



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING LA JUNTA CITY COUNCIL

La Junta, Colorado

April 19, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Municipal Building

601 Colorado Avenue

*****Please wear masks and practice social distancing*****

CALL TO ORDER (Mayor Pruyn)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Mayor Pruyn)

INVOCATION (Council Member McIntyre)

ROLL CALL (City Clerk)

Council Members

Supervisors

Others

Mestas

Velasquez

McIntyre

Pruyn

Ochoa

Vela

Eckhart

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Mayor) (Action)

Regular Meeting April 5, 2021

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY *(5 minute time limit per person)*

NEW BUSINESS

A. Liquor Licenses (City Attorney) (Action)

1. Application for a Special Events Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is the 36th Annual La Junta Trading Company Golf Classic to be held May 7, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at 612 Adams Avenue.
2. Application for a Special Events Permit by Southeast Colorado Creative Partnership, SECCP Members, Event Managers. The event is the Arkansas Valley Summer Brew Fest to be held June 6, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Santa Fe Plaza.

B. A Resolution Supporting Grant Application (City Attorney) (Action)

C. Authorization to Commence Condemnation (City Attorney) (Discussion)

1. Constance White and Amanda Barbee – 817 Maple Avenue
2. Jordan Dubose and Quayshawn Dubose – 1521 Grace Avenue
3. Janet Skotek – 1510 Lewis Avenue
4. Janet Skotek – 1507 Edison Avenue
5. Gabino Torrez – 1202 Grace Avenue

- D. Appoint Sue Vance to the Senior Center Advisory Board – term to expire 12/31/2021
- E. Tourism Board Recommendations (City Attorney) (Discussion/Action)
- F. AVRMC Board of Directors' Roster/Annual Meeting (City Attorney) (Action)
- G. Committee/Board Reports
- H. City Manager's Comments
- I. Governing Body Comments
- J. ADJOURN

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STATE OF COLORADO)
COUNTY OF OTERO) SS
CITY OF LA JUNTA)

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 5, 2021, 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.

Council Member Vela asked for a moment of silence for the ten citizens whose lives were taken in a cold blooded killing in Boulder.

INVOCATION: Council Member Vela gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

- Eugene Mestas, Ward 1
- Paul Velasquez, Ward 1
- Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
- Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
- Chandra Ochoa, 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, Director of Finance
 - Paula Mahoney, Admin. Asst.
 - Betty Velasquez, La Junta
 - Pam Denahy, Director of Tourism & Events
 - John Yergert, Tourism Board
 - Ron Davis, Tourism Board
 - Tracey Salzbrenner, Tourism Board
 - Colleen Oquist, Tourism Board
 - Rick Wallner, Tourism Board
 - Bette McFarren, RF Gazette

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 15, 2021. Council Member Vela had one correction: Page 4, Item G, Item #2 – add to the end, “by the Mayor.” Hearing no further corrections or additions, the Mayor declared the minutes approved as amended.

PROCLAMATION: Mayor Pruyn signed a proclamation declaring the week of April 18 – 24, 2021 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 minute time limit per person):

1. There was no citizen participation.

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REPORTS

- A. **Tourism Advisory Board:** Director of Tourism & Events, Pam Denahy, reported to City Council and supplied the following summary:

In November 2018, La Junta Tourism completed CRAFT (Colorado Rural Academy for Tourism) Studio 101. The CRAFT Program was founded in 2018 by the Colorado Tourism Office to offer training and support for rural economic development through creation and branding of new or enhanced traveler experiences.

CRAFT provides broad, comprehensive tourism education, support and training for rural communities on how to build tourism into an economic development strategy. Learning Labs, as part of CRAFT 101, included: Rural Tourism, Visitor Readiness, Marketing & Social Media, Sustainable Tourism, Outdoor Adventure and Culture & Heritage.

Completing the CRAFT 101 Program was extremely beneficial for La Junta Tourism. Most notably, a roadmap/plan was a final result of the program, something La Junta Tourism has not had in the past. By following this plan, La Junta Tourism will align our efforts into a more streamlined program that will continue to bolster tourism development for La Junta.

Three goals were identified through the CRAFT Program:

1. Increase heads in beds
 - a. Create a tourism plan (CRAFT 101 Final Result)
 - b. Branding
 - i. In August 2019, awarded CRAFT Studio 201 – part of OEDIT's Rural Technical Assistance Program for Tourism Promotion and Development – which provides customized support and mentoring for La Junta Tourism to focus on Branding. Received a \$7,500 CRAFT 201 Implementation Grant to hire a creative agency to provide branding + campaigns which will include a new logo and brand guidelines.
 - c. Marketing
 - ii. Received a \$10,000 CRAFT 101 Implementation Grant to contract with a local photographer (Arellano Photography) to photograph/video attractions and events over a 12 month period to capture professional, quality photographs of a variety of seasonal offerings, events and attractions.
2. Best practices on collecting visitor data
 - a. Received a \$15,000 Project & Technical Assistance Grant from CTO in January 2019, for a year-long visitor study – to identify reason for visit, visitor spending, visitor mix, areas of strength and areas for improvement – which will ultimately help to inform future tourism development efforts.
3. Community and business education and awareness
 - a. Advocacy & Community Engagement Strategy with Vista Works
 - i. Tourism is good for local businesses and local people, but sometimes people don't understand that right away. Vista Works will work with Visit La Junta to develop a plan to educate the local stakeholders about tourism and what actual, tangible things tourism dollars provide for everyone.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. Liquor Licenses

1. **Application for Renewal of a Tavern Liquor License by Red Dog Revisited LLC, d/b/a Red Dog Revisited, 709 E. 3rd Street.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A TAVERN LIQUOR LICENSE BY RED DOG REVISITED LLC, D/B/A RED DOG REVISITED, 709 E 3RD STREET: Vela

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

2. **Application for Renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License by Jodis Grill LLC, d/b/a Jodi's Grill, 208 Santa Fe Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE BY JODIS GRILL LLC, D/B/A JODI'S GRILL, 208 SANTA FE AVENUE: Mestas

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

3. **Application for Renewal of a Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License by Ramona Chaparro, d/b/a Mexico City Café, 1617 Raton Avenue.** The application is in order and has been reviewed by City supervisors for compliance with City and State codes. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A RENEWAL OF A HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE BY RAMONA CHAPARRO, D/B/A MEXICO CITY CAFÉ, 1617 RATON AVENUE: McIntyre

SECOND: Velasquez

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

- B. **An Ordinance Concerning Disposal of White Goods and Other Furniture Items.** The following is in DRAFT form. City Attorney Malouff asked the Council to review the information and forward any questions to Mr. Klein or himself.

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta has adopted provisions concerning garbage removal and refuse removal as set forth in Title 8 of the Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of making provisions which will facilitate the maintenance of a clean city by limiting and regulating the indiscriminate disposal of appliances and other articles within non-designated areas in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA THAT:

SECTION 1. A new Section 8.08.045 is enacted as follows:

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Section 8.08.045 Abandoned White Goods: It shall be a violation of this section for any person to abandon or discard in any public or private place, any chest, closet, piece of furniture, refrigerator, icebox, motor vehicle, or other article, to include any white goods having a compartment of a capacity of one and one-half cubic feet or more and having a door or lid which when closed cannot be opened easily from the inside, or who, being the owner lessee, or manager of such place, knowingly permits such abandoned or discarded article to remain in such condition.

C. An Ordinance Concerning Maintenance of Sidewalks in Commercial and Industrial Zone. The following is in DRAFT form. City Attorney Malouff asked the Council to review the information and forward any questions to Mr. Klein or himself.

WHEREAS, the City of La Junta has adopted provisions concerning the regulations of sidewalks as set forth in Title No. 12.04 et. Seq. of the City Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of making provisions within its code which will facilitate the maintenance of a clean city by requiring maintenance of sidewalks within certain areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the council intends, by this sections, to create legally enforceable duties for the benefit of persons lawfully using public sidewalks in certain areas of the City. Subject to applicable rules of law, including comparative negligence and other civil defenses, breach of these duties shall as enumerated herein support civil recovery by any injured persons lawfully using public sidewalks from each violator, jointly and severally, for damages caused by the violation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA JUNTA THAT:

SECTION 1. A new Section 12.04.360 is enacted as follows:

Section 12.04.360: Section 12.04.361 shall only apply to property in commercial zoning or industrial zones as depicted on the City Zoning Map.

SECTION 2: A new Section 12.04.361 is enacted as follows:

Section 12.04.361: Snow and ice on sidewalks – Owner or occupant responsibility.

- A. Within 24 hours after any snow or ice stops falling on a public sidewalk, it is the duty of:
 1. Every owner and manager of property abutting the sidewalk; and
 2. Every tenant leasing an entire premise abutting the sidewalk; and
 3. Every adult occupant of a single-family dwelling abutting the sidewalk to remove or cause the removal from public sidewalks abutting the property accumulated snow and ice, as this section provides.
- B. Each responsible person listed above shall remove or cause the removal of snow and ice to expose the abutting public sidewalk for the entire width of the sidewalk or the width of four feet, whichever is less.
- C. After removing snow and ice as required above, each responsible person listed above shall keep the abutting sidewalk reasonably passable.
- D. Under this section, snow or ice has not “stopped falling” if additional snow or ice falls within four hours.
- E. The obligations stated above do not apply to a public sidewalk abutting a single-family residential property. Nor do those obligations apply to a sidewalk from which the city regularly removes snow and ice.

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- F. As used in this section, “sidewalk” means a paved public way designed and constructed for pedestrian travel.
- G. Violation of this section is an offense under this Code punishable as set for in fines authorized by this ____.
- H. The City Engineer or his designee may notify a responsible person listed above of the city’s intent to correct a violation. If the violation remains 24 hours after such notification, the City Engineer or his designee may remove or cause the removal of snow and ice from any sidewalk affected by the offense. Upon a conviction, the municipal court shall add to the sentence of a responsible person so notified the City Engineer reasonable certified expenses of removal. The city shall collect such assessed expenses in the same manner it collects other municipal court fines. Assessments against property for abatement costs under other parts of this chapter shall not apply to the city’s expenses under this paragraph.

D. Committee/Board Reports

1. Live Well Park (Council Member Vela): The wishing well tree is up at Live Well Park.
2. Utilities Board (Council Member Vela): We will be meeting next Tuesday for the new Waste Water Facility tour. The Utility Board meeting will follow.
3. Tourism Board Update (City Attorney Malouff): We approached it by not continuing to figure out what applies and what doesn’t apply. There were many different sets of by-laws, ordinances, etc. We are just going to can everything and start over. When we finally bring it to you, it will be a request for changes globally. We also created a format in the Tourism Board so that everyone that was there had equal opportunity to speak concerning agenda items. A ballot was submitted with everyone’s ideas/thoughts. We have made substantial progress. We will have positive growth come from this.

E. City Manager’s Comments

1. We have a hundred new LED lights we’ll be putting up on the main streets.
2. Waiting for an indicator to finish the fire system at DeBourgh.
3. We are down to six taps left on Mount View.
4. All of our ground maintenance vehicles have been serviced and ready for spring time.
5. The EPA came through and did resiliency training and looked at our Water and Waste Water facilities.
6. We finished up on Barnes last Friday.
7. EPA will be working on 8-10 houses.
8. We’ve crack filled on 6th Street around to Adams.
9. We have two firemen going through classes to also become paramedics.
10. Naomi Martinez came back to the Police Department.
11. On the 9th, the Senior Center will be having eggs and ham for breakfast and on the 22nd they’ll be having a ham and scallops potluck.
12. Exercise classes have started back up at the Senior Center also.
13. Soccer teams will be put together this week.
14. Baseball registration will start Monday.
15. We’ve had six teams sign up for the corn hole league.
16. We’re working on spring maintenance.
17. We had a kid run over the City Park wall.
18. There were four people who got their windows broke out in the downtown area.
19. Continuing patching.

F. Governing Body Comments

1. Council Member Mestas: I had a citizen complain about the house on 12th & Edison.
City Manager Klein: That is one of the houses on the list for the EPA. It will be coming to Council at the next meeting.

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2. Council Member Vela: At 7th & Sycamore, in our sister city, there's a 60 foot pile of rubble and it's been there for four years. I hope we never have that.
3. Council Member McIntyre: I want to give thanks to the Electric Department for moving the items for the Live Well Park. They did a very good job and were quite organized. Also, tomorrow is the blood drive from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at AVRMC Medical Education Center.
4. Mayor Pruyn: We received a thank you letter from CASA for the \$1,000 donation. We also received a letter from the Arbor Day Foundation recognizing City of La Junta as a 2020 Tree City resident.
5. Council Member Velasquez: The Police Department responded to 1,337 calls for the month of March. These calls are starting to diversify in nature. One of our local officers, Mitch, was involved in a crash. He is doing fine. Also, just want to give kudos to all of our public servant workers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-3-2021

SUPPORTING GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of La Junta supports the application to various private foundations and governmental entities for a grant for finalizing Outreach, and the Creation of a Complete Plan focusing on Transit Needs, Safety, Economic Development, and Tourism as well as Scenario Schemes, Construction Documents, and Financial Analysis for a proposed Transit Center; and

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED as follows:

SECTION 1: The City Council of the City of La Junta strongly supports the application and has appropriated matching funds for grants from the various foundation and/or governmental agencies.

SECTION 2: If any grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of La Junta strongly supports the completion of the project.

SECTION 3: If any grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of La Junta hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant application and all other documents necessary to be executed.

SECTION 4: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

ADOPTED the 19th day of April, 2021.

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

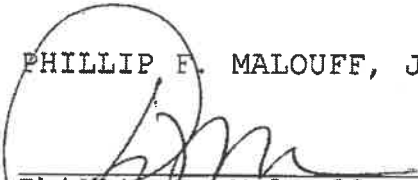
RESULTS OF TOURISM RECOMMENDATIONS

DO NOT FOCUS ON DOCUMENTS CURRENTLY EXISTING. THE CITY WILL PREPARE CORRECTING DOCUMENTS ONCE COUNCIL APPROVES THE CHANGES.

1. Members:
 - a. Total Number
 1. Seven: 6
 2. Nine: 2
 - b. City Manager
 1. Ex officio _____
 2. Official 8
 - c. Mayor
 1. Ex officio _____
 2. Official 8
 - d. Term of Members
 1. Years 3 - 6
 2. 2 - 1
 - None - 1
2. Tax on Air BNB:
 1. Yes 7
 2. No 1
3. Meeting Date:
 1. Mon _____
 2. Tues 1
 3. Wed _____
 4. Thur 4
 5. Fri _____
 - a. Specific detail of frequency of meetings 1 x month 7
4. Need for Vice Chairman:
 - a. Yes 2
 - b. No 6
5. Maximum Amount of Grant: \$ _____
 - a. Undecided 1
 - b. \$ 500.00 1
 - c. \$5,000.00 1
 - d. \$2,500.00 1
 - e. Amount as needed 4
6. Council Approval of Expenditures in Excess of \$5,000.00 8

- 7. Should the Taxes be Used for "Supporting Partners" (i.e. Koshare's):
 - 1. Yes 6
 - 2. No 1
 - 3. Undecided 1
- 8. Expanding Use of Funds: Suggestions _____
- 9. Minutes Maintained Similar to Council:
 - 1. Yes 8
 - 2. No _____
- 10. Make the Director the Permanent Chair:
 - 1. Yes _____
 - 2. No 8
- 11. Withholding Portions of Grant Until Receipts are Presented:
 - 1. Yes 2
 - 2. No 6
- 12. Differentiate between grants v. expenditures.

April 9, 2021
Date

PHILLIP F. MALOUFF, JR., L.L.C.

 Phillip F. Malouff, Jr.
 Attorney for City of La Junta

ARKANSAS VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ROSTER

<u>Board Member Name/Legal Address</u>	<u>Date Appointed</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Occupation/ Expertise</u>	<u>Appointed By/ Geographic Area</u>
Joel R. Carale, M.D. 32 Chaparral Circle La Junta, CO 81050	09-26-17	06-30-23	Physician Gastroenterologist	AVRMC Board Physician/La Junta Resident
Gary Gibson 7995 County Lane 10 Olney Springs, CO 81062	07-01-19	06-30-23	Agricultural Manager Crowley County Coroner EMT/Crowley County	AVRMC Board Crowley County
Dale L. Leighty AVRMC Board Chairman P. O. Box 270 Las Animas, CO 81054	08-01-07	06-30-23	C.E.O./First National Bank of Las Animas	AVRMC Board Las Animas
L. Patrick Malott 1114 Park Avenue La Junta, CO 81050	07-01-18	06-30-22	C.P.A./Otero Junior College	AVRMC Board La Junta
Elaine McIntyre 2022 Cimarron Avenue La Junta, CO 81050	12-18-17	--	Business Owner/La Junta Trading Company	City of La Junta Council Appointee
Michael K. Morley, D.O. 23258 County Road 27 La Junta, CO 81050	03-01-15	06-30-25	Physician Orthopedic Surgeon	AVRMC Board Physician Member
Joseph Pentlicki, D.M. Board Secretary-Treasurer Rocky Ford, CO 81067	07-01-16	06-30-24	V.P./C.O.O. Oliver Manufacturing	City of La Junta Rocky Ford
Rob Pickering Board Vice-Chairman 23666 County Rd. FF Rocky Ford, CO 81067	10-29-12	06-30-22	Business Owner/ Terry Lee Enterprises	AVRMC Board Rocky Ford/ Swink
Betty Velasquez 1313 Bradish Avenue La Junta, CO 81050	04-01-19	06-30-22	Promotora Project Retired/Colorado Workforce	AVRMC Board La Junta

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