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, August 19, 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 Goodwin gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

Eugene Mestas, Ward 1
Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
Edward Vela, Ward 3

Absent:
Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
Shannon Lovato, Ward 2
Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Also present:
Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Phl Malouff Jr, City Attorney
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
Todd Quick, Police Chief
Aliza Libby-Tucker, Finance Director
Paula Mahoney, Administration
Cynthia Nieb, ED/UR Director
Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
Sam Berkeland, Police Dept
William Macdonald, 706 Raton Ave
Bette McFarren, 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 August 5, 2019. Council Member Vela: “I want the email I sent out regarding the Design Committee to be made part of the record.” Hearing no further corrections or additions, she declared the minutes approved as amended.

ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM: This agenda item has been tabled until further notice.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 minute time limit per person):
1. William Macdonald, 706 Raton Avenue: Spoke about family times, problems with code enforcement and asked the City to enforce the nuisance barking code.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FUND, TOURISM FUND, SANITATION FUND, WASTE WATER FUND AND WATER FUND FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019. The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Mestas
SECOND: Vela
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion
VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (McIntyre, Lovato and Eckhart absent)

NEW BUSINESS
A. Application for a Special Event Permit by Arkansas Valley Hospice, Tara Casteneda, Event Manager. The event is a Spaghetti Dinner & Dance to be held September 7, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 118 Steen 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 ARKANSAS VALLEY HOSPICE FOR A SPAGHETTI DINNER & DANCE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. AT 118 STEEN AVENUE: Vela
SECOND: Mestas
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion
VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (McIntyre, Lovato and Eckhart absent)

B. A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Property – Joshua J. Horn. Resolution No. R-12-2019 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:

A part of the SE/4 of Section 4 Township 24 South, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M., described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 4, thence North 1030 feet along the East line of said Section 4; thence West 30 feet to the true point of beginning. Thence West 150.3 feet, thence North 227 feet to a point 7.5 feet South of the center line of the Fairview Ditch; thence Southeasterly on a line 7.5 feet from the center of said Fairview Ditch to a point 30 feet West of the East boundary line of said SE/4; thence South to the true point of beginning.

RESERVING unto Grantor (City of La Junta) an easement over the South 20 feet of the above tract for purposes of ingress and egress for maintenance and installation of a sewer line, water line and other utilities as the purpose of the City dictate.

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the real property has no utility to the City and as such is surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the City described to sell the same to Joshua J. Horn.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO as follows:

1. The City determines that the property is surplus property.
2. The City authorizes the City Manager to execute a Deed of Conveyance to Joshua J. Horn in exchange for the gross sum of $7,000.00.

3. The resolution is enacted by the City Council of the City of La Junta.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-12-2019: Vela

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There are other parcels that still need to go out for bid. The bid process includes the buyer submitting a plan for the use of the property. There is not an eighteen month contingency. The money that is received goes to cover the expenses incurred first, then any excess goes to the EPA.

VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (McIntyre, Lovato and Eckhart absent)

C. A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Property – Olga Rosales. Resolution No. R-13-2019 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:

The East 89 feet of Lots 10, 11 and 12 in Block 15 in the City of La Junta, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, in Otero County, Colorado.

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the real property has no utility to the City and as such is surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the City described to sell the same to Olga Rosales.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO as follows:

1. The City determines that the property is surplus property.

2. The City authorizes the City Manager to execute a Deed of Conveyance to Olga Rosales in exchange for the gross sum of $7,999.99.

3. The resolution is enacted by the City Council of the City of La Junta.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-13-2019: Goodwin

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (McIntyre, Lovato and Eckhart absent)
D. A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Real Property – Inspiration Field. Resolution No. R-14-2019 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:
   Lots 18 through 28, Block 14 of Bradish Subdivision to the City of La Junta, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, in Otero County, Colorado.

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the real property has no utility to the City and as such is surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the City described to sell the same to Inspiration Field.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO as follows:
1. The City determines that the property is surplus property.
2. The City authorizes the City Manager to execute a Deed of Conveyance to Inspiration Field in exchange for the gross sum of $7,059.00.
3. The resolution is enacted by the City Council of the City of La Junta.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-14-2019: Goodwin
SECOND: Mestas
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion
VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (McIntyre, Lovato and Eckhart absent)

E. Committee/Board Reports
1. Design Committee:
   MOTION TO HAVE AN OPEN SESSION ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH AT 5:00 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING A SERIOUS DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DESIGN COMMITTEE AND HOW IT SHOULD BE SET UP; ALONG WITH ANY IDEAS FROM THE PUBLIC: Vela
   SECOND: Mestas
   DISCUSSION: There was discussion
   VOTE: Those voting YES: Mestas, Pruyn, Vela
       Those voting NO: Goodwin
       The motion carried 3-1 (McIntyre, Lovato and Eckhart absent)

2. Senior Center:
   • Have not had a meeting since our last council meeting.

3. LJ Cares:
   • Communicated to Otero County Department of Human Services our services and gave them my number: 469-0034
• Have completed six projects for the year
• Mayor Pruyn offered the idea of LJ Cares helping individuals hauling items to the locations for the City Clean-Up

4. Garden Club:
   • Will meet again the 1st Saturday in September
   • Have been able to share the bounty by taking a lot of my garden to Associated Charities

F. City Manager’s Comments
1. Water exercises at the Senior Center ended last week
2. Baseball/softball and football started
3. The numbers at the pool were as good as last year
4. Dog Days was last Saturday with thirty in attendance
5. Have about twenty trees in the second round of the Tree Program
6. Searching for grants to help with a Tree Trimming Program
7. Cynthia is going to Breckenridge for an AARP Global Communities Conference
8. There are ukulele classes at the Library
9. Cimarron between 20th and 22nd has been patched, working on 8th Street from Lincoln to Smithland
10. Water main being replaced around DeBourgh
11. Wastewater Treatment Plant is at 96% complete
12. Chip seal will begin on the 27th
13. Youth Council Mentorship Program being worked on by Aliza Libby and Melanie Scofield (Aliza presented information to the council)

City Attorney’s Comments
1. Always a privilege.

G. Governing Body’s Comments
1. Council Member Vela:
   • We didn’t have a quorum for our last Planning Commission meeting. We do have Tom Seaba as a new member.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.