

Grand Junction, Colorado

January 18, 1933

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Those present and answering at roll call were: Councilmen Bear, Glassford, Hirons, Holcombe, Roberts, Sievert, and President Hall. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Adams, and City Clerk Tomlinson.

The minutes of the meeting held January 4th were read and approved.

Request to lower cigarette license:

A petition signed by twenty-six of the cigarette dealers of the City, protesting the payment of such a large cigarette tax, was presented by a committee consisting of F. Harris, H. L. Wohlfort, B. C. Reynolds, J. S. Ingram, and F. B. Potter. The petition set forth that the various dealers throughout the City feel that the license is unfair, and does not apply to present-day conditions. They feel that it did not accomplish the purpose for which it was intended - the decreased use of cigarettes - and that it is an unfair license and also unlawful. They request that careful consideration be given to the proposition, and the license reduced or the ordinance repealed. The matter was referred to the City Attorney, to be brought up at a later meeting for further consideration.

Report on 2nd hand licenses in other cities:

City Manager Soderstrum reported that he had received copies of second hand and junk dealers' licenses as enforced in Colorado Springs, Denver, Boulder. Also a model ordinance from D. C. Sowers, Secretary of the Colorado Municipal League. Mr. Soderstrum read the ordinances to the Council. Mr. Soderstrum and City Attorney Adams, were instructed to draw up a tentative second hand dealers' ordinance, restricting the license to well-defined second hand dealers, and to present the same to the Council for their consideration at the next regular meeting.

\$1,500.00 Pav. Dist. #8 bonds - Boettcher-Newton:

City Attorney Adams read a communication from New York Attorneys representing the firm of Boettcher, Newton & Co. regarding the \$1500.00 Paving District No. 8 bonds which were canceled by Kountze Bros. but the check for the payment of same was not received by Boettcher Newton Co. before the Kountze Bros. firm went into the hands of a receiver. He also read a copy of the letter which he had written to the New York Attorneys. The Council felt that nothing further could be done at this time.

Fulton Pet. Co. bond - Union Indemnity Co. in Receiver's hands:

Mr. Soderstrum reported that he had heard rumors that the Union Indemnity Co. of New Orleans had gone into the hands of a receiver. This firm wrote the \$25,000.00 guarantee bond for the Fulton Petroleum Corporation. Mr. Soderstrum stated that he had called the Allen Beck Agency in Denver to find out if the rumor of the failure of the Company was true, and if so, the status of affairs so far as the Fulton Bond was concerned. This agency informed Mr. Soderstrum that the only place where the true facts could be learned would be from the Receiver of the Company. They understood that the Aetna Casualty & Surety Company of Hartford Conn. were taking over the business of the Union Indemnity Co., but could not say whether or not that included this particular bond. Mr. Soderstrum also called Mr. Parkinson of Salt Lake City, Attorney for the Fulton Petroleum Corporation, but Mr. Parkinson was unaware of the fact that the bonding company had failed. Mr. Soderstrum was instructed to continue his inquiries, and to try to ascertain the true facts in the matter.

R.F.C. men \$500.00 app. from Special Contingency Fund:

Mr. Soderstrum reported that he had made arrangements with the committee distributing R. F. C. funds, and that men who received aid from this source were volunteering their services for three days each month. They could not be employed at work which would be done by regular employees, and which is provided in the budget, but would have to be employed at something special. The City Manager explained that he had about forty-five men, and was riprapping along the river at Riverside Park. He requested that the Council allow him \$500.00 of funds from the Special Contingent Fund, to provide for supplies necessary, and also supervision.

It was moved by Councilman Hirons and seconded by Councilman Roberts that the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized to expend, not to exceed the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars, out of the Special Contingent Fund, for the purpose heretofore referred to. Roll was called on the motion, with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE - Bear, Glassford, Hirons, Holcombe, Roberts, Sievert, and Hall. Councilmen voting NO - None. All of the Councilmen voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

Bonds filed:

The following bonds were presented, having been approved as to form by the City Attorney:

L. H. Truax, Garbage contractor
John B. Kendall, electrician
A. H. Hale, auctioneer
F. S. Carpenter & Sons, auctioneers.

It was moved by Councilman Hirons and seconded by Councilman Glassford that the bond of L. H. Truax be accepted and filed.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Hiron and seconded by Councilman Glassford that the bond of John B. Kendall, electrician, be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Hiron and seconded by Councilman Glassford that the bond of A. H. Hale, auctioneer, be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Hiron and seconded by Councilman Glassford that the bond of F. S. Carpenter & Sons, auctioneers be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion of Councilman Bear, seconded by Councilman Sievert, the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk