CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Mayor Jeffri Pruyn on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Mayor led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: Council Member McIntyre gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

Eugene Mestas, Ward 1
Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
Shannon Lovato, Ward 2
Edward Vela, Ward 3

Absent: Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Phil Malouf Jr, City Attorney
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Todd Quick, Chief of Police
Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
Paula Mahoney, Administration
Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
Danya Harrell, 601 W. 14th St
David Eckhart, 1701 Carson Ave
Johnnie DeLeon, 1420 W. 5th St
Diane Fowler, 15 W. 22nd
Robert Fowler, 15 W. 22nd
Lynn Horner, 515 San Juan Ave
Karen & Dave Hill, 2505 Carson Ave
Gilbert Leyba, 511 Lincoln Ave
Dee Leyba, 511 Lincoln Ave
Elena Ramsay, 511 Lincoln Ave
Bette McFarren, La Junta Tribune Democrat

PROCLAMATION – ARBOR DAY: Mayor Pruyn signed a proclamation declaring April 25, 2019 as Arbor Day. There will be a celebration at the Primary School at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION: Health Service District. Johnnie DeLeon, President and Chairman, provided a progress update. The volunteer and elected board members are as follows: Diane Fowler, Secretary; Janet Hill, Treasurer; Dr. Paul Yoder, Vice Chairman and Asst. Secretary Treasurer; and Lynn Horner, Vice Chairman and Asst. Secretary Treasurer. There is also one part time (20 hours) paid staff: Adela Licano, Administrative Aide. The presentation focused on the forming of the La Junta Health Service District, its vision, its mission, who is the customer and community conversations. Mr. DeLeon also shared the District's beginning financials, along with various nursing home models, timelines and next steps. Meetings are held at the CSU Forest Service building every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 1, 2019. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 minute time limit per person):
1. There was no citizen participation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Second Reading/ AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LOAN FROM THE COLORADO WATER RESOURCES AND POWER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO THE CITY OF LA JUNTA ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS WASTEWATER ENTERPRISE IN THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED $3,000,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF CERTAIN WASTEWATER FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE FORM AND EXECUTION OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY BOND TO EVIDENCE SUCH LOAN; DELEGATING TO CERTAIN AUTHORIZED OFFICERS THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE, WITHIN CERTAIN PARAMETERS, CERTAIN FINANCIAL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE LOAN; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THERewith. The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Vela
SECOND: Mestas
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion
VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Eckhart, Goodwin absent)

NEW BUSINESS
A. Application for a Special Event Permit by Otero Museum Association, Roy Fritch, Event Manager. The event is the museum’s annual benefit to be held April 27, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 218 Anderson Avenue. The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. The appropriate fee has been tendered and the premises have been posted. The City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO OTERO MUSEUM ASSOCIATION FOR THE MUSEUM’S ANNUAL BENEFIT TO BE HELD APRIL 27, 2019 FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.: Mestas
SECOND: Lovato
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion
VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Eckhart, Goodwin absent)

B. Committee/Board Reports
1. Council Member Vela (Design Committee):
   - We have another piano but we don’t know if we can accept it because Marianne Hale is not sure she’s going to have the same building.
   - Next meeting will be April 24th at the CORE Center at 5:00 p.m.
   - Please get your designs in for what you would like to see in the Wellness Park.
   - Downtown Beautification: there’s a dead tree between Six Star and the old Sears building.

2. Council Member McIntyre (AVRMC Board):
   - Met with a group of artists trying to save the SW Chief, Koshare Museum offered transportation. They will be continuing on through the month to California for a convention.
3. Council Member Vela (Southern Colorado Tourism District): A get together was held being entertained by the Koshares. We then went on a trip from here to Lathrop State Park then to Trinidad and back home. Along the way presentations were given and a lot of interesting information shared. One thing we need is more volunteers.

4. Mayor Pruyn (DCI in Aspen): “Design Challenges” is where a problem is brought up in a community and then the other communities try to help come up with a solution.

C. City Manager’s Comments
1. Received a request from Southeast Health Group to utilize the south gazebo and lawn area of the City Park to celebrate Children’s Mental Health Day with Goat Yoga, along with games, prizes, music and snacks.

MOTION TO ALLOW SOUTHEAST HEALTH GROUP TO UTILIZE THE SOUTH GAZEBO AND LAWN AREA FOR GOAT YOGA, GAMES, PRIZES, MUSIC AND SNACKS BEING FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL CLEAN UP AFTER THE EVENT: Lovato

SECONd: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Eckhart, Goodwin absent)

2. Soccer: 450 signed up, 37 teams, (15 teams of Pre-K and K)
3. April 22nd will be Cemetery clean up; two head stones were hit.
4. The Veteran’s Field box was broken into.
6. Never lost any power during this last wind storm.
7. The Electric Department has put the transformer up for the new Sonic.
8. The restaurant at the Golf Course is open seven days a week from 11:00 – 3:00 p.m.
9. A new water main was put in for Sonic and runs from 4th to Hayes.
10. New signs will be going up in town.
11. Chip Seal will be on Cimarron from 16th – 22nd Streets.
12. Ordered an asphalt trailer that will be able to hold asphalt overnight and then re-heat in the morning.
13. EPA will be here May 6th. Properties for demolition: 1119 Smithland, 1501 Edison, 122 Carson and 218 Dalton.

D. City Attorney’s Comments
1. A Resolution Determining Certain Real Property of the City to be Surplus Property. Resolution No. R-9-2019 was presented for Council’s consideration as follows:

WHEREAS, the City is a Home Rule City organized under the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the City owns certain real property described as follows: Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 56 West of the 6th P.M.:

A parcel located within said Section 13 being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point commending at the E/4 of Section 13, thence S.89°47’W. 900 feet; N.0°5’W. 300 feet; N.89°47’E. 400 feet; S.0°5’E. 285 feet; N.89°47’E. 500 feet; S.0°5’E. 15 feet to the point of beginning, in Otero County, Colorado more particularly consisting of approximately 2.93 acres.

More commonly known as 28647 County Road 25, Rocky Ford, Colorado 81067.
WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the real property has no utility for municipal purposes to the City and as such is surplus property; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO as follows:
1. The City determines that the property described above is surplus property.
2. The City authorizes the City Manager to solicit bids from prospective purchasers to purchase the property.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-9-2019: Vela
SECOND: Mestas
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion
VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Eckhart, Goodwin absent)

E. Governing Body’s Comments
1. Council Member Lovato:
   - Asked about the progress of putting benches at the pond. Rick will look into what it will take to keep it historic.
   - After the benches, we need to look at the tennis courts.
2. Council Member Vela:
   - Have a piano available. It will be dropped off at the City Park band stand.
3. Mayor Pruyn:
   - Asked about the sound system for downtown. Rick is thinking about wireless FM receivers.
4. Council member Vela:
   - Don’t forget about the first Wake-Up Breakfast tomorrow morning.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO AN 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): Mestas
SECOND: Lovato
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion
VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Eckhart, Goodwin absent)

Council went into Executive Session from 8:28 p.m. until 10:02 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk