



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING LA JUNTA CITY COUNCIL

La Junta, Colorado

TUESDAY

September 7, 2021

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Municipal Building

601 Colorado Avenue

CALL TO ORDER (Mayor Pruyn)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Mayor Pruyn)

INVOCATION (Council Member Vela)

ROLL CALL (City Clerk)

Council Members

Supervisors

Others

Mestas

Velasquez

McIntyre

Pruyn

Ochoa

Vela

Eckhart

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Mayor) (Action)

Regular Meeting August 16, 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

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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, August 16, 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 McIntyre 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
Paula Mahoney, Admin. Asst.
Aliza Libby, Director of Finance
Pam Denahy, Director of Tourism
John Yergert, Tourism Chair
Meghan Yergert, La Junta
Gary Cranson, Utility Board
Jim Goodwin, La Junta
Deanne Hostetler, Clean Valley Recycling
James Bartolo, LJ Tribune
Bette McFarren, RF Gazette

E-Waste, Paint and Tire Event: Dee Hostetler, with Clean Valley Recycling, shared that there will be a recycling event on Saturday, August 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at their Swink Recycle Center, the Rocky Ford Fair Grounds and the Recycle Trailer located at 3rd & Adams. You may recycle your electronics, paint and tires. All is free except for televisions. Flat screens will be \$10.00 and CRT TVs will be \$25.00. Tires must be taken to the Swink recycle center and are limited to car and truck tires, nine per load.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS: Mayor Pruyn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 2, 2021.

MOTION TO TABLE THE MINUTES UNTIL THE FOLLOWING MEETING: Vela

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: Council Member Vela – If we're going to run by Robert's Rules of Order, let's do it 100%. Let's not pick and choose what we can get away with.

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VOTE: Those voting YES: Mestas and Vela
 Those voting NO: Velasquez, McIntyre, Pruyn, Ochoa and Eckhart
 The motion failed 2-5

Mayor Pruyn asked again if there were any corrections or additions to the minute of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 2, 2021.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2, 2021 MINUTES AS PRESENTED: McIntyre

SECOND: Velasquez

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: Those voting YES: Mestas, Velasquez, McIntyre, Pruyn, Ochoa and Eckhart
 Those voting NO: Vela
 The motion carried 6-1

The Mayor declared the minutes approved as published.

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

1. Council Member McIntyre:

- I had a constituent who was concerned about the passage of the roadway on San Juan Avenue. I spoke with Mr. Klein and it sounds like it's been handled. Thank you.

2. Council Member Vela:

- A citizen asked me about what is going on at 10th and Santa Fe at the park.

Mr. Klein: After every big storm, the red dirt washes out. We are going to put that area in concrete to hold the red dirt in.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Second Reading/AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND CODIFY PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE TOURISM FUND.** The ordinance was introduced by title only, there being copies available to those in attendance.

MOTION TO PASS THE ORDINANCE ON SECOND READING: McIntyre

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: Council Member Vela – We didn't have any time to look at this and make any changes. We weren't able to study it to see what was repealed.

VOTE: Those voting YES: Mestas, Velasquez, McIntyre, Pruyn, Ochoa and Eckhart
 Those voting NO: Vela
 The motion carried 6-1

NEW BUSINESS

A. **Application for a Special Events Permit by La Junta Chamber of Commerce, Event Manager. The event is Early Settlers Day to be held September 11, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m. at La Junta City Park.** 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.

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MOTION TO GRANT A SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT TO LA JUNTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR EARLY SETTLERS DAY TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 11:59 P.M. AT CITY PARK: Ochoa

SECOND: McIntyre

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

B. Committee/Board Reports

1. Senior Citizens Advisory Board (Council Member Velasquez):
 - Hoping to get the senior dances in October.
 - Looking for citizens/residents who will turn 100 this September.
2. Council Member Vela: The American Legion, along with the senior citizens, will have a Cripple Creek trip on November 13th.
3. Live Well Park (Council Member Vela):
 - Don't know where it's at or who's working on it but we should get it done, hopefully, by next spring.
4. Utilities Board (Council Member Vela):
 - City wide clean up starts September 13th. Many people in town are worried and have questions about the water situation in our City. Tom Seaba, the Superintendent of Waste Water Treatment and Water Department, said we've been doing pretty good about not watering between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
5. Urban Renewal (Mayor Pruyn):
 - We talked a lot about the Main Street grant that came through. People who are business owners or ran businesses in the downtown were able to apply for energy efficiency grants. It was an extensive application process.
6. Certified Local Government (Mayor Pruyn):
 - During this meeting, we usually talk about training.

Mayor Pruyn: I was able to attend the Police in the Park. It was wonderful. I want to thank our La Junta Police Department for putting that on.

C. City Manager's Comments

1. Striping will be done some time this week.
2. Dog Days of Summer is this Saturday.
3. Medical calls are up.
4. Summer Reading Program went really well. The people are starting to come back.
5. Working on budget this week.
6. Waiting for approval on the next phases for the Brick and Tile Park.

D. Governing Body Comments

1. Council Member Velasquez:
 - Would like to thank the Parks and Recreation staff regarding the pool. They provide and fun and safe environment.
 - Our first amphitheater discussion group will be Wednesday, August 25th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Power Board room in the City building.
2. Council Member McIntyre:
 - I've been able to attend several events at the pool. It was very clean and the lifeguards did a great job. It's nice to see that we have a nice, quality pool here in La Junta.

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MOTION TO MOVE INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION 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): McIntyre

SECOND: Mestas

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion

VOTE: The motion carried 7-0

Council went into Executive Session from 7:46 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF LA JUNTA

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

Jeffri Pruyn, Mayor