CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Mayor Jeffry Pruyn on Monday, May 20, 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
Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
Jeffry Pruyn, Mayor
Shannon Lovato, Ward 2
Edward Vela, Ward 3

Absent: Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Also present:
Rick Klein, City Manager
Phil Malouff Jr., City Attorney
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Todd Quick, Chief of Police
Aliza Libby-Tucker, Director of Finance
Cynthia Nieb, ED/UR Director
Paula Mahoney, Administration
Brad Swartz, Director of Park & Recreation
Brock Hinkhouse, Recreation Coordinator
Mike Hasty, LJPD
Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
Cheryl Lindner, 16 E. 22nd St
Christian Burney, La Junta Tribune Democrat

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 6, 2019. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 minute time limit per person):
1. Mike Hasty, LJPD: Invited council to this year’s Citizens’ Police Academy. (Information attached)

REPORTS
A. Economic Development/Urban Renewal Update. Cynthia Nieb reported on Urban Renewal, Main Street, Economic Development, Community Development, Planning Commission and Speaking & Outreach. (Report attached)

B. Parks/Recreation Update. Brad Swartz and Brock Hinkhouse reported on the following:
- Includes five different departments – Parks, Recreation, Senior Center, Transit, Cemetery.
- Have a $1.5 million budget.
- We have 50-60 full-time and part-time employees from April to Mid-August.
- Minimum wage has really hurt these departments in the last two years.
• Very conservative with capital improvements this year. These funds come from Conservation Trust – Lottery Dollars.
• Youth recreation: volleyball, soccer, football, basketball)
  o Coaches are volunteers
  o Equipment/gear is certified
  o Concussion tests/training
• Swimming Pool: Opens May 31st
  o Twenty lifeguards
  o Used for Tiger Sharks, water class, swim lessons, open swim, private classes)
• Senior Center: average 100 people per day
  o Currently 438 members
  o From January – March there have been 7,430 people through the door
  o Rockies games
  o Cheraw prom
  o Dances every Friday night
  o Water aerobics
  o Exercise classes three times per week with over fifty people attending
• Transit: Ridership has increased 1,800 people in the last two years
• Parks/Cemetery: 150 acres of greenway
  o Six ball fields used every day of the week
  o As of today, there has been 110 games played
  o Added 600 feet of red walking path
  o Cemetery usually has around 1,500 – 2,000 visitors during Memorial Day weekend

NEW BUSINESS
A. A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property. Resolution No. R-10-2019 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 desires to purchase certain real property described as follows:
  Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 8 in Lofland Second Filing to the City of La Junta, as shown by the recorded plat thereof. TOGETHER WITH that portion of vacated alley lying West of and adjacent to said Lots, as vacated by Ordinance No. 337358 recorded May 2, 1950 in Book 455 at Page 561 of the Otero County, Colorado records.

  WHEREAS, the City described to purchase the same from Robert B. Barnhart and Colleen M. Barnhart.

  BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO as follows:
  1. The City authorizes the City Manager to execute documents to purchase real property from Robert B. Barnhart and Colleen M. Barnhart in exchange for the gross sum of $500.00 and closing costs to be paid by the City.
  2. The resolution is enacted by the City Council of the City of La Junta.
B. A Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Bank Account. Resolution No. R-11-2019 was presented for council’s consideration as follows:

WHEREAS, the City maintains various bank accounts to hold City related monies; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta Police Reserve had acquired monies for use and maintenance of K-9 activities in conjunction with enforcement of police activities within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta Police Reserve desires to transfer its account to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta desires to open an account entitled “City of La Junta - K-9 Restricted”; and

WHEREAS, any Bank that is providing those services would require verification that such an activity is authorized by the City;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED as follows:

1. The City Manager, through the Director of Finance, may open an account in the name of the City entitled “City of La Junta - K-9 Restricted”, and deposit sums from time to time, and withdraw said sums from time to time, as directed within the budget process;

2. That the Director of Finance and the City Manager are authorized to execute all signature cards, deposit agreements, and any other documentation required of the bank, or any successor bank, to facilitate this transaction.

C. Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 1242 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA AS CONCERNS A REQUEST BY ROGER CLARK AND RENATE CLARK. The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Goodwin
SECOND: Mestas
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 6-0 (Eckhart absent)

D. Committee/Board Reports
   1. Council Member Vela
      (Senior Citizens Board): Will meet in a couple of weeks. They are on their New Orleans trip.
      (Design Committee): Will meet Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. at the Wellness Park. Hopefully some decisions can be made.
      (La Junta Cares): We have one house completed. We are short on volunteers.

E. City Manager’s Comments
   1. Rick and Ed went out to the LJ Raceway and Allan Lasater continues to do an amazing job.
   2. Fire Department’s State Engine has already helped with two grass fires.
   3. Fire Department started morning stretches that last around fifteen minutes.
   4. Working on the weeds.
   5. DeBourgh building has new HVAC and loading dock.
   6. Will have the underpass at Potter Park painted.
   7. Finishing off the great. We’re doing great.
   8. Kudos to the new Waste Water Treatment Facility starting up without a hitch.
   9. Enjoying seeing the buildings that are being demoed. The town is looking great.

F. City Attorney’s Comments
   1. Always a privilege.

G. Governing Body’s Comments
   1. Council Member Vela:
      • Encourage all to attend the Visioning meetings on Wednesday and Thursday.
      • Wake Up Breakfast tomorrow.
   2. Mayor Pruyn:
      • The first painted piano is in front of the CORE building.
      • Bike to Work Day is Wednesday June 26th.
      • Jon Schallert talks to entrepreneurs and helps them find their place – June 5th in Lamar.
      • Jim Goodwin and Jeffri Pruyn received awards for CML Muniversity.
      • Would like to meet with constituents again – looking at the week of June 24th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk
LA JUNTA POLICE DEPARTMENT’S CITIZENS’ POLICE ACADEMY

ABOUT THE CITIZEN’S ACADEMY:

The academy is designed to provide community members with an inside look at local law enforcement. While attending the academy, students will be introduced to a variety of topics as described in the curriculum outline.

The eleven week, twelve session academy program is designed to give citizens an overview of the police department’s function and operational procedures. The curriculum and teaching methods are similar to the traditional police academy; however, the weekly lessons are not designed to train the participants to be police officers.

Academy classes will be taught by police executives and veteran officers. Participants will have the opportunity to meet with Team LJPD. They are encouraged to ask questions and express ideas and concerns.

Selection Procedure & Requirements:

Citizen Police Academy participants are selected by the Chief of Police through an application process. Applications are available from the La Junta Police Department. Enrollment is limited to approximately 20 students per academy class.

Potential candidates for the Citizen Police Academy must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum age of 16 years (Parental consent required for candidates under 18)
- Live or work in the La Junta area

Special Note Concerning Curriculum:

It should be noted that you will be exposed to some visual material and language that may be graphic in nature.
Curriculum:

Session 1  Introduction
Session 2  Firearms & Driving Simulator Training
Session 3  Patrol Procedures
Session 4  Driving
Session 5  Dispatch, School Resource Officer & Code Enforcement
Session 6  Community Policing
Session 7  Court Operations, Colorado Revised Statutes & Search and Seizure-
Session 8  Criminal Investigations and Crime Scene
Session 9  K9, Reserves and Explorers
Session 10 Use of Force, Arrest Control & Simulator (Shoot Don't Shoot Scenarios)
Session 11 Traffic Stops and K9
Session 12 Firearms Training and Barbeque (4 hours)

In addition to the classroom curriculum the students have the opportunity to participate in a ride-
along with a La Junta Police Officer. During the ride-along the student will get a chance to
experience a patrol officer's job.

Additional Information:

- Classes will be held once a week on Tuesday evening from 7pm to approximately
  9 pm. The firearms training will be held for 4 hours on a weekend.
- Attendance of each session is critical to fully benefit from the citizens' academy. Any
  student who misses more than 3 sessions will not be recognized as
  completing the academy.
  o Students who do not complete 75% of the curriculum will be permitted to
    attend the remaining sessions, but will not be eligible for recognition
  o Students who complete the curriculum with less than 90% but more than
    74% will be eligible for a La Junta Citizens Police Academy Certificate of
    Recognition
  o Students who successfully complete 90% of the curriculum will receive a
    La Junta Citizens Police Academy Certificate of Completion.
  o Students who attend 100% of the curriculum will be recognized at a
    meeting of the La Junta City Council in addition to receiving the
    Certificate of Completion
- Dress Code:
  o Dress is business casual
  o Jeans are allowed
  o Shorts, tank tops, halter tops, etc are not permitted
La Junta Police Department

2019 Citizen Police Academy
Due to the sensitive nature of some subjects being presented in the La Junta Police Citizens Academy, a criminal history background check will be conducted on all Citizen Academy applicants. Applicants with a criminal history will be individually evaluated before being cleared to attend the academy.

The La Junta Police Department reserves the right to deny attendance based upon adverse criminal history information.

Please complete the application and return it to the La Junta Police Department either by dropping it off at the office, 601 Colorado Ave., or mailing it to PO Box 489, La Junta CO 81050. Applicants must live or work within the city limits of La Junta to qualify.

Once your application has been processed and approved you will receive a phone call or email indicating acceptance. This phone call/email will provide you with the date, time and location of the first class.

The information you provide below will be used as a basis for a criminal history check that will determine your eligibility for the La Junta Police Citizen Academy. Please make sure the information is as accurate as possible so as to help with timely completion of the criminal history check. All information on this application will be kept confidential.
LA JUNTA POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS' ACADEMY APPLICATION

You must be at least 16 years old to apply and attend. Applicants under 18 years old must have parental consent.

1. Name: ________________________________
   Last name                  First name                  Middle name

2. Present Address: ________________________________
   Street and PO Box, Apt. #
   City                                County                                State                                Zip code

3. Phone Numbers:
   ( ) ___________________________ ( ) ___________________________
   Home                                Work

4. Date of birth ___________________________

5. Email Address ___________________________
   Phone ☐    Email ☐    Preferred Contact Method

Please mark shirt size

Male ☐    Female ☐
   ___SM    ___MED    ___LG    ___XLG    ___XX    ___SM    ___MED    ___LG    ___XLG    ___XX

I hereby certify that I personally completed this application and that all information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misstatements of fact on this form will disqualify me as an applicant for the Citizens' Academy.

By accepting a seat in the La Junta Police Citizens' Academy, I give permission to the City of La Junta and the La Junta Police Department to use photographs and video clips that may include my image in public presentations and/or publications. I further understand that I will not receive compensation for the use of my photographic image in such presentations/publications.

I understand that the La Junta Police Department will be conducting a thorough criminal history check.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________
Nieb Update, 5/20/19

URBAN RENEWAL

- Trevor Herasingh, Shade Wright, Jeffri Pruyn, Nancy Bennett and I attended the Downtown Colorado, Inc. conference in Aspen from April 9th thru April 12th. As is traditional at DCI, we participated in a two-day problem-solving session for various communities including Eagle and Trinidad. Both communities walked away with several options for addressing their downtown revitalization and local professional theater sustainability. We also heard a bevy of speakers on the topic of equity in everyday life and in programming and economic development. The key message was that we need to provide people with what they need to thrive after talking with them, not assuming we know what is best for them. Equity also acknowledges that people may all be starting in different places—we aren’t all alike. The Colorado Tourism Office provided me with a $500 Professional Development Grant to help the City defray the costs of this conference.

- Urban Renewal is working on a couple of projects to improve the City of La Junta.
  - The first project is a parking lot next to the Chestnut Apartments. The Authority has approved the design for the parking lot. Urban Renewal will pay one-third of the parking lot, with the City of La Junta and Otero County providing the equivalent of two-thirds of the project with in-kind work. The parking lot will address safety issues on Santa Fe Avenue between 3rd and 4th streets.
  - The second project is the potential sale of the Urban Renewal lots that are in both unincorporated Otero County and the City of La Junta. RFPs will be accepted to develop these reduce-priced lots into businesses and/or residences that are well built and attractive, with a minimal appraisal value 18 months after the contract is signed. We are still working on the exact details, but the goal is to provide more housing and businesses to our city.
  - This is still in a formative stage, but we are researching the possibility of putting on musical events to provide downtown entertainment and raise money for Urban Renewal projects. Trevor Herasingh, an Urban Renewal member, is a former manager for the House of Blues in Denver, and he is working on this idea.

MAIN STREET

- Our Board is meeting on June 3 at noon to solidify our legal structure and review the results of the Downtown Visioning Sessions to determine next steps.

- We’ll be holding two visioning sessions at 207 ½ Colorado (that’s upstairs) on May 22: 5pm to 7pm, and May 23: 11:30am to 1:30pm
Light refreshments will be served.

Main Street La Junta is inviting anyone in La Junta to let their ideas be heard for potential implementation. You may attend either session, both sessions, or email Cynthia Nieb at cynthia.nieb@ojc.edu with your ideas if your schedule does not allow you to attend. A summary report will be published on Facebook to share the results.

Ideas presented will be organized under the four Main Street pillars for success: Economic Vitality, Design, Promotion, and Organization.

- The Main Street National Conference was held on March 24-28 in Seattle, Washington. Over 1700 attendees from all over the nation sat in on sessions on economic development, marketing, grants, co-working, branding, etc. While in Seattle, I was filmed talking about the CORE Building for a Colorado training video. The City of La Junta will be reimbursed for $2,500 for this conference and the DCI conference under their Scholarship Grant.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The City of La Junta, Otero County and Otero Junior College were formally approved as a Rural Jump Start Zone on April 18, 2019 by the Colorado Economic Development Commission. What that means is that qualifying new businesses and new hires with receive relief from state income taxes for the new business, relief from the state sales use tax for the new business, relief from county and municipal personal property tax for the new business, and relief from state income taxes for the employee.

- Larry Lucas, the Main Street Architect, came to visit on April 18 to create design sketches for two commercial facades—the Mason Building, the Presbyterian Church and the second floor of the CORE Building.

- I attended one of two Opportunity Zone trainings on April 24. That Denver training was a preliminary to creating La Junta’s own Opportunity Fund prospectus, which is due on June 13 in Colorado Springs, and I am supposed to be its author. I am also attending an Opportunity Fund 101 training in Las Animas tomorrow. Why so much emphasis on Opportunity Funds? This prospectus will focus on commercial real estate development in our downtown. Two to three properties will be selected to be highlighted in the prospectus, which will then be promoted by the state to investors who have capital gains to invest. How these properties will be selected has not been decided, but if anyone has a downtown commercial property that would like to be highlighted, give me a call.

- I am attending the Rural Prosperity Tour in Lamar on June 4. The tour features the main state agencies who share their new programs and developments all in one fell swoop.

- I attended a meeting at OJC on March 21 where the FDIC explained how to work with banks to acquire Community Reinvestment Funds. I had breakfast with Sallie Clark, the Director of Rural USDA that same morning, and we discussed how their programs could assist us with housing.

- A couple of weeks back, I moved upstairs in the CORE BUILDING to make room for the Sangre de Cristo Hospice, which is renting the entire first floor under a five year lease.

- I was a guest speaker at the CRAFT STUDIO 101 training in Alamosa last month, pinch hitting for Tara Marshall on the topic of cultural tourism and the downtown. I earned a $350 stipend from the Colorado Office of Tourism, which will be turned over to the City once I receive it.

- I regularly attend the Manufacturing Sector and SEBREA meetings.
• I counsel businesses—new and old—on a daily basis. Due to confidentiality, I can’t talk about this.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
• I am rewriting the Parks & Recreation Master Plan application for a GOCO grant, which is due at the end of June. I am about ready to send it off to our GOCO representative, Madison Brannigan, for review.
• Permission has been received to extend the contracts by one year for both the Gates Family Foundation and the Colorado Health Foundation grants for the La Junta Brick and Tile Park. DoLA has advised me to submit a grant for the December 2019 round, and I will resubmit the GOCO grant on October 1, 2019. I am also planning on requesting funds from the Rawlings Foundation. That should put us in great shape to work on the park next year.
• On June 11, I will be working with the Santa Fe Trail BOCES Office and an educator on developing a Real World Problem Scenario, which will be addressed by 5th to 12th grade students for the 2019-20 school year.

PLANNING COMMISSION
• Erica Duvic, who has replaced Mark Rodman as the Certified Local Government coordinator, will be working with us to provide one of their regional forums in La Junta and to provide training for the Planning Commission on code issues and historic preservation. I am awaiting confirmation on both items.

SPEAKING & OUTREACH
• I served as a judge for middle schoolers at the Young Entrepreneurs competition on May 8
• I attended the Scenic & Historic Byways Commission monthly meeting in Denver on May 4 where I learned we are going to be the recipients of a charging station for electric cars. The commission, of which I am a commissioner, is the main partner of the state agency responsible for promoting charging stations.
• I provided a twenty minute speech at the statewide Workforce Development Conference at OJC last week.
• I received a scholarship to attend the Colorado Health Foundation’s national conference in Keystone this summer. I may be a speaker. I gave a presentation at their regional conference at OJC on poverty earlier this spring.
• I have been asked to speak on a panel at the Demystifying Entrepreneurship workshop in Trinidad on June 7, which is being offered through StartUp Colorado and the University of Colorado Leeds School of Business, Deming Center for Entrepreneurship.

That’s all, folks!