

Grand Junction Colo April 17 - 1905

Upon Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1905 the City Council met in and for the City of Grand Junction Colorado Commed pursuant to law.

J. N. Bunting Mayor Elect, was duly administered the oath of office, and subscribed the same, Whereupon the following named persons responded to the call to wit:  
Alderman Felix Alkire - E. B. Luter - J. A. McCulloch - F. W. Harris - John Boyle - W. E. Platt - N. N. Smith - W. M. Smith - City Attorney N. E. Coles - Mayor J. N. Bunting,

and each having received a Certificate of election to the office of Alderman, for their several wards, took the oath of office and subscribed the same, and were duly installed as the Board of Alderman, for said City for the ensuing term,

N. E. Coles, City Attorney Elect, and John M. Conley City Clerk Elect, each being present and possessed of Certificates of Election, and having taken and subscribed the oath of office, and furnished bonds as required by law, were also duly installed into their respective offices,

The Mayor J. N. Bunting asked for the Roll Call of the City Council of Grand Junction as organized whereupon the following named persons answered present, as follows,  
Alderman Felix Alkire - E. B. Luter - J. A. McCulloch - F. W. Harris - John Boyle - W. E. Platt - N. N. Smith - W. M. Smith - City Attorney N. E. Coles - Mayor J. N. Bunting.

and thereupon the Mayor, announced that the said Council was duly organized according to law, and there being a quorum present, would proceed to business -

The Mayor thereupon addressed the Council there sitting in open session. Upon the call of the Mayor, for the reading and presentation, of petitions, the Clerk read the following petitions, to wit: The Petition of W. B. Daves Contesting the election of N. N. Smith to the office of Alderman from the Fourth Ward; also the Petition of W. H. Banister Contesting the election of J. A. McCulloch to the office of Alderman from the Third Ward; also the petition of W. E. Stockton, Contesting the election of F. W. Harris to the office of Alderman from the first Ward; Alderman John Boyle interposed a motion that the Council take the question of contests up at once, open the ballot boxes and proceed to count the ballots for the wards in question, Seconded by Alderman Platt,

Contest of election

Alderman N. N. Smith, stated that Judge Caswell was there in behalf of S. M. Logan attorney for the Contesters, McCulloch and Smith and would like to address the Council in their behalf - by Consent of the Second - Alderman Boyle withdrew his motion - whereupon by permission of the Mayor, Judge Caswell, addresses the Council and filed two certain demurrers one each to the petitions of W. H. Bannister and W. D. Davies, and asked that time be granted to the Contesters in which to prepare a defense to said petitions, attorney S. N. Wheeler appeared for the Contestors Bannister & Davies, Alderman Luter, entered a motion to dismiss all the Petitions of Contest, seconded by Alderman N. N. Smith, upon a roll call upon said motion the following Vote was had Alderman Alkier yea Luter yea - McCulloch yea - Norris nay Boyle nay Platt nay - N. N. Smith yea - W. M. Smith nay being a tie Vote 4 yeas & 4 nays, the motion was by the Mayor J. N. Bunting declared lost, The Mayor and Council having listened to the arguments of Council in behalf of the Contesters, as well for the Contestors Bannister & Davies, as to the Granting of time to the Contesters McCulloch & Smith in which to answer to said Petitions, and being fully advised in the matter, and the Contesters having withdrawn their demurrers heretofore filed, Alderman Luter entered a motion that the Contesters be granted, until the fourth day thereafter April 21<sup>st</sup> at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon in which to file their answer, to the said petitions of the Contestors, Bannister & Davies seconded by Alderman N. N. Smith, upon a call of the Roll upon said motion the vote was as follows, Alderman Alkier yea - Luter yea - McCulloch yea - Norris yea - Boyle yea - Platt yea - N. N. Smith yea, W. M. Smith yea and thereupon the Mayor J. N. Bunting declared said motion carried.

The following applications for liquor license was read as follows, The application of,  
 Payne & Kuna  
 The Metalline Mercantile Co  
 M. Hertz Grocers license  
 Alfred Schrauth Retail liquor only  
 J. H. Cosgrove

J. E. Dulmaine }  
 B. R. Reams } Liquor License  
 Jas. Purcell }  
 J. H. Ackerman }

Alderman N. N. Smith entered a motion that a Committee of (3) be appointed to pass upon the sufficiency of Surety upon said Bonds Secured by Alderman Luter upon roll call the vote was as follows Alderman Alkire yea Luter yea McCulloch yea - Norris yea - Boyle yea - Platt yea - N. N. Smith yea - W. M. Smith yea - and thereupon the Mayor I. N. Bunting declared said motion carried; and appointed Alderman Luter - Boyle & Platt said Committee returned their report that said Bonds & Sureties were sufficient <sup>alderman Boyle made</sup> A motion that the license be granted Secured by Alderman N. N. Smith upon a call of the roll upon said motion the vote was as follows - Alkire yea Luter yea McCulloch yea Norris yea Boyle yea Platt yea N. N. Smith yea W. M. Smith yea and thereupon the Mayor I. N. Bunting declared said motion carried.

The Bonds of the following officers were presented and read to wit: The Bond of John M. Conley City Clerk and N. E. Coles City Attorney Chas. B. Rich City Treasurer. Chas. H. Wallis City Marshal. Joseph P. Sweeney Police Magistrate and John W. Armstrong. Street Supervisor. Alderman N. N. Smith entered a motion that said Bonds be referred to a Committee of three to pass upon sufficiency of Sureties Secured by Alderman Luter. Motion was carried unanimously. Whereupon the Mayor I. N. Bunting appointed the following Alderman upon said Committee to wit: Alderman N. N. Smith. Felix Alkire - F. W. Norris - Committee returned their report upon said Bonds that same were sufficient and sureties sufficient. Motion made by N. N. Smith that the Bonds be approved Secured by Alderman Platt. Upon Call of the Roll upon said motion the Vote was as follows: - Alderman Alkire yea Luter yea - McCulloch yea Norris yea Boyle yea Platt yea - N. N. Smith yea W. M. Smith yea Thereupon the Mayor I. N. Bunting declared said motion carried.

The Mayor called the attention to the Council that

the term of office of the night Police Superintendent  
 of Water Works, Chief of the Fire Department  
 and two assistants would expire, and it was not  
 practical to reappoint at this time, thereupon  
 Alderman N.N. Smith entered a motion that the  
 present incumbents in said offices act in their  
 respective positions until their successors are  
 appointed and qualified. upon the call for a Vote  
 said motion was carried unannimously and was so  
 declared by the Mayor. Motion made by  
 Alderman Platt seconded by Alderman Alkin  
 that Council adjourn until 9 o'clock Friday morning  
 upon a call said motion it was voted yea  
 unannimously whereupon the Mayor declared said  
 motion carried & said Council then & there  
 adjourned until Friday morning April 21<sup>st</sup> - 1905  
 at nine o'clock in the forenoon

John M. Lonley  
 City Clerk