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NOTICE of EXECUTIVE SESSION

FROM: Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor

TO: City Council Members

DATE: June 17, 2021

SUBJECT:Executive Session

An Executive Session will be held Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

For a conference with the City Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. §24-6-402 (4)(b).



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING LA JUNTA CITY COUNCIL

La Junta, Colorado

June 21, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Municipal Building

601 Colorado Avenue

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 June 7, 2021

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee/Board Reports

B. City Manager's Comments

C. Governing Body Comments

D. ADJOURN

*Subject to approval at
the June 21, 2021
City Council Meeting*

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, June 7, 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.

INVOCATION: Council Member Vela gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: The following Council Members were present:

Eugene Mestas, Ward 1
Elaine McIntyre, Ward 2
Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor
Edward Vela, Ward 3
Scott Eckhart, Ward 3

Absent: Paul Velasquez, Ward 1
Chandra Ochoa, Ward 2

Also present: Rick Klein, City Manager
Bill Jackson, Asst. City Manager
Phil Malouff Jr., City Attorney
Melanie Scofield, City Clerk
Paula Mahoney, Admin. Asst.
Ozzie Hoeme, Chamber of Commerce
Caitlin Coffield, Inspiration Field
Julie Worley, Chamber of Commerce
Matthew McIntyre, Chamber of Commerce
Greg Kolomitz, Chamber of Commerce
Mickie Lewis, SBDC/Chamber
Gary Cranson, UB Commissioner
Bette McFarren, RF Gazette

PRESENTATION: Chamber of Commerce spoke about the following items:

- SBDC will be hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.
- Early Settlers Day is being planned – the band this year will be covering from the 1960's to today.
- BLT (lunch talks) – June will be via zoom and July will be held in person. It will be a BLT Grand Lunch at the Valley Trading Post.
- The Wet/Dry Parade will be on July 4th. Everyone is encouraged to participate.
- Will be doing Christmas at the Plaza.
- The Chamber Banquet is set for January.
- We will be having an open house soon.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 17, 2021. Council Member Vela: Page 5, Item 2, last bullet should read as, "The generators will be sold and moved out of the old power plant." Hearing no further corrections or additions, the Mayor declared the minutes approved as amended.

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

1. Council Member Vela: When will the street signs be replaced or put up?
2. Mayor Pruyn: There's still concern about not being able to see at the intersection when there is a game going on at Potter Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING APPLIANCE DISPOSAL OF GOODS AND OTHER FURNITURE ITEMS.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: Vela

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: If there are any typographical errors, the City Clerk is allowed to make those changes.

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Ochoa and Velasquez absent)

- B. Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONE.** 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: Eckhart

DISCUSSION: It is the business owner's responsibility to clear their north facing businesses.

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Ochoa and Velasquez absent)

NEW BUSINESS

A. Liquor Licenses

1. **Application for a Special Event Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is the Sweet Inspirations Catering Re-launch Party to be held June 19, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 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. Appropriate fees have 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 SWEET INSPIRATIONS CATERING RE-LAUNCH PARTY TO BE HELD JUNE 19, 2021 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE: Mestas

SECOND: Vela

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (Ochoa and Velasquez absent, McIntyre abstained)

2. **Application for a Special Event Permit by Inspiration Field, Caitlin Coffield, Event Manager. The event is a Poker Run to be held July 24, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 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. Appropriate fees have been tendered and the premises have been posted. The City Attorney recommends approval.

MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT TO INSPIRATION FIELD FOR A POKER RUN TO BE HELD JULY 24, 2021 FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. AT 612 ADAMS AVENUE: Mestas

SECOND: Vela

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DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 4-0 (Ochoa and Velasquez absent, McIntyre abstained)

- B. A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Personal Property.** Resolution No. R-8-2021 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 personal property described as follows:

See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporate herein by reference.

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the personal property is surplus property; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to sell the same to Industrial Energy Solutions for the sum of \$350,000.00.

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 Bill of Sale to Industrial Energy Solutions in exchange for a payment of \$350,000.00
3. The resolution is enacted by the City Council of the City of La Junta.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. R-8-2021: Vela

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 5-0 (Ochoa and Velasquez absent)

C. Committee/Board Reports

1. Live Well Park (City Manager Klein):
 - Cynthia is finishing up a grant to get the wall complete and then we'll be able to move forward.
2. ARPA (Commissioner Cranson):
 - Sales are down compared to last year.
 - Revenues are a little bit below budget.
 - The Lamar Repowering Plant is all but demolished.
 - La Junta will be hosting bucket rescue and lineman training.

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3. Tourism Board (Mayor Pruyn):
 - The Board continues to finalize changes to the by-laws. There has been a lot of time spent in making sure things are right.
4. Urban Renewal (Mayor Pruyn):
 - The Board is trying to decide what the downtown should look like. We are working on grants to help with facades.
 - The owner of T.O.'s has put a new roof on his building. He is currently looking into windows and the façade.
 - We have commissioned a blight study to be done. We are using grant money for this project.
 - We currently have two positions available on the Board.
5. AVRMC (Council Member McIntyre):
 - I would like to thank everybody who was able to attend our annual meeting.
 - June 1st was the blood drive. If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Douglas at 719-384-2000.
6. Senior Center (Council Member McIntyre):
 - The Senior Center had the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo bring a few small animals down. It was fun.
7. Nursing Home West (Council Member Vela):
 - Lynn Crowell said that would be turned into doctors' offices.
 - The west part that is in disrepair will be demolished.

A. City Manager's Comments

1. Helped DeBourgh with their fire suppression line.
2. King Arroyo had five inches in one hour. When it came through, it popped the banks at 4th and Adams. Shout out to Otero County and every department in the City. Everybody was called out. Thank you for everybody's effort.
3. Dominoes grand opening was fantastic. It's been busy every time I've gone by.
4. Rick Gumke, with the Electric Department, retired after 44 years.
5. Last Friday the generators were tested for the Distributed Generation. Thank you Bill.
6. Nobody thought we'd find somebody to buy the engines but Bill did.
7. There are a lot of positive things going on. Everybody seems happy. Thank you for being able to rebuild the heart of our city, City Park.
8. Colorado Prison Study – Legislature funded an increase in the budget. New programs are being started.
9. Front Range Passenger Rail – Has passed the Senate and House, waiting on the Governor's signature.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:

- We have a stranded asset with the Fox Theater. The current owner does not want to re-open.
- The new Nursing Home facility is now moving at warp speed.
- Rogers Road north of the concrete is showing signs of wear.
- The Highway Department is wanting to put in a right turn lane at the intersection of Conley Road and Hwy 50.
- Thank the Electric Department for the super LED lights from Maple all the way over to Casa del Sol. It would be nice to have an LED light in front of Evergreen Gardens.

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B. Governing Body Comments

1. Mayor Pruyn

- Thank you to the owners of Dominoes. They are very nice people. The La Junta Dominoes did more business opening day than any of the other stores in Colorado. They have hired 25 people already and they are looking to double that number. Our Dominoes is the 18,000th one built in the world. The owners and top executives will be flying in on July 15th to celebrate the occasion.
- Thank you to Goal Academy. I was asked to be the guest speaker at graduation. They had 20 graduate and about 300 parents and family.
- Began looking into a Bike Share Program to get college students into the downtown. Cynthia Nieb took the reins. High School students Alyssa Bullock started the grant and Shaelee Schmidt helped finished it. They got a grant for \$65,000.00. There will be seven locations.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor