

# CITY MANAGER

Michael Hart, City Manager

Greeting LJ community,

2025 was quite a year for our community. My first year serving as city manager for the City of La Junta has been nothing short of amazing! From day one, I have been welcomed with openness, collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to this community's success. One of the things that has impressed me the most is not just what we have accomplished, but how we have accomplished it.

Our elected officials have demonstrated thoughtful leadership, clear priorities, and a genuine desire to serve our community. They have asked the hard questions, encouraged innovation, and remained focused on long-term outcomes rather than short-term wins. It is great to work alongside elected officials who understand governance is about being good stewards of public resources, maintaining community trust, and having the best interest of all citizens when making decisions.

Our staff continues to be the backbone of this organization. Across all departments, I have seen professionalism, resilience, and heart. Their work done each day often goes unseen, but it is essential. Streets are maintained. Water flows. Emergencies are answered. Parks are cared for. Budgets are balanced. Residents are served. That happens because of dedicated public servants who pride themselves in the work they do.

This year has also been about strengthening foundations. We have focused on operational excellence, fiscal responsibility, infrastructure planning, and community engagement. We have worked to ensure that decisions are data-informed, transparent, and aligned with the priorities of our residents. Progress does not happen by accident. It happens through disciplined planning and strong partnerships.

Most importantly, I have seen firsthand the character of La Junta. This is a community that shows up. When challenges arise, we lean on each other. When opportunities present themselves, we collaborate. The strong partnerships between the city, community organizations, businesses, and residents form a powerful alliance that will no doubt continue to guide our community forward.

As we look toward 2026 and beyond, our direction remains clear. We will continue to build on strong foundation already in place. We will remain fiscally responsible while pursuing strategic growth. We will protect local values while preparing for future

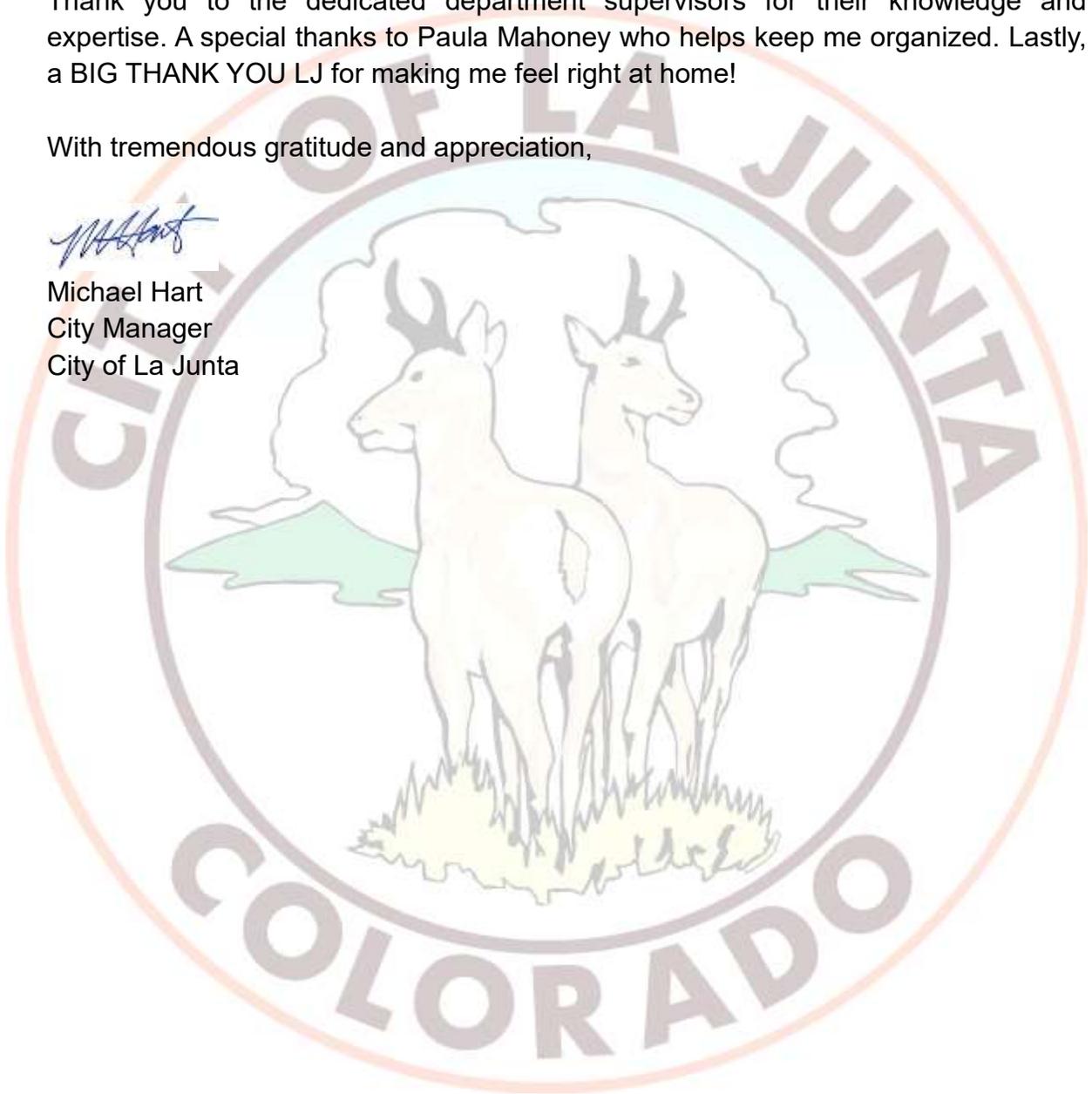
opportunities. We will continue to operate with integrity, transparency, and a commitment to public service.

Serving as City Manager is an absolute honor. Please know, I do not take this position lightly. Thank you to the mayor and city council for the opportunity to serve. Thank you to the dedicated department supervisors for their knowledge and expertise. A special thanks to Paula Mahoney who helps keep me organized. Lastly, a BIG THANK YOU LJ for making me feel right at home!

With tremendous gratitude and appreciation,



Michael Hart  
City Manager  
City of La Junta



# FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Aliza Libby, Director of Finance

Finance processes all monies received and distributed on behalf of the City of La Junta. The finance department is responsible for all monies related to the City of La Junta and ensures public funds are appropriated correctly.

## **UTILITIES**

The Utility Office generates revenue for electric, water, sewer, and sanitation. The department enters reads, bills customers, collects monies, and completes connects and disconnects of services. In 2025, a total of 47,965 bills were created and sent to customers. 42,917 payments were received through the utility office for \$17,475,914. A total of 5,358 online payments were processed for \$1,700,286.

## **ACCOUNTS RECIEVABLE**

Accounts Receivable collects and processes any payments that are not utilities or sales tax. In 2025, 2,638 payments were processed for a total of \$3,685,906. The accounts receivable technician manually posts all EFT transfers and balances the three main bank accounts ensuring all deposits and withdrawals are accounted for and reconciled.

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Accounts Payable processes all payments for the major funds and ensures procedures are followed, with proper authorization. In 2025, 7,198 checks were issued for \$23,626,580. Payroll is also processed through accounts payable. The city employed 210 employees in 2025. A total of 3,655 payroll checks or direct deposits were issued for a total of \$8,591,438. All employees are required to do direct deposit as of 2025.

## **SALES/USE/LODGING TAX**

As of July, 1 2022, the City of La Junta became a home-rule state collected city. All sales tax is now processed through the State of Colorado. The city is paid monthly through an EFT draft. In 2025, the State collected a total sales tax of \$6,677,343. December totals are not available at this time.

The city continues to collect lodging and use tax through our web portal and in person.

## **MINOR FUNDS**

Processing of minor funds is the responsibility of the Director of Finance. All deposits, withdrawals, and balancing of non-major accounts is done by the director.

## **TOURISM**

Lodging tax of \$162,014.35 was processed through the online portal and deposited into the tourism account. There are 7 lodging facilities in the City of La Junta – these being the main contributors to the tourism fund.

## **EMPLOYEE BENEFIT**

The city has partnered with CEBT to provide insurance to its employees. Premiums are split 80/20 between the city and employees, respectively. The city does not pay for dental or vision. The employee currently pays that amount. Currently, 119 employees and 107 dependents are insured with the city.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Economic development is funded by property management annually, excluding grants.

## **OUTDOOR CONSERVATION**

Conservation Trust are monies received from the State of Colorado funded by lottery dollars. These monies can be used for acquisition, development, and maintenance of new conservation sites or for capital improvements for recreational purposes. The city received \$84,315.54 from the state and spent \$345,338.80 (City Park Tennis Courts). All monies and state reporting were completed by the finance department.

## **URBAN RENEWAL**

Finance maintains urban renewal's monies because it is a sister component of the city. It is a governing board and therefore, has authority over its own funds. In 2025, 25 invoices were paid for \$474,375. Tax increment of \$269,295 was collected via property tax in 2025 (December not available at this time).

## **OTHER FUNDS**

Other funds include Library Endowment, Internal Services, Police Surcharge, and Cemetery Endowment. It is the responsibility of the finance department to process all income and expenses from these funds.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**BUDGET** - The Finance Department with the city manager and supervisors created and executed the 2026 budget. A public gathering was held with the public to answer any questions regarding how the city works. This was to inform and answer questions to the public and council before beginning the budget process. A brief presentation was given by finance and council discussed the budget presented.

**AUDIT** - Hancock, Froese and Company completed the annual audit of our financial statements. The findings were presented to council at a work session in June.

In their opinion, “the financial statements referred to ... present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund of the City of La Junta, Colorado, as of December 31, 2024...”

The Finance Department strives every year to improve our internal controls and adjust to the changing needs of our community and technology.

**INVESTMENTS** - Finance manages all investments. Currently investments include 21 certificates of deposit, 5 treasury bills, 4 sweep accounts, and 14 outside source investments totaling \$12,453,458. Each investment is tracked within the fund to which it belongs. Total investments by fund are as follows:

| FUND                            | CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT | TREASURY BILLS | OTHER INVESTMENT | TOTAL             |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| GENERAL FUND                    | 671,606                | -              | 1,254,480        | 1,926,086         |
| LIBRARY ENDOWMENT (RESTRICTED)  |                        |                | 112,650          | 112,650           |
| INTERNAL SERVICES               | 938,336                |                | 836,994          | 1,775,330         |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFIT                |                        |                |                  | -                 |
| ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT            |                        |                | 112,397          | 112,397           |
| PROPERTY MANAGEMENT             | 233,607                |                | 939,952          | 1,173,559         |
| TOURISM                         |                        | 68,779         | 1,200,791        | 1,269,569         |
| ELECTRIC                        | 2,351,170              | -              | 1,327,489        | 3,678,659         |
| WATER                           | 214,219                | 49,153         | 1,504,005        | 1,767,377         |
| WASTE WATER                     |                        | 73,780         | 119,457          | 193,237           |
| SANITATION                      | 161,429                | 392,062        | 558,633          | 1,112,124         |
| CEMETERY ENDOWMENT (RESTRICTED) | 213,625                |                | 118,847          | 332,472           |
| CONSERVATION TRUST              |                        |                |                  | -                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                    | <b>4,783,992</b>       | <b>583,773</b> | <b>8,085,693</b> | <b>13,453,458</b> |
| URBAN RENEWAL                   |                        |                |                  |                   |

NOTE: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE BALANCES THE MAIN BANK ACCOUNTS FOR GENERAL FUND, INTERNAL SERVICES, PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, ELECTRIC, WATER, WASTEWATER, AND SANITATION - THESE ACCOUNTS ARE NOT INVESTMENTS

**CONCLUSION**

The Finance Department continually strives to maintain the highest level of integrity so citizens of La Junta can continue to have confidence that the funds are managed properly. All monies are expensed as directed by City Council via the budget. Revenues and expenses are only available to be used within the fund in which they are generated. The finance department monitors all assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses listed in the financial statements and continues its policy of transparency to the public.

# OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

Melanie R. Scofield, City Clerk

The City Clerk functions much like the secretary of state. The City Clerk is a department head responsible for the legislative operations of the City. The signature of the City Clerk is required on all ordinances, resolutions, and other official documents of the City. The City Clerk's Office is a citywide information and document resource, and is the official management office for the city. Every municipality in the United States has a City Clerk or someone who functions as one. City of La Junta's Office of the City Clerk consists of the City Clerk and a Deputy City Clerk.

As secretary to the City Council and Utilities Board, the City Clerk is responsible for preparing agenda packets, attends and records board meetings and work sessions, as well as preparing and retaining official minutes, ordinances and resolutions, as permanent documents.

City Council members: Mayor Joe Ayala, Damon Ramirez (Ward 1), Paul Velasquez (Ward 1), Carly Johnson (Ward 2), Chandra Ochoa (Ward 2), Maureen Rikhof (Ward 3), and Lisa Pantoya (Ward 3). Board of Utilities Commissioners: Joe Ayala (Mayor), Mike Bourget (Commissioner), Patrick Berg (Chairman), Paul Velasquez (Council Member/Vice-Chair).

## **RECORDS MANAGER**

The City Clerk serves as records manager for the City of La Junta and oversees its records retention schedule. She maintains custody, control, filing and storage of all legislation, books, papers, minutes and other written and recorded documents and materials pertaining to the operation of City government.

The City Clerk enforces the State of Colorado's Records Retention Schedule providing for a systematic review of records and the destruction of those records no longer needed. Permanent documents are scanned to microfilm and CD's and is archived in the Clerk's office.

The City Clerk assists Property Management by keeping track of over 200 agreements, leases and property contracts. All leases and contracts must be kept up-to-date, including current insurances provided by the lessees.

## **CEMETERY**

The sale of cemetery spaces and recording of burials in Fairview and Calvary Cemeteries is done in the Clerk's office. We also collect the cost of opening and closing of cemetery spaces and Columbarium Niches, disinurnments, tent rentals and stone settings.

## **LIQUOR LICENSING/MISC. PERMITS**

The City Clerk's Office is also in charge of Local Liquor Licensing. There are currently sixteen (16) licensed vendors in La Junta. This includes: two (2) Hotel and Restaurant Liquor Licenses, four (4) Tavern Licenses, two (2) Retail Liquor Store Licenses, six (6) Fermented Malt Beverage & Wine Licenses, one (1) Lodging & Entertainment Liquor Licenses, and one (1) Club License.

State and Local Licensing Authorities may issue Special Events Permits to particular types of organizations, municipalities, and political candidates, permitting them to sell alcohol beverages for a limited number of days at special locations. This year, City Council granted twenty (20) Special Events Permits.

Applications for a permit to keep animals, rabbits, Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs or fowl are made with the City Clerk. The term of the license ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the current year and must be renewed annually. Currently there is one permit on file; however, there is evidence of these animals being kept within the City limits.

## **ELECTIONS**

General Municipal Elections are held on the first Tuesday in November in odd numbered years. Special Municipal Elections are held when called by Resolution of the Council, or by Ordinance, at least forty days in advance of such election. The City Clerk is the election official for the City of La Junta. In 2025, the City of La Junta coordinated with the Otero County Clerk.

## **CIRSA**

The City of La Junta is part of a member-owned self-insurance pool called CIRSA (Colorado Intergovernmental Risk Sharing Agency). CIRSA has been serving Colorado municipalities and affiliated public entities since 1982. They provide affordable coverage risk management services, and personal attention that the big commercial carriers can't deliver. The City Clerk processes all property and casualty claims through CIRSA.

## **SAFETY PROGRAM**

The City Clerk also serves as the Safety Coordinator. Safety on the job and the health and personal safety of each employee is of primary importance in all phases of operation and administration. By providing a safe and healthy workplace, the City of La Junta upholds their moral responsibility to protect all employees and the public. In accordance with state laws and regulations, federal standards, and company policy, the first order of business at the City of La Junta is to ensure the safety and health of employees at all times. Many departments have monthly trainings pertaining to their specialized fields along with city wide mandatory quarterly trainings.

## **IN CLOSING**

The City Clerk's Office is the hub to attain information on City services, boards and committees. It handles the main switch board and distributes all incoming mail to the appropriate departments. We also assist with program registrations and information for the Recreation Department and handle payments for the Municipal Court and Ambulance Service, when needed.

Our present City Clerk is an esteemed member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). This professional organization boasts over 10,000 members, and is comprised of City Clerks and Deputy City Clerks from the United States, Canada, and other countries. IIMC provides all City Clerks and their assistants with a variety of services and activities to assist them with the duties and responsibilities of their office. The official Mission and Purpose of the organization, as indicated in Article III of the Constitution of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, is to prepare its membership to meet the challenge of the diverse roles of the Municipal Clerk by providing services and continuing professional development opportunities to benefit members and the governments they serve.

As always, the City Clerk's Office is here to serve community residents and business owners, City Council, Utilities Board of Commissioners, and other Boards, the City Manager, management, and city departments, rendering equal service to all, providing top-level, enthusiastic, accurate and courteous service.

# PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

Jennifer L. Smith Hinkhouse, Director of Purchasing

During the year 2025, the City of La Junta Purchasing Department assisted City departments with 1,503 purchases totaling \$3,720,345.89.

- Supply Chain Issues have continued to improve. Some specialized items such as transformers still have extensive lead times but very recently, we have seen those times cut in half in some cases. I am looking forward to seeing this trend continue. Research times continue to be up in efforts to keep costs down while keeping acquisitions arriving in a timely fashion. Research resulted in saving the acquisition of goods lead times by 19.3%. Shipping charges were down slightly in 2025 but considering the 13% rise in 2023, I believe this is a good sign. Research into reducing these charges saved 27% in all areas. Items being unavailable for attainment continues to be less of a challenge also a good trend. Research times into the acquisition of alternative items resulted in 99.3% of items previously quoted as unable to purchase being attained. Bottom line some of the challenges presented in recent years seem to be easing.
- 1,271 quote transactions were conducted, up from last year. There was a difference between high and low quotes of \$35,316, also up from last year.
- 10 formal bids and requests for proposals were issued. Up slightly from last year. Special circumstance procurements, emergency procurements and sole source procurements may be used at any threshold which has changed the landscape of the bid process. These changes have made sense for our area and moved projects along at a better pace.
- The system of perpetual inventory continues to function well. The system makes it unnecessary to have a massive year-end shut down at the warehouse for counting of inventory items. Daily reports are produced in search of issues or discrepancies. Twenty-one items in inventory needed some type of adjustment down from last year. The function of the warehouse has improved with the addition of a new label system and the continued removal of obsolete inventory. Ten new items were added in 2025 in efforts to keep costs down city wide and continue to provide employees with the needed items to do their jobs efficiently. Employees continue to request assistance from the Purchasing Department to acquire items not available in the warehouse.
- The City Warehouse stocks 4,033 inventory items with a valuation of \$3,581,609.18 on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The inventory items request program continues to serve well. This program enables anyone connected to the City computer system to enter requests for inventory items from their location. Departments are also encouraged to call if need be. Items requested before 2:00 p.m. are delivered to the requesting department the same day.

# WATER/WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Thomas Seaba, Director of Water Utilities

## **WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

The City produced almost 626.00 million gallons of treated water in 2025. This is a decrease in demand of 3.69% from 2024. The lower demand is a result of increased moisture in the first two quarters of the year, continued level 1 water restrictions, improved methods of water conservation, and the implementation of a 3-tiered rate structure. La Junta began the year in “D0” drought conditions. Drought conditions varied throughout the year, however, Otero County ended the year in “D1” drought conditions.

We pumped 835,373,502 gallons, or roughly 2,564.60-acre feet of water from our wells and returned 74.00% to the river through recovery, leaving us with 1,016-acre feet to replace out of priority use. We had 4,278.98-acre feet of water for replacement stored in Pueblo Reservoir on December 31, 2025.

- Awarded a \$300,000 Emerging Contaminants grant. This helped us develop potential future treatment processes to treat currently unregulated contaminants that have regulatory rulings in 2026. These contaminants include the PFAS family of chemicals, lithium, and manganese. A grant proposal for \$30-million was completed and prepared for a February 2026 submission.
- Lost or was not awarded several grants due to funding being terminated or rescinded by the federal government.
- Provided assistance and permeate water to DeBourgh Manufacturing when their RO system went down.
- Began discussions with staff and engineers from CU Boulder for a potential pilot program for treating RO concentrate water in 2026.
- Replaced RO membranes in RO “B” where current membrane seals had failed.
- Continue troubleshooting aircraft avoidance lights on Prairie View tank.
- Continue gathering lead and copper surveys. Will need a better return rate of surveys from customers in 2026.
- Several employees participating in training both in-person and online and earning new levels of certification.
- Employee certified in backflow device inspections, testing and repair. This new certification will allow us to test all city devices in-house and save money.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

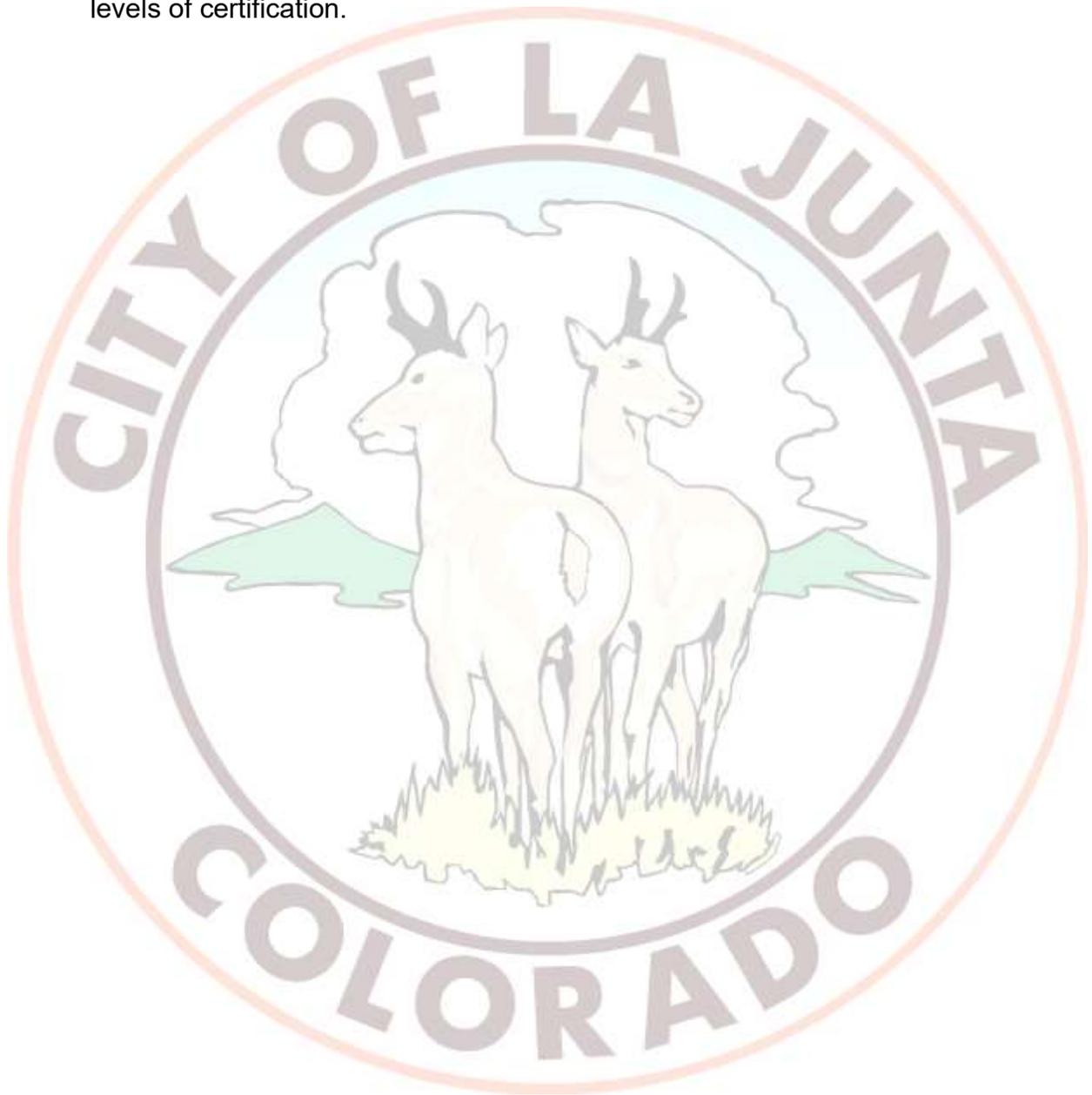
- Awarded a \$300,000 Design & Engineering grant. This helped us develop a distribution pipeline replacement project. This project is estimated at \$15.5-million and will carry principal forgiveness for up to 45% of the loan. The submission proposal was completed and prepared for a January 5, 2026 submission.
- Repaired nine water main breaks.
- Replaced four fire hydrants. All others received annual maintenance.
- Replaced 1,300 feet of old water main on 6<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> streets.
- Installed new tap and water main for Brick and Tile Park irrigation system.
- Installed multiple new services to include 2" service for WWTP dewatering press and at the Industrial Park for new industry.
- Assisted and monitored gas line replacements in North La Junta.
- Replaced multiple lead service lines.
- Continued with the management plan at our Holbrook farms. Thirty-five additional acres were seeded with native grasses to continue our revegetation efforts. Four large reel sprinklers and two diesel pumps were purchased to assist with irrigation in 2026.
- Assisted Rocky Ford and Swink with water main breaks.
- Several employees participating in training both in-person and online and earning new levels of certification.

