



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, November 14, 2017, 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
P. Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman

Absent: Lynn Horner, Mayor
Scott Monarco, Commissioner

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Phil Malouff Jr., City Attorney
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Tom Seaba, Water/WW Quality Tech
Joe Kelley, Director of Water & Wastewater
Reuben DeLeon, Electric Superintendent
Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
Aliza Libby-Tucker, Director of Finance
Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
Edward Vela, Council Member
Aimee Hill, Engineering
Jim Goodwin, Council Member
Elaine McIntyre, La Junta
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 October 10, 2017 or the Special Meeting of October 19, 2017. Hearing none on both, he declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

A citizen voiced his concerns regarding the dormant fee on utility accounts. He asked the Board to reconsider how much the amount will have to be because an additional \$60.00 fee is too much to ask from people who are on limited incomes.

REPORTS

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

1. R.O. Plant
 - The large chlorine tank was installed. All work was done in-house at a savings of almost \$10,000.
 - We replaced the primary chlorine injector. The new injector was fabricated in-house at a fraction of the cost of purchasing off the shelf.
 - All storage tanks have undergone a comprehensive inspection and are awaiting the final reports.

2. Distribution
 - We are currently going through the list of known service leaks and repairing them. These are the smaller leaks in the meter pits.
 - Two new services were repaired, one of which was an unknown lead line.
 - We are also working on adjusting the service on the new SECOM building at the Industrial Park.
3. Wastewater
 - Jetted 3,161 feet of main with an additional 13,911 feet of annual jetting completed.
 - E-coli returned in the plant effluent line. Extensive research was done and on the plan details of the 1957 plant expansion, we found a cross connection that should have been eliminated at the time of discovery. We inspected it and discovered the valve had finally failed. Moltz Construction dug up the line, cut it, capped it, and secured it with concrete.
 - New construction continues.
4. All Departments
 - Five employees will be attending training at OJC on Thursday, November 16th. The class is sponsored by Colorado Rural Water.

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

1. Electric Line Crew
 - The Line Crew has changed the electric service at the old Southeast building and Dodge Dealership which was serviced by Southeast Colorado Power and is now serviced by the City of La Junta.
 - The Crew has checked all of the Christmas decorations and the decorations have all been hung and will be energized just before Thanksgiving.
 - The Crew has replaced a street light pole at Highway 50 and Steen Avenue that was hit by a trucker. The pole is now back in service.
 - The Line Crew has also been doing some line maintenance on the G52-20 which feeds out to the Wal-Mart area and also the AB52-7 which is a circuit that feeds out of the Airbase Substation. Hardware is being secured and poles being replaced if needed along with insulators and arresters.
 - The Crew has installed five new residential rental lights in the City and at one commercial building for more security as the commercial building and its transformer were broken into and all the copper wire was taken.
2. The first phase of the SCADA system should be online this Friday.

C. Sanitation. Darren Adame gave the following report:

1. Year-to-date numbers are as follows:
 - Special pickups up by 15
 - 40-yard boxes up by 42
 - 20-yard boxes up by 49
 - Containers from the shop up by 5
 - Compactor Box Service up by 19
 - New dumpster up by 12
 - New 40-yard box rents up by 28
 - New 20-yard box rents up by 27
2. We purchased two new sanitation trucks that should be here in the beginning of March.
3. We are starting a pilot program for our special pick-ups with Bagster Bag.
4. Everything is going good at OCLI.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **A Resolution Concerning the Rescinding of Moratorium of Water Use for Outside Users.**
Resolution No. RUB-6-2017 was presented for the Board's consideration as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta provides water services as part of its municipal functions to the citizens of the City of La Junta, and in some cases to persons or entities located outside the City limits of the City of La Junta; and

WHEREAS, the policies of the Board of Utilities Commissioners of the City of La Junta provide that the City of La Junta may, in certain cases, provide water services to persons living outside the City of La Junta ("Outside Users"); and

WHEREAS, the City previously (on September 9, 2003) limited, the providing of water to outside users (Moratorium);

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of rescinding the Moratorium.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED as follows:

- A. That Section 2 and Section 4 of the Water Policies of the Board of Utilities Commissioners of the City of La Junta pertain to the providing of water services to outside the city limit users; and that said allocation of water services to outside users is hereby approved, pending further action by this Board.
- B. The recession of the previously mentioned moratorium shall be effective immediately upon passage of this Resolution by the Board of Utilities Commissioners.
- C. The Board of Utilities Commissioners reserves the right to accept or deny any future request, based upon criteria to include but not limited to the interests of the City of La Junta, the City's ability to provide water services to the location, and advantages to the City in providing those services, and other considerations as the Board may determine.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. RUB-6-2017: McKenzie

SECOND: Bourget

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 (Horner and Monarco absent)

- B. A Resolution Changing the Pricing of Water and Sewer for the City of La Junta; Providing for an Effective Date of the New Rates; Providing for the Repeal of Conflicting Resolutions.** Resolution No. RUB-7-2017 was presented for the Board's consideration:

WHEREAS, the Board of Utilities Commissioners of the City of La Junta has created policies with regard to the administration of the various funds and with regard to the operating of the Utility Department of the City of La Junta; and

WHEREAS, Appendix A of the Utility Board Policy pertains to "Schedule of Rates for Water"; and

WHEREAS, Part II of the Utility Board Policy pertains to "Schedule of Rates for Sewer"; and

WHEREAS, from time to time it is necessary to update and amend the policy so as to provide quality customer service to its customers; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED as follows:

SECTION I. Appendix A of the Utility Board Policy of the City of La Junta is hereby revised as to following additional amendment for water rates:

SECTION II. Part II of the Utility Board Policy of the City of La Junta is hereby revised as to following additional amendment for sewer rates:

SECTION III. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. This resolution shall become effective for billing cycles ending after December 1, 2017.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. RUB-7-2017: McKenzie

SECOND: Bourget

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 (Horner and Monarco absent)

- C. Approval for ARPA Scholarship in the amount of \$500.00.** All member cities offer scholarships with ARPA matching each city.

MOTION TO APPROVE ARPA SCHOLARSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00: McKenzie

SECOND: Bourget

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 (Horner and Monarco absent)

D. Christmas Lighting Contest in the amount of \$600.00 to be distributed as follows: \$300 for First Place; \$200 for Second Place and \$100 for Third Place.

MOTION TO APPROVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600.00 TO BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS: \$300 FOR FIRST PLACE; \$200 FOR SECOND PLACE AND \$100 FOR THIRD PLACE: McKenzie

SECOND: Bourget

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

VOTE: The motion carried 3-0 (Horner and Monarco absent)

E. Declaration of Utilities Board vacancy. Chairman Sutherland informed the Board that Scott Monarco did not run in the election making his seat vacant. We will have administration advertise for the seat asking for letters of interest.

F. City Manager's Comments.

1. It's been a busy year.
2. We took down another house on 8th Street.
3. I attended a meeting with different urban renewal boards and they liked our two new ordinances.

G. City Attorney's Comments.

1. I have been working on a final draft of the Utility Board Policy. A total re-codification will be presented at December's meeting to be effective January 1st.

H. Governing Body's Comments.

1. Chairman Sutherland: Thanked Council Member McKenzie for his service.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

ATTEST:

P. Lorenz Sutherland, Chairman

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk