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 Tuesday, September 3, 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 Vela gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

- Eugene Mestas, Ward 1
- Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
- Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
- Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
- Shannon Lovato, Ward 2
- Edward Vela, Ward 3
- Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent: none

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
- Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
- Phil Malouff Jr, City Attorney
- Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
- Aliza Libby-Tucker, Director of Finance
- Darren Adame, Director of Engineering
- Todd Quick, Police Chief
- Paula Mahoney, Administration
- Cynthia Nieb, ED/UR Director
- Aimee Hill, Engineering
- Rosalie Valdez, 409 Belleview Ave
- Eugene Marez, La Junta
- 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 19, 2019. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS *(5 minute time limit per person)*:
1. Rosalie Valdez, 409 Belleview Avenue: Would like to see the weed ordinance enforced better, enforcement needs to be handled concerning crime involving theft and wanted an explanation of how weed complaints are received and processed.
2. Eugene Marez, La Junta: Police Department is not doing anything about citizens parking in disabled parking when they are not disabled, Chief of Police should be available to speak with, and the enforcement of the weeds and junk vehicle ordinance.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA, COLORADO, APPROVING A POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC. (TRI-STATE) AND THE TERMINATION OF THE POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ARKANSAS RIVER POWER AUTHORITY (ARPA) AND APPROVING ARPA’S EXECUTION OF THE DEFEASANCE FUNDING AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH TRI-STATE, AND PROVIDING OTHER DETAILS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

**MOTION TO NOT BE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING:** Vela

**SECOND:** Goodwin

**DISCUSSION:** This matter did not go back to the Utilities Board for further discussion because they had already given their recommendation. The Board would like a copy of the letter dated July 25th that was presented on their behalf.

**VOTE:** The motion carried 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

A. **A Resolution Regarding the Youth Council Mentorship Program.** City Attorney Malouff has gone through several drafts and there still might be additional changes. It will be placed on the September 16th agenda.

B. **Present the 2020 Budget.** Finance Director Aliza Libby handed out the 2020 Budget and spoke about the time, energy and thought that goes into the budget cover each year. Thank you to Ashley Salazar for doing a great job on the cover for 2020. She also outlined the new format of the book.

C. **Committee/Board Reports**

1. **Design Committee:**
   - There will be a work session at 5:00 p.m. on September 5th regarding the organization of the Design Committee.

2. **Senior Center:**
   - Will meet this Thursday.

3. **LJ Cares:**
   - Still have not received any phone calls. If assistance is needed, please call 469-0034.

4. **Garden Club:**
   - Will meet this Saturday at 9:00 a.m.

5. **Colorado Municipal League:**
   - An email was sent requesting any ideas for the Colorado Legislation.

6. **Action 22:**
   - Please communicate any “hot issues” for discussion.

**ADDITIONAL TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

- The #1 goal of a water park – where do we stand on this?
- Have the “white” boards been updated? Would like the ideas printed on regular paper.
- The Chamber of Commerce is inquiring if any elected officials would be willing to serve the luncheon at the Senior Center.
D. **City Manager’s Comments**

1. Completed some work at the Wallace Oil entrance located at 1st and Anderson.
2. 1418 Rice, 1217 W. 12th and 1507 Lincoln are scheduled for asbestos removal.
3. The sidewalk is completed at Train Hill and the pavement should be completed before Early Settlers Day.
4. Chip seal has been completed.
5. A Thank You to Otero County for all their assistance.
6. Continue patching, street sweeping and weeds.
7. Received $75,000 for the City Park restrooms (interior only).
8. Football just completed their draft.
9. Volleyball registration ended last Friday.
10. We are in the third round of the Tree Program.
11. Harris Road at the Industrial Park was also chip sealed.
12. The ukulele classes on Monday are already full. Will be looking into adult classes.
14. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is at 99.73% done.
15. Joey Gacnik has resigned and taken a new job with USDA.
17. The Mayor and I will not be in attendance at the next meeting. Will be going to Albuquerque for the “SW Chief Mayor’s Coalition”.
19. Fire Department will be getting new concrete for their ramp.

**ADDITIONAL TOPICS DISCUSSED:**

- The progress of the cleanup of the property on Belmont behind the Primary School.
- Primary School is coming along very well.
- Unfortunate closure of the golf course restaurant, what’s next?
- Fluoride in water/water softeners.
- There is almost four inches where the area has sunk at the corner of 10th and Bradish.

**City Attorney’s Comments**

1. Always a privilege.

E. **Governing Body’s Comments**

1. Council Member Lovato:
   - “Communities That Care” received a $5,000 mural grant.
2. Council Member Goodwin:
   - Gave up position of Mayor Pro-Tem at June 3rd meeting due to health reasons, would like to request the position be returned to me and placed on the next agenda.
   - Would like to recognize the Fire Department and their staff for doing a lot of repairs and maintenance themselves instead of contracting out.
3. Council Member McIntyre:
   - The Electric Department did a great job removing a hazard that could have been a problem.
4. Council Member Vela:
   - Would like to congratulate Brad Swartz for his sixteen years retirement.
   - I cleaned 10th Street on the alley Right-of-Way and the front part of that home by myself instead of a city crew being used.
5. Mayor Pruyn:
   - El Pomar gave a grant for $8,000 to have Jon Schallert come to La Junta. His fees will be about $10,000. He is scheduled for October 15th.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk