

Grand Junction, Colorado

October 17, 1934

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Councilmen present and answering at roll call were: Carson, Ross, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Hall, and President Holcombe. City Manager Soderstrum and City Attorney Bowie were present. City Clerk Tomlinson was absent.

It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Carson that Mr. Soderstrum, City Manager, act as City Clerk Pro-tem. Motion carried.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 3rd were read and approved.

Considerable time was spent in the discussion of the reservoir situation, nothing definite having been heard from the Federal offices, in connection with the repair of unit No. 4.

Mr. E. H. Mast presented an offer for the tax sale certificates on Lots 17 and 18, Block 148. There is a total amount of unpaid taxes amounting to \$433.90 against these lots. Mr. Mast offered \$200.00 for the certificates, and agreed to pay the future installments of Paving Dist. No. 16, amounting to \$104.56.

This matter was referred to the City Manager to investigate and get further information, and to be brought up again at the next meeting of the Council.

Jack Pace and J. M. Sparks filed an application for a retail liquor store license, at 357 Main St.

It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Hall that the application of Jack Pace and J. M. Sparks for a retail liquor store license be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Council.

Roll was called on the motion with the following result:

Councilmen voting AYE, Ross, Roberts, Hall, and Holcombe.

Councilmen voting NO, Carson, Oates, Boston.

A majority of the Councilmen voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

An application of Amelia Velarde for a license to sell 3.2 beer was presented. It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Oates that the request be denied. Roll was called on the motion and all members of the Council voted AYE. Motion carried.

The J. H. Cooper Theater Corp. requested permission to remodel the Strand Theater and construct a marquee. It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman

Oates that the request be granted. Motion carried.

A request from Mr. McPherson, Superintendent of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Co. asking that the speed limit for trains through the City be changed from 10 to 25 miles per hour.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Ross that the City Manager be instructed to draw up a proposed ordinance changing the speed limit of trains, and submit same to the Council at the next meeting. Motion carried.

It was reported that the merchants desired to obtain the auditorium for an exhibition. It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Carson that the exhibition be permitted to use the auditorium with the understanding that they reimburse the City for any cash outlay, and for any damage done. Motion carried.

The following resolution was presented and read:

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas the Will of William Murr, Deceased, heretofore duly admitted to probate in the County Court of Mesa County, Colorado, contained the following provisions:

"5". I give, devise and bequeath to the City of Grand Junction, in Mesa County, Colorado, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000.00) to Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8000.00), to be used by the said City in erecting a Welcome arch or gateway in the City of Grand Junction, or near one of the principal street entrances thereto, the location and type of the Arch or Gateway to be determined by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction. It is my desire that my friends, William Weiser and Charles Rump, advise with and assist the City Council in working out the plan and location of the said Arch or Gateway and that the said William Weiser and Charles Rump act in a general advisory capacity throughout the development of the plans and construction of the Arch or Gateway. The sum of \$5000.00 is hereby absolutely given for the said purpose and if, in the opinion of the said William Weiser and Charles Rump, a greater sum is necessary in order to build a proper structure the said amount of \$5000.00 herein given shall be increased to the sum as determined by the said William Weiser and Charles Rump, not to exceed the sum of \$8000.00. Should either the said William Weiser or Charles Rump be unable or refuse to act as herein required, the survivor thereof shall act alone with the power and authority herein given to the said two parties."

Whereas William Weiser and Charles Rump have since made and filed in said Court a written declaration of their opinion that a greater sum than \$5,000.00 is not necessary to build a proper structure as provided in said Will; and

Whereas Hattie Murr, widow of said William Murr, Deceased, and residuary legatee under said Will, has suggested to the City of Grand Junction that the aforesaid legacy in the sum of \$5,000.00 be given to The Junior College of Grand Junction, Colorado, under provisions

such that the income thereof will be used to establish and maintain a library therein to be known as the Murr Memorial Library, rather than to use such legacy for the erection of a welcome arch or gateway to said City; and

Whereas many citizens of said City have expressed to members of the City Council this opinion that such proposed use of said legacy would be more beneficial than the use thereof for erection of a welcome arch or gateway, and it is the belief of the City Council that such proposed usage thereof will be of great public benefit; and, at the same time, will be an appropriate memorial to William Murr and Hattie Murr, who have so generously benefited the City in this respect; and

Whereas the City Council is of the opinion that it should comply with the suggestions of Hattie Murr in her aforesaid proposal;

It Is Therefore Resolved by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, that it hereby disclaims the aforesaid legacy in the sum of \$5,000.00, upon the condition however that said sum of \$5,000.00 shall be paid over to the Junior College of Grand Junction, Colorado, under an appropriate agreement with Hattie Murr, for the purpose of establishing and maintaining in said Junior College a library to be known as the Murr Memorial Library, and unless said sum of \$5,000.00 is paid to said Junior College within a reasonable time hereafter this disclaimer shall be void and of no effect.

It Is Further Resolved by said City Council that it hereby expresses to Hattie Murr its deep appreciation and gratefulness on behalf of the citizens of said City for the benefaction thus to be conferred by her and her late respected husband.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Roberts that the resolution be passed and adopted as read.

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.

City Manager Soderstrum was requested to have a Peddler's ordinance ready for the next regular meeting of the Council.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Ross that the meeting adjourn until Wednesday, October 24th, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Motion carried.

/s/ J. P. Soderstrum  
City Clerk Pro-tem