## **WASTEWATER**

In 2025, the WWTF treated 305.70 million gallons of wastewater. Our WWTF removed suspended solids at a 98.6% removal factor. Denali, TerraGenisys, and Walter Excavation hauled or pressed almost 10,449.00 wet tons of bio-solids (sludge) for reuse as compost or disposal on agricultural land. 358.0 cubic feet of grit and 439.0 cubic feet of screenings were removed and transported to the land fill.

- Placed order for new dewatering screw press and began construction of dewatering facility. Construction will potentially be completed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2026.
- Passed DMR-QA 45 study.
- Assisted Rocky Ford and Swink with collection system blockages.
- We jetted 62,000 feet of collection main due to emergency calls and proactive scheduling.
- Repaired collapsed sewer main and a manhole on 6<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Created better SOP's for cleaning and maintaining clarifiers and UV channel with noticeable positive results on effluent.
- Submitted annual pretreatment report to the EPA and began preparations for a 2026 inspection of this program.

- Began data collection and regulation enhancement for updating our Industrial Pretreatment Program rules and surcharges for 2026 revision.
- Replaced frozen pipes and valves in grit building. Pipes froze due to the main board on the heating system failing.
- Several employees participating in both in-person and online and earning new levels of certification.



# ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Chris Arguello, Electric Superintendent

2025 has been a very busy year for the Electric Department with multiple tasks and challenges. We have had several callouts ranging from burnt-up secondary connectors, failed transformers, emergency locates, trees falling into power lines, underground faults, structure fires, vehicle accidents, rotten poles, repairs to old infrastructure, etc. We have managed to complete all these tasks listed above and restore power to the system in a safe and timely manner. Throughout the year, we have worked closely with ARPA members on improving our systems infrastructure, bucket truck/hurt man rescue, and substation training.

- La Junta's KW (demand) 12-month total was 193,325
- La Junta's KWH (energy) 12-month total was \$86,297,298.00
- Cost adjustment per KW 12-month total was \$0.0363466

The Electric Department Subtech/Operators have been working closely with Atwell Engineering to upgrade our SCADA and improve our substation apparatus.

The Electric Department has had many meetings about our new solar farm with ARPA and has done capacity upgrades needed for the station's operations.

The Department has also had numerous meetings with Engineers about the upcoming F-S6 substation breaker/relay replacement. The design process is getting close to being complete at this time. Estimated completion will be approximately December 2026.

The Electric Department has also continued to install our new Night Hawk meters with connect and disconnect capabilities to include outage pin point features.

We are also proud to announce our two new Journeyman Lineman, Drew Yochum and Anthony Aguilar. We also added three new apprentices to the crew: Clint Herman, John Grinstead, and Joe Zamora.

# ENGINEERING STREETS & SANITATION

Martin Montoya, Director of Engineering

All three departments stayed occupied with maintenance work and new projects. Each season brings its own set of special circumstances that must be addressed along with the daily work. Every department worked closely with the La Junta Police Department and the La Junta Rural Fire Protection District to keep our community safe.

A recap of those projects by department is as follows:

## Engineering

### Property compliance letters sent

- 126 vacant building letters
- 1 Abatement order

### Projects

- Demo entire structure 1220 Rice Ave
- Demo entire structure 618 Colorado

### Grants

- Brownfields grant multiple projects
- Grant: Received a design grant for 3<sup>rd</sup> Street bridge

### Planning Commission

- Updated Subdivision Regulations & annual review
- Subdivision Regulations Lot Merge Ordinance
- Variance 117 W 4<sup>th</sup> St.
- Variance 1621 Colorado Ave
- Variance 417 Carson Ave
- Conditional Use Permit 302 Lincoln Ave
- Zoning Ordinance update of the Sign Code Section 17.50.
- Zoning Ordinance update Expedited Review for Affordable Housing Projects
- Zoning Permits

### Boards

- SEECRA: Treasurer (Southeast & East Central Recycling Association)
- OCLI: Treasurer (Otero County Landfill Incorporated)
- OPI (Otero Partners Incorporated)

Permits issued

|  | No. Issued | No. Issued | Valuation           | Fees                |
|--|------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Permit Type</b>                       | 2024       | 2025       | 2025                | 2025                |
| New Single-Family Dwelling               | 1          | 1          | \$120,000.00        | \$6,042.00          |
| New Commercial                           | 1          | 1          | \$50,000.00         | \$1,477.00          |
| New Manufactured Home                    | 0          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| New Industrial                           | 0          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| Foundation Only for Manufactured Home    | 0          | 0          |                     | \$0.00              |
| New Apartments/Duplexes                  | 2          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| Building                                 | 0          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| New Public Building                      | 2          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| Residential Remodel                      | 19         | 14         | \$148,841.51        | \$6,490.08          |
| Apartment/Duplex Remodel                 | 0          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| Commercial Remodel                       | 9          | 12         | \$5,508,219.90      | \$33,377.00         |
| Industrial Remodel                       | 0          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| Public Remodel                           | 0          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| <b>Number of Building Permits Issued</b> | <b>34</b>  | <b>28</b>  |                     |                     |
| Fire Alarm                               | 0          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| Fire Suppression Systems                 | 0          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| HVAC                                     | 6          | 12         | \$1,176,058.07      | \$10,730.21         |
| Roofing                                  | 110        | 88         | \$1,249,562.27      | \$23,975.19         |
| Garage/Carport/Shed                      | 7          | 6          | \$252,300.68        | \$2,924.00          |
| Patio/Deck                               | 4          | 7          | \$67,183.00         | \$1,348.21          |
| Stucco/Sidding                           | 2          | 7          | \$36,807.00         | \$1,127.20          |
| Swimming Pool                            | 1          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| Curb/Gutter/Sidewalk                     | 17         | 4          | \$6,000.00          | \$205.00            |
| Sign                                     | 25         | 13         | \$19,187.00         | \$959.00            |
| Solar                                    | 10         | 3          | \$103,153.50        | \$3,417.07          |
| Demolition                               | 3          | 4          | \$415,374.00        | \$240.00            |
| Right-of-Way                             | 63         | 39         | \$0.00              | \$1,050.00          |
| Water Tap                                | 0          | 4          | \$0.00              | \$12,000.00         |
| Sewer Retap                              | 15         | 13         | \$0.00              | \$1,645.93          |
| Sewer Tap                                | 0          | 0          | \$0.00              | \$0.00              |
| <b>Number of Other Permits</b>           | <b>263</b> | <b>200</b> |                     |                     |
| <b>Total Permits Issued</b>              | <b>297</b> | <b>228</b> | <b>9,152,686.93</b> | <b>\$107,007.89</b> |

## **Vacant Building Fees**

|                              |                               |              |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Vacant Building Registration | 2023,2024,2025 Fees Collected | \$ 29,039.92 |
|                              |                               |              |

## **Street Department**

### **Projects**

- Paved Conley Road
- Paved 2<sup>nd</sup> St. from Smithland Ave. to Cimarron Ave.
- Paved 6<sup>th</sup> St. from Colorado to Santa Fe Ave.
- Added storm inlet and storm lines on 10<sup>th</sup> St.
- Added concrete wall & fence to Anderson Arroyo bridge on 10<sup>th</sup> St.
- Installed new storm line and drain on W 5<sup>th</sup> St.
- Installed sidewalk on 10<sup>th</sup> St and Barnes Ave

### **Road maintenance, repairs and patching**

- Pothole patching all over town
- Maintain ongoing weed control and weed spray throughout the city
- Fix shoulder on 10<sup>th</sup> Street
- Install bollards on 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Adams Ave.
- Street maintenance
- Install sidewalk on 10<sup>th</sup> from bridge to Maple Ave.
- Cut out and raise manholes on 4<sup>th</sup> St. and Lincoln Ave.
- Clean and maintain Potter Dr
- Install curb and gutter on 10<sup>th</sup> from Maple Ave. to Barnes Ave.
- Backfill new curb and gutter on Conley Rd.
- Patch water trenches
- Street sweep all over town

### **Signs repair and replacement**

- Vacuum and bases for signs on Harriet Ave from 2<sup>nd</sup> St to 6<sup>th</sup> St
- Vacuum and bases for signs on Grace Ave from 6<sup>th</sup> St to 14<sup>th</sup> St
- Vacuum and bases for signs on Belleview
- Assemble signs
- Install signs on Smithland from 4<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Install signs on Cimarron from 16<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> St
- Install signs on Lincoln Ave from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> St
- Install street signs on all 1<sup>st</sup> St.
- Assemble signs for Belleview
- Install poles and signs on Belleview
- Install signs on Harriet Ave and Grace Ave
- Maintained signs following weather events & vandalism
- Install new do not enter when flooded signs on Potter Dr underpass and 2<sup>nd</sup> St. from Bradish Ave. to Lewis Ave.

### **Street and Highway clean up**

- Clean & maintain Potter Dr
- Mowing & trash removal Frontage Road Highway 50 east & west
- Mowing & trash removal South San Juan Ave
- Clean Anderson Arroyo of debris removal & mowing
- Maintain under bridges
- Street sweeping
- Street maintenance
- Remove trash & trees under East 3<sup>rd</sup> St bridge

### **Alley Repair**

- 6<sup>th</sup> St to 10<sup>th</sup> St between Best Ave and Adams Ave
- 18<sup>th</sup> St to 20<sup>th</sup> St between Raton Ave and Colorado Ave

### **Road Closures**

- 5<sup>th</sup> St from Maple Ave to Gardner for new storm drain project
- 10<sup>th</sup> St from Maple Ave to Barnes Ave to install curb & gutter, storm drains and sidewalk project
- 2<sup>nd</sup> St from Smithland Ave to Cimarron for street paving
- Conley Rd for paving project
- 14<sup>th</sup> St for water line repairs
- 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Colorado Ave to Santa Fe Ave for paving project

### **Storm**

- Remove fallen tree branches and signs
- Clean & maintain storm drain inlets with vac trailer
- Snow plow & sand streets

### **Assist in other departments**

- Haul dirt to airport
- Dirt work at Potter Ballpark
- Assist TLM on the La Junta Arroya Trail
- Concrete removal from La Junta Arroyo Trail project
- Dirt work for Brick & Tile
- Patch street for Water Department after water repair
- Install ditch at 22<sup>nd</sup> St Ballfield
- New storm pipe at 22<sup>nd</sup> St and Ballfield
- Move berm at shooting range
- Remove asphalt from Brick & Tile trail
- Demo & removal of entire structure at 618 Colorado Ave
- Demo & removal of entire structure 1220 Rice Ave

### **Road striping**

- All East Otero School District crosswalks
- Conley Road
- Downtown crosswalks and parking areas

**Miscellaneous projects**

- Repair equipment on sanders and plows
- Equipment repair and shop maintenance
- Made new shoes for the snow plows
- Build barricades
- Clean shop for inspection from city and CIRSA
- Remove homeless camps by river at 3<sup>rd</sup> St and Anderson Ave
- Shop bathroom remodel
- Shop building maintenance
- Oversee overhead door fix shop garage door
- Fix and repair shoes & blades on snow plows
- Build type 3 barricades
- Maintenance barricades

**Assist Sanitation Department**

- Repair commercial dumpsters
- Maintain yard around compactor/open top
- All special pick up's
- October city clean-up

**Events providing barricades and cones**

- Arkansas Valley Pregnancy Center: Walk for life
- Southeast Colorado Creative Partnership: Brew Festival
- La Junta Chamber of Commerce: Early Settlers Day
- City of La Junta: Tarantula Festival
- Inspiration Field: Trunk-n-Treat
- The Sign Shop: Dino Dogs

**TLM Constructors Inc.**

- Striped Conley Rd
- Assist in Brick & Tile walking path
- Completed sidewalk on 10<sup>th</sup> St
- Curb and Gutter 10<sup>th</sup> St
- Curb and Gutter Conley Rd
- Curb and Gutter 2<sup>nd</sup> St
- Curb and Gutter 5<sup>th</sup> St
- Handicap corners on 6<sup>th</sup> St and Santa Fe

**Asphalt**

| Jan          | Feb          | Mar          | Apr  | May | Jun     | Jul | Aug | Sep    | Oct | Nov    | Dec |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|-----|---------|-----|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|
| Plant Closed | Plant Closed | Plant Closed | 26.6 | 0   | 5503.84 | 81. | 0   | 147.18 | 80. | 107.59 | 0   |

## **Sanitation Department**

### **Annual City Clean Up**

- ❖ Recycled 1126 tires
- ❖ Open Top & Compactor totals 77.06 tons
- ❖ Recycled E waste (Tv's Monitors) 2 ½ - 20 yd roll offs
- ❖ Refrigerators 35
- ❖ Paint waste 2 tons
- ❖ Antifreeze 30 gallons
- ❖ Used oil 140 gallons
- ❖ Metal 29.65 tons

### **Refuse Transfer Station tonnage:**

- ❖ Compactor 126.83 tons
- ❖ Open Top 415.36 tons

### **Sanitation Customers**

- ❖ 2782 Residential
- ❖ 433 Commercial
- ❖ 28 Municipal
- ❖ 10 Industrial

### **Roll off and Compactor box's**

- ❖ 55 - compactor services
- ❖ 47 - 40-yard boxes delivered
- ❖ 296 - 40-yard boxes serviced
- ❖ 70 - 20-yard boxes delivered
- ❖ 109 - 20-yard boxes serviced

### **Special Pick-Ups**

- ❖ 35 special pick-ups

### **Events providing totes and dumpsters**

- ❖ Deliver dumpsters to Catholic Church Community Event
- ❖ Global Medical Response
- ❖ Reelin in the Summer (LJ Primary)
- ❖ Southeast Colorado Creative Partnership: Brew Festival
- ❖ La Junta Chamber of Commerce: Early Settlers Day
- ❖ City of La Junta: Tarantula Festival

**Totes**

- ❖ 42 Additional totes delivered
- ❖ 69 broken totes replaced
- ❖ 70 broken lids replaced
- ❖ 296 tote miscellaneous (all other tote work orders)



# **Senior Center, Transit, Parks, Recreation, Golf Course, Cemetery, Forestry, Property Management, Industrial Park, Airport**

Brock Hinkhouse, Director of Facilities & Operations

## **SENIOR CENTER/TRANSIT**

The Senior Center had 471 members in 2025, with 10,249 people in attendance throughout the year. It offered a multitude of activities for seniors including ceramics, tai chi, yoga, quilting, bird watching, bingo and pool. The Transit System provided rides to 16,019 people over the course of the year and worked in conjunction with SETRAN on moving riders throughout La Junta.

## **PARKS**

The Parks Department had a busy year maintaining all of their thirty properties. Some of the highlights include: The continued development of the Brick & Tile Park/Trail as well as the restoration of the tennis courts at City Park. There were over 250 baseball and softball games played on Potter, Little Potter, Veterans, Tippy, and 22nd Street fields. City Park was used for events such as Early Settlers Day and Safety Jam as well as Police in the Park.

## **RECREATION/GOLF COURSE**

There were 1,315 children and adults that participated in the City's recreation programs. Programs that were offered were: Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Softball, T-Ball and Swim Lessons. These programs would not be possible without our 200+ volunteers and 65 workers/officials. The Wipeout had another busy summer with 12,932 people that attended our open swim. There were 175 memberships sold at the golf course last year.

## **CEMETERY**

Fairview and Cavalry Cemetery's had 78 internments in 2025. There were 24 full burials and 54 cremains interred. The City sold 76 plots and niches. Replacement of the 80+ year old irrigation lines continues in hopes of automation in the near future. It is the second year of overseeding using a new technique that helps ensure better quality grass coverage.

## **FORESTRY**

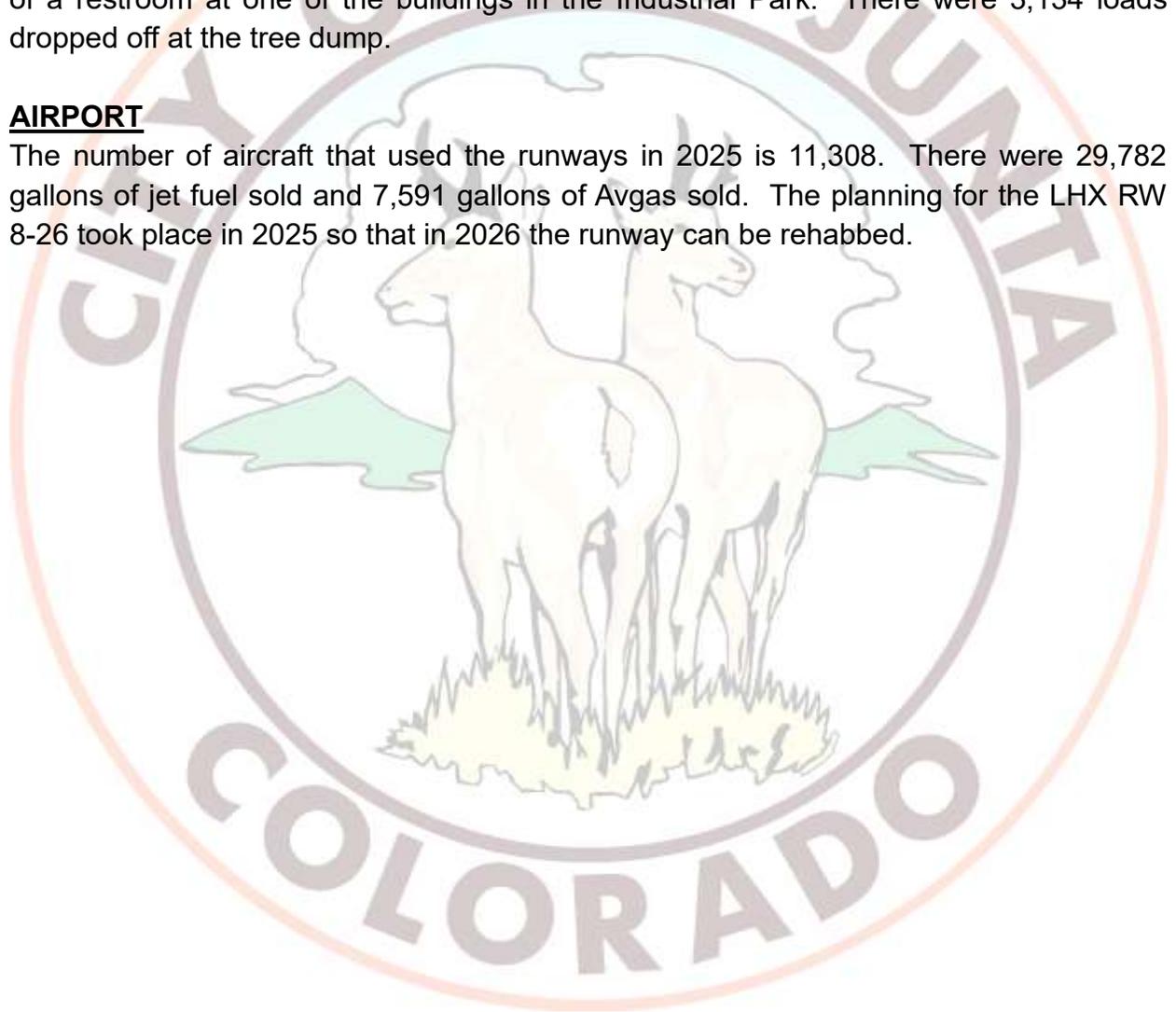
Through a series of grants the City was able to plant 72 new trees in parks, the cemeteries, at the golf course and other city properties. There were 85 trees pruned and 12 removed.

## **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT/INDUSTRIAL PARK**

An audit of all properties and leases was performed in 2025. The audit looked at all leases to see if they were current and in good standing as well as assess the condition of all buildings. There were a few projects that took place in 2025 including the addition of a restroom at one of the buildings in the Industrial Park. There were 3,134 loads dropped off at the tree dump.

## **AIRPORT**

The number of aircraft that used the runways in 2025 is 11,308. There were 29,782 gallons of jet fuel sold and 7,591 gallons of Avgas sold. The planning for the LHX RW 8-26 took place in 2025 so that in 2026 the runway can be rehabbed.



# WOODRUFF MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Heather Maes, Director of Library Services

There was one change in staff during the year. Kristine Rios was promoted from Patron Service Tech to the Circulation Coordinator Position that was vacated by Angie Swedhin. The Library Tech I and one of the Patron Service Tech positions remained unfilled due to budget cuts.

The library was awarded a \$5,500.00 State Grants for Libraries. We used the money to continue our Experience Passes program. We purchased passes to the Pueblo Zoo, Sangre de Cristo Art Center, Buell's Children Museum, and Western Museum of Mining to name a few, we also continued our Hotspot lending program, renewing and adding Hotspots for check out to our patrons and contributed more e content to Cloud Library.

19 different volunteers completed 580 hours of service to the library. Most of those hours were from the Teen Volunteers that help us with the summer reading program. We also had eight court appointed community service workers that gave 189 hours of service.

After a successful restart of the "Virtual Pro Se Clinic" (VPC), a public-private collaboration aimed at delivering free monthly legal clinics to public libraries across Colorado by computer link, with free one-on-one conference with volunteer attorneys we held 12 clinics with 46 patrons attending. Topics discussed were 23.1% property, 20.5% family law, 20.5% trusts, wills & estates, 15.4% money cases, 10.3% criminal law, 5.1% consumers rights & 2.6% bankruptcy.

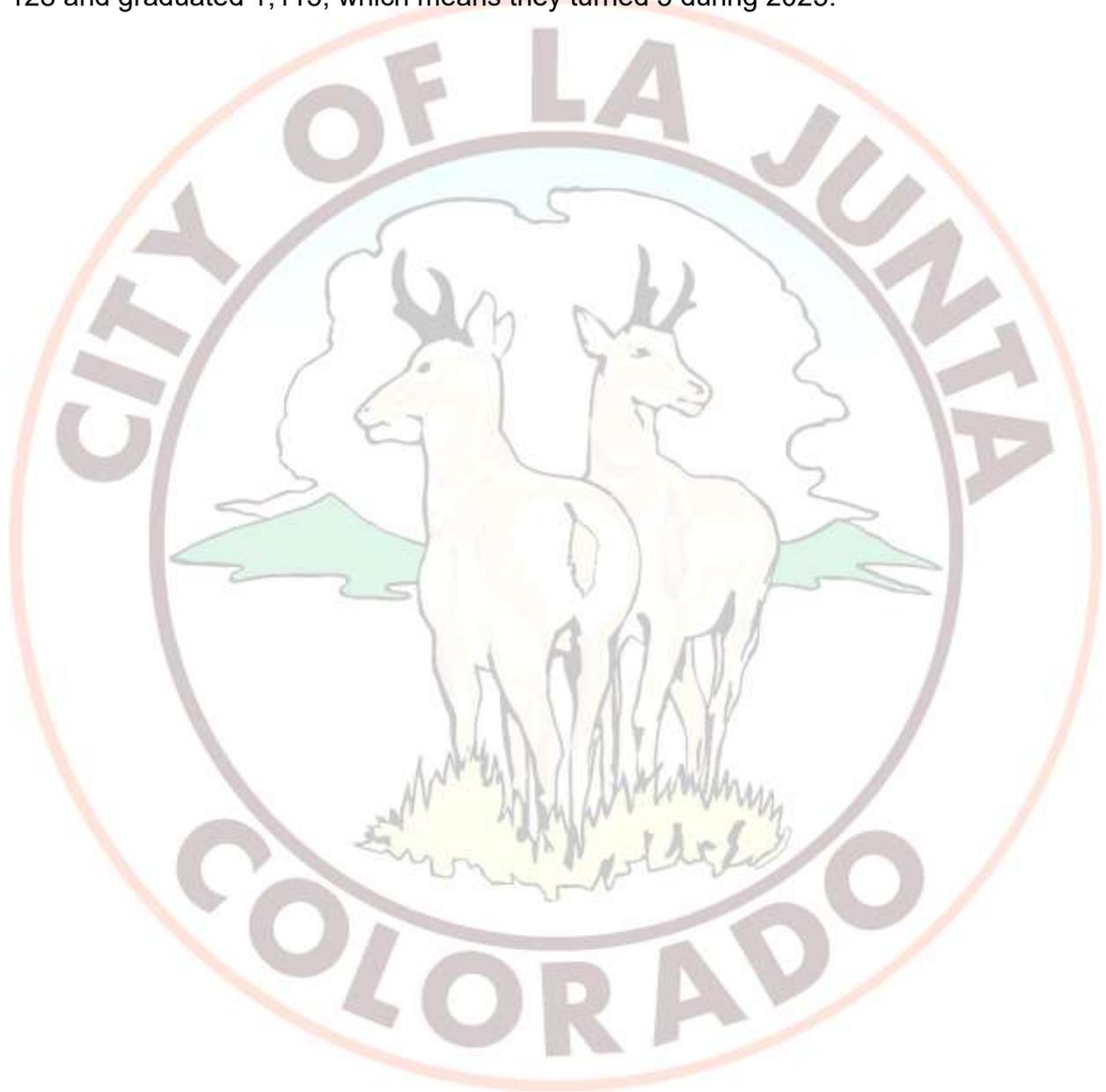
The Winter (Adult) Reading Program, had 78 participants reading 408 books. We also held 7 programs with 48 people attending. The theme was "Color our World". The themes are now universal for adults and kids from the state.

Summer Reading Program "Color our World" had 235 children, 42 teens and 108 adults participating thru ReadSquared. We held 20 programs, performers, and story and crafts for children and teens during June & July with 1,843 people attending.

Programming from September - April for ages Birth through Teens we held 164 in person programs and had 4481 people attend those programs. Programming included Story Time, Teen Activities Group, & Friday Fillers.

This is our second year with Fieldprint, Inc. to offer a comprehensive suite of electronic fingerprinting and related services to handle identity management needs. We can do fingerprinting, rolls and flats, remote form I9 section 2 and badge photos. We had 44 appointments and brought in \$194.00.

Our library became part of the Dolly Patron Imagination Library Colorado in June 2022. It provides one book per month per kid age birth thru 5 in Otero County. By providing books every month **at no cost to families**, the Imagination Library increases childhood literacy rates, fosters a love of books, and promotes a culture of reading among all families in Colorado. The state pays for half of the funding through a grant and the Early Childhood Council of Bent, Otero & Crowley Counties pays the other half. We registered 128 and graduated 1,115, which means they turned 5 during 2025.



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

Todd Quick, Chief of Police

The La Junta Police Department responded to a total of 21,451 calls for service (CFS) in 2025. Officers from the LJPd handled 2,540 criminal cases, resulting in 1,265 arrests (averaging approximately 3½ arrests per day).

La Junta Police Department Officers have been conducting security checks at local businesses. This involves walking through business premises and engaging in conversations with owners, managers and employees. These one-on-one interactions with business representatives and the community play a crucial role in our community policing philosophy.

The La Junta Police Department has been active in our community by organizing various events. In August, we held “Police in the Park”, we collaborated with the Elks Lodge for their Halloween Party at the La Junta High School Gym, and assisted Wal-Mart with their Trunk-or-Treat event. These activities were well attended and many community members expressed gratitude for hosting them.

We continued our partnership with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) drug enforcement team and conducted several counter-drug operations. These efforts resulted in the seizure of a significant amount of drugs and money, as well as the arrest of over several drug dealers. We plan to continue these initiatives into 2026 and aim to increase the number of operations.

In 2025, the La Junta Police Department secured approximately \$65,000 in grant funds to enhance the La Junta Police Department Training Facility. The grant was used to install a new sprinkler system. Over the past eight years, the department has obtained more than \$715,000 in grant funds to improve the facility.

The Command and Patrol staff of the La Junta Police Department are committed to continuous learning and training. They actively seek ways to enhance community safety and prosperity, attracting new businesses and tourism.

# LA JUNTA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brad Davidson, Fire Chief

The La Junta Fire District is approximately 350 square miles to include the towns of La Junta, Swink and Cheraw. For the year 2025, this was a good year to look over all aspects of the department and work on improvements to make sure we are giving top notch service to our community.

We worked on our community risk assessment with the help of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control. We worked on doing more community education and public relations as well.

I would like to also state that with all of the improvements we have had in the last year within our department is based on the great work between the City of La Junta and the La Junta Rural Fire District Board, who work together and support each other to the fact we have the best Fire Department in Southeast Colorado.

## **Call Stats:**

2025 ended up being a challenging year and we saw a steady pace for calls for service in the La Junta Fire Department. Ending with **2,349 total calls for service**. To put that in perspective, see the below year/call volume statistics:

Structure Fires – 27  
Brush/Wildland Fires – 40  
Additional Calls for Service – 299  
EMS Calls – 1983  
Fire Damage/Loss Estimated - \$2,311,385.00

2023: 2399 TOTAL Calls for Service

2024: 2403 TOTAL Calls for Service

Calls for service can be any call that we are requested by the community for. Medical calls make up the largest portion. But when the public calls for assistance, then we track those calls for service.

We also did three wildland fire deployments across the State for large wildland fires providing resources over a total of 42 days. This included a Tender (2,000 gal) with a staff of two for 14 days, a utility truck with a paramedic on two separate fires at 14 days each.

We ran numerous mutual aid calls with all of our neighboring departments. This included mostly fire calls but a handful of medical calls as well. This includes departments within Otero County, Bent County, Crowley County, and Las Animas County.

# HUMAN RESOURCES

Dawn Block, Director

20 new hires  
43 seasonal hires  
15 new babies in 2025  
7 anticipated in 2026  
4 weddings (that affected insurance)

January 2025 total employees – 145  
December 31, 2025 total employees – 139  
Highest total employees – 189 (June 2025)

6 employees completed 5 years of service  
5 employees completed 10 years of service  
1 employee completed 15 years of service  
3 employees completed 20 years of service  
1 employee completed 25 years of service  
1 employee completed 30 years of service



# LA JUNTA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Pamela Denahy, Director

In 2025, La Junta Economic Development advanced a coordinated strategy to help strengthen the local economy, revitalize downtown, and elevate the community's creative identity. Through structured stakeholder engagement, regional partnerships, placemaking initiatives, strategic planning and participation in the Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP), La Junta Economic Development continued building momentum toward long-term economic resilience and investment readiness.

## Economic Development Summit & Strategic Priorities

The 2025 Summit established three priority focus areas:

1. Downtown storefront and public space beautification
2. Recruitment of new primary industries to the Industrial Park by 2030
3. Assessment and modernization of aging infrastructure to support investment

These priorities will help guide ongoing recruitment, infrastructure planning, and downtown revitalization strategies.

## RTAP – Rural Technical Assistance Program

In 2025, La Junta advanced through the Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP), strengthening local capacity for strategic revitalization and implementation. RTAP outcomes included:

- Community engagement and stakeholder workshops to identify shared priorities
- Clear downtown revitalization benchmarks and action steps
- Alignment between Tourism, Economic Development, and Creative Main Street initiatives
- Identification of catalytic projects designed to stimulate private investment

The RTAP process helped translate community vision into actionable strategies, ensuring that economic development efforts are data-informed, community-driven, and implementation-ready.

## La Junta Creative Main Street Highlights

- Downtown Activation & Placemaking

- Advanced beautification and public space improvements to increase walkability and economic vitality.
- Leveraged partnerships and grant opportunities to expand placemaking efforts.

### **Looking Ahead to 2026**

In 2026, La Junta will focus on building a comprehensive economic development structure to strengthen oversight, coordinate strategic initiatives, and guide investment, while expanding industrial recruitment, continuing downtown revitalization and implementing the City of La Junta rebranding efforts to enhance La Junta's identity and appeal.



# VISIT LA JUNTA

Pamela Denahy, Director of Tourism

In 2025, La Junta Tourism's (Visit La Junta) accomplishments were significant in promoting La Junta as a unique tourist destination largely due to the most successful Tarantula Tourism season and La Junta Tarantula Fest thus far.

By focusing on community collaboration, event promotion and visitor engagement, Visit La Junta's efforts resulted in stronger brand awareness, strengthened strategic partnerships, and enhanced local experiences that support economic activity and community pride. Examples include:

- Visit La Junta worked in close partnership with Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site through safety challenges and closures to reimagine access and programming at the Fort.
- A redesigned VisitLaJunta.net website launched to improve user experience, updated tourism content, and better highlight lodging, attractions, and events for visitors planning overnight stays.
- Visit La Junta prioritized social media in the latter half of 2025 working with a Social Media Manager to help grow the reach of the Visit La Junta Facebook and Instagram pages. Continued partnerships with the Colorado Tourism Office through their partners social media coop also led to increased website exposure.

Remarkably, 2025 was a banner year for state and national media coverage providing interviews covering the Tarantula Tourism with features on CBS Sunday Morning News, National Geographic, Rocky Mountain PBS and much more.

La Junta Tourism began in 2010 as an Advisory Board that manages and oversees the expenditures of a 4.5 percent lodging tax that is collected on all lodging facilities (7) in La Junta. The lodging tax is not a part of the general City sales tax fund. Revenue collected through the lodging tax can only be spent for tourism related functions. The Lodging Tax Fund is the primary source of City funding for tourism promotion.

La Junta Tourism Advisory Board members include Chairman John Yergert, Ron Davis, Colleen Oquist, Tracey Salzbrenner, Rick Wallner, City Manager Michael Hart and Mayor Joe Ayala. Members of the Board, except for the City Manager, are volunteers and not paid. They all have experience with and a passion for tourism and are dedicated to growing tourism in La Junta. Pamela Denahy, Director of Tourism, serves as the La Junta Tourism administrator.

As a result of the Lodging Tax ordinance – \$207,706.<sup>90</sup> in revenue was collected in 2025.

Key objectives in 2026:

- Focus on integrating the commemoration of the America 250 – Colorado 150 – LJ 145 into events in 2026.
- Continue to prioritize responsible and respectful visitation for the entire Tarantula Trek Tourism season.
- Implement Short Term Rental (STR) compliance and collection in partnership with STR owners.
- Continue social media growth and prioritization for a full year in 2026.



# LA JUNTA URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY

Melanie R. Scofield, Director

The La Junta Urban Renewal Authority (LJURA) is an urban renewal authority that serves as the City of La Junta's redevelopment agency. LJURA is governed by a 9-member board of commissioners appointed and confirmed by the City Council for staggered terms. Chairperson: Nancy Bennett, Vice-Chair: Toni Madrid, Carly Johnson, Ben Mason, Zach Miner, Randall Roberson, Angel Saucedo, Mayor Joe Ayala.

LJURA's primary function is to assist the city and property owners in elimination and prevents of slums and blighted areas. Rather than specifying particular types of projects and activities, the law allows and encourages LJURA and other urban renewal authorities in Colorado to maintain flexibility and exercise judgment in determining which projects and activities best achieve its goals.

The Colorado Urban Renewal Law (C.R.S.§31-25-101) governs LJURA and all the state's urban renewal authorities. It identifies the criteria under which an area can be found to be blighted and thus eligible for redevelopment using TIF. Under the law, urban renewal authorities can use TIF only when the blight criteria contained in the law are met.

LJURA's mission is the elimination of blighted areas through creative redevelopment. Before the authority may get involved in a project, the area first must be found to be blighted. A blighted area means an area which, in its present condition and use, has substantially and adversely affected or slowed the reasonable growth of the community, hindered the provision of decent housing, or constitutes a social liability to the community, and therefore is detrimental to the well-being of the citizens.

In 2025, the LJURA completed the following:

- Voted in a new director, Melanie Scofield.
- Updated the Financial Assistance Policy and application.
- Met with the City of Lamar for visualizations of their funded projects.
- Collaboration with Main Street on the Downtown Beautification Project
- Funding applications approved:
  - Thyme Square (roof replacement)  
\$84,930.22 loan and \$50,000.00 grant
  - Rikhof – Chest Apartments (plumbing, boiler, sprinkler system, doors)  
\$92,289.77 loan and \$50,000.00 grant
  - Promenade Floral & Design (replace outdated HVAC)  
\$10,000.00 grant

# LA JUNTA CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

Melanie R. Scofield

The City of La Junta Historic Preservation Advisory Board/CLG (HPAB/CLG) was formed by the City of La Junta in 2019. Board members are appointed by the City Council. Chairperson: Ben Mason, Vice-Chair: Toni Madrid, Nancy Bennett and Erika Lively.

The Board assists city residents with nominations to the city, state, and national registers, providing preservation advice following the Secretary of the Interiors Standards and Guidelines, supporting educational efforts pertaining to history and preservation, assisting with preservation projects, sharing information on tax credits, guiding historic preservation survey projects, and advising the City on preservation approaches.

In 2025, the HPAB/CLG completed the following:

- Revised the By-Laws.
- Three board members attended the Saving Places Conference.
- Attended a training work session with the Otero County Historic Preservation Board regarding Section 106 compliance.
- City Council proclaimed May 2025 at Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month.
- Our Quadrennial Review successfully passed.
- Currently continuing to work on the 2024 Northeast La Junta Cultural Resource survey.

*On behalf of the City of La Junta and staff, we want to extend our sincerest gratitude to every resident. Your active participation in city meetings, dedication to volunteering, and support for local businesses drive our success. Thank you for your continued partnership and for helping us make this a better place to live, work, and play. – City of La Junta*



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