

Grand Junction, Colorado

May 23, 1934

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in special session at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Councilmen 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 were present.

A letter from Mr. Peter Hamilton, Managing Editor of the Daily Sentinel was read in which he stated that he had received a telephone call from Mr. W. H. Cox at Mack, Colorado, protesting the manner in which the transients were being handled in Grand Junction. Owing to the fact that the D. & R. G. Railroad removes them from the trains as soon as they arrive in the yards, in this City, and will not allow them to again get on board here, a large number of them are going to Mack and other surrounding towns in order to get on the trains; thus causing considerable annoyance to the smaller towns.

The Council discussed at length the matter of the Transient situation and the Transient Hotel. Mr. Soderstrum read letter that he had written to the Director of Transient Relief in Denver and at the local station. He stated that he had also sent a copy of this letter to Hon. Edward Taylor in Washington, who in turn wrote to the Washington office of Transient Relief. To date no response had been made by the Denver office nor the local office. The Council suggested that the City Manager, the D. R. G. Railroad special police officer, and the transient center officials get together and try to work out some solution to the situation.

Rev. J. T. Miller, President of the Council of Churches, and a number of other ministers were present, and presented a petition protesting the changing in any way of the ordinance regulating dance halls within the City of Grand Junction.

F. E. R. A. matters were discussed. Mr. Soderstrum explaining several matters in connection with this work. The matter of oiling some of the graveled streets was discussed and the City Manager instructed to make an estimate of the cost of oiling, so that the property owners may be interviewed and an oiling program worked out.

Mr. Bowie reported developments in the matter of the Teller "40".

Councilman Hall moved and Councilman Carson seconded the motion that the City Manager, assisted by the City Attorney be authorized and directed to bring mandamus suit against the County Treasurer to compel the issuance of the tax deed for the Teller tract if such action is found necessary. Motion carried.

Mr. Bowie explained the situation in regard to the Black Diamond Coal Co. and the Council decided that they should get a coal truckers license in order to sell coal within the City of Grand Junction.

Applications of Chas. Birch for the No Delay Cafe, and Grace Stranger for licenses to sell

3.2 beer and wine, were read. Councilman Carson moved and Councilman Roberts seconded the motion that the license be issued. Both being renewals of licenses issued a year ago. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Oates that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk