CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of La Junta, Colorado, was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Edward Vela on Monday, September 16, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Mayor Pro-Tem 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
- Edward Vela, Ward 3
- Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent:
- Jim Goodwin, Ward 1
- Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
- Shannon Lovato, Ward 2

Also present:
- Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
- Phil Malouf 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
- Gary Cranson, ARPA Representative
- Greg Kolomitz, 717 Belleview Ave
- Caitlin Coffield, Inspiration Field

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Mayor Pro-Tem Vela asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 3, 2019. Hearing none, he declared the minutes approved as published.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 minute time limit per person):
1. Greg Kolomitz, 717 Belleview Avenue: On behalf of the Early Settlers Committee and the La Junta Chamber Board, thanked the City of La Junta and its employees for helping Early Settlers Day be a success.

NEW BUSINESS
A. Liquor Licenses
1. Application for a Special Event Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is the LJHS Hall of Fame Banquet to be held October 5, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at 612 Adams 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 INSPIRATION FIELD FOR THE LJHS HALL OF FAME BANQUET TO BE HELD OCTOBER 5, 2019 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE: McIntyre
SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (Goodwin, Pruyn and Lovato absent)

2. Application for a Special Event Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is their 8th Annual Monster Bash Costume Party and Dance to be held October 26, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at 612 Adams 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 INSPIRATION FIELD FOR THEIR 8TH ANNUAL MONSTER BASH COSTUME PARTY AND DANCE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 26, 2019 FROM 6:30 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE: Mestas

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (Goodwin, Pruyn and Lovato absent)

3. Application for a Special Event Permit by La Junta Chamber of Commerce, Susan Fisher, Event Manager. The event is Party at the Plaza “Boo Fest” to be held October 5, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Santa Fe Plaza. 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 LA JUNTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR PARTY AT THE PLAZA “BOO FEST” TO BE HELD OCTOBER 5, 2019 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. AT SANTA FE PLAZA: Mestas

SECOND: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (Goodwin, Pruyn and Lovato absent)

B. A Resolution Cancelling the November 5, 2019 Municipal Election. Resolution No. R-15-2019 was presented for council’s consideration as follows:

WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statutes Section § 1-13.5-513 provides in part as follows:
(1) If the only matter before the electors in a nonpartisan election is the election of persons to office and if, at the close of business on the sixty-third day before the election or at any time thereafter, there are not more candidates than offices to be filled at the election, including candidates filing affidavits of intent to be a write-in candidate, the designated election official, if instructed by resolution of the governing body, shall cancel the election and declare the candidates elected.

WHEREAS, the Statute further provides as follows:
(3) If the electors are to consider the election of persons to office and ballot issues or ballot questions, the election may be canceled by the governing body only in the event that all of the conditions of subsection (1) of this section exist and that all ballot issues or ballot questions have been withdrawn from the ballot pursuant to subsection (2) of this section; and
WHEREAS, Colorado Revised Statute Section § 1-13.5-305 provides in part as follows:
A write-in vote for any local government office is counted only if an affidavit of intent to be a write-in candidate is filed with the designated election official by the person whose name is written in not later than sixty-four days before the day of the election.

WHEREAS, all of the above conditions precedent have been met so as to meet the statutory requirements for the cancellation of the Municipal election on November 5, 2019.

BE IT THEREFORE resolved as follows:
(A) The municipal ballot issues for the City of La Junta to be considered at the November 5, 2019 election are hereby cancelled pursuant to § 1-13.5-513.

(B) The City Clerk shall provide notice by publication of the cancellation of the election. A copy of the notice shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk, and in the office of the clerk and recorder of Otero County.

(C) The City Clerk shall notify the candidates that the election was canceled and that they were elected by acclamation.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-15-2019: McIntyre
SECOND: Mestas
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion
VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (Goodwin, Pruyn and Lovato absent)

C. A Resolution Amending the La Junta Youth Council Mentorship Program Bylaws. Resolution No. R-16-2019 was presented for council's consideration as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta is desirous of creating the La Junta Youth Council Mentorship Program; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council Mentorship Program must adopt certain bylaws which have been approved by the City of La Junta; and

WHEREAS, the Youth Council Mentorship Program has made a recommendation that the bylaws be altered to provide greater control of the board;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED AS follows:
Section 1: The City of La Junta Youth Council Mentorship Program is hereby established.
Section 2: The attached program guidelines are adopted for use by the La Junta Youth Council.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-16-2019: Mestas
SECOND: Eckhart
DISCUSSION: The Youth Council will meet with the City Council in December to discuss the plans for the 2020 calendar year.

VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (Goodwin, Pruyn and Lovato absent)

D. Committee/Board Reports
   1. Design Committee:
      • The first meeting under new arrangement will be Thursday, October 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at the CORE building.
   2. Senior Center:
      • Seniors are on their Nashville trip, will be back next week.
   3. LJ Cares:
      • Mayor Pro-Tem Vela personally went down and cleaned up the LiveWell Park. Council Member Lovato also helped with part.
   4. Early Settlers Day:
      • The senior meal was successful.
   5. Nursing Home Issues:
      • Attached is a contact list of government and elected officials to reach out to regarding issues with the Nursing Home.
   6. La Junta Community Blood Drive:
      • Tuesday, October 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the AVRMC Medical Educational Center.

E. City Manager’s Comments
   1. Assistant City Manager Jackson reminded all that the Budget presentation will be Monday, September 23rd beginning at 5:00 p.m. It was also be on the La Junta Video Events Facebook page.

F. City Attorney’s Comments
   1. Aliza Libby was able to collect on dormant account fees. Kudos for being so patient.

G. Governing Body’s Comments
   1. There were no governing body comments.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

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Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk