed at 46% complete.

4. All Departments

- Meter reading.
- Monthly safety meeting on "Lock-Out, Tag-Out" procedures and practices.
- Nine employees attended certification on June 8th. Results will be available in 3-5 weeks.
- Tom attending Water Quality Control Commission hearings in Salida concerning selenium limits and the renewal of a Discharger Specific Variance (DSV) for La Junta for selenium discharge.
- Water sales are good. The conditions of our water supply (well levels) is good, water storage is good.
- Good water practices (ie: conservation) is always a good idea. Our area is in drought conditions, but as noted, the City of La Junta water supply is in good shape.

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

1. Line Crew

- Continue to read meters and install new radio read meters. We are right at one hundred percent for residential meters at this time.
- The crew set a new pole on South San Juan along with a 25 KVA transformer to feed the new home being built at 3414 San Juan. The contractor will feed the home with a new underground service from a pedestal at the road.
- Started tree trimming on the LP52-4 which is the eastside circuit and will continue east until done.
- Installed four more street light bases along 3rd Street and will replace four more steel poles along 3rd Street with aluminum poles.
- Set three flag pole bases for the American Legion Post 9 at the cemetery for funeral services.

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

1. HDR engineer has finalized the contract for tasks 2 & 3 which is the decommissioning of the plant and the distributed generation project. The portion of the decommissioning has gone up about \$25,000 - \$29,000 because of senior personnel working on the project now. We have formally started the process.

D. Sanitation. Darren Adame gave the following report:

1. Year-to-date numbers are as follows:

- Special pickups down by 19
- 40-yard boxes up by 4
- 20-yard boxes up by 3
- Containers from the shop down by 10
- Compactor Box Service down by 1
- New dumpster up by 3
- New 40-yard box rents down by 4
- New 20-yard box rents up by 7

2. Two Bagsters are currently out.

3. New sanitation trucks are operating well.

4. Everything at OCLI continues to be great.

NEW BUSINESS

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

1. No comments.

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

1. Landowner liability for unpaid utilities – There was no discussion.

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

1. Chairman Sutherland: Would like to review the most recent Purchase Power Agreement that was discussed at last night's special meeting. See "Model Forecast Input Data" sheet. After lengthy discussion the following motion was made.

MOTION TO RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL FAVORABLY ACCEPT THE PURCHASE POWER AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEAST COLORADO POWER: Goodwin

SECOND: Bourget

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion

VOTE: Those voting YES – Bourget, Goodwin, McKenzie, Sutherland

Those voting NO – Pruyn

The motion carried 4-1

2. Commissioner Bourget: Would like Aliza to gather information regarding how the utility department acquired such a large bad debt and why it is just coming up now. How many accounts attributed to this delinquency? Is there a specific group of people? How many landlords are within this number?

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

ATTEST:

P. Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk