

Grand Junction, Colorado

October 6, 1933

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction met in regular adjourned session at 9:00 O'clock A. M. Those present and answering at roll call were: Councilmen Carson, Ross, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Hall, and President Holcombe. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Bowie, and City Clerk Tomlinson.

An emergency ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ENGAGING IN THE BUSINESS OF BRINGING USED OR SECOND-HAND FURNITURE, MERCHANDISE, OR HOUSEHOLD GOODS FROM POINTS OUTSIDE MESA COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR SALE AT AUCTION WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, AND PROVIDING FOR A LICENSE THEREFOR, AND FOR AN OCCUPATION TAX TO BE PAID FOR SUCH LICENSE, REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF SUCH BUSINESS, AND FOR GIVING OF BOND BY SUCH LICENSEE AND PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS HEREOF, AND PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF"., was introduced and read.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Carson that the emergency ordinance be passed and adopted, numbered 505, and published in the Daily Sentinel. Roll was called on the motion, with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE, Carson, Ross, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Hall, and Holcombe. Councilmen voting NO - None. All of the Councilmen voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, It is well known that the burden of supporting our Public School System and the various departments of our government, State, County and Municipal, has been borne almost entirely by real estate; that personal property, even though assessed, has escaped payment partially or totally in many cases except when assessed along with real estate and collected from the common owner thereof, thus in effect placing additional burdens on real estate owners; that many thousands of dollars of personal property taxes remain unpaid for this and previous years; and that the rate of taxation on real and personal property is already at its practical limit as is evidenced by the present low percentage of tax payments, and

WHEREAS, It is apparent that any reversal at this time of the recent trend of slight annual lowering of taxes would result in diminished returns, and additional burden on property owners and the partial or total demoralization of our entire taxing machinery, and

WHEREAS, It is highly desirable to expedite the collection of taxes unpaid during the present year as well as previous years, by systematic and intensive effort on the part of the regularly

constituted authorities,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Grand Junction that the most equitable course and the best business practice indicates no increase in the tax levy of said City for the coming year, notwithstanding the decreased assessed valuation, relying on a greater percentage of tax payments, under a smaller levy, rather than on a smaller number of tax payments of greater respective amounts under an increased levy; also relying on an increase in payment of back taxes which will be accelerated by a lower current tax rate, and on the continued and increased economy, loyalty and efficiency of all employees.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the said City Council pledges itself to the most economical administration consistent with preservation of the public credit and service necessary to its citizens, to lend its active aid and support toward the collection of the maximum amount of current and past due taxes, appealing to all citizens of this community to give their loyal support to the respective administrations of the County, the Schools and the City, by prompt payment of assessments and taxes, in order to assist in the solution of the grave financial problems now confronting us.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Carson that the resolution as read be passed and adopted and that the City Manager be requested to deliver copies of same to the Board of County Commissioners, the School Board, School District NO. 1, and the County Treasurer. Roll was called on the motion with the following result; Councilmen voting AYE, Carson, Ross, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Hall, and Holcombe. Councilmen voting NO - None. All of the Councilmen voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

Councilman Ross moved and Councilman Roberts seconded the motion that the last paragraph of Section 1 of Ordinance No. 280 relating to second hand stores be amended to read, "The fee charged shall be fifteen dollars for a license for one year or fraction thereof", and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare such ordinance, and further that all provisions of said ordinance be strictly enforced in the future. Motion carried.

Councilman Hall moved and Councilman Roberts seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk