

Grand Junction, Colorado

January 16, 1935

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, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Hall, and President Holcombe. Councilman Ross was absent. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Bowie, and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 2nd, and the regular adjourned meeting held January 9th were read and approved.

The matter of the purchase of special assessment tax sale certificates on the old Basket Factory property by Francis Stringer was brought up and discussed. Mr. Stringer, through Chas. Holmes, Attorney, offered face value, amounting to \$151.47, for certificates against this property.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Carson that the City Treasurer be authorized to accept face value plus interest at 6% per annum on the outstanding special assessment tax sale certificates being nos. 33440, 33441 & 33612 on the basket factory property. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE, Carson, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Hall, and Holcombe. Councilmen voting NO - None. All of the Councilmen present voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Hall brought up the matter of the dangerous corner on First and North Avenue, and suggested that a "dangerous curve" sign be procured and installed at that location. It was the sense of the Council that this be done.

Mr. Wyman Sanford, President of the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the Council. He stated that the Chamber contemplated sending a man, probably Mr. Frank Harris to Washington in the near future, and were asking other interested organizations to contribute funds toward the expenses of the trip, in an attempt to obtain the allocation of public funds for the construction of various projects in and near this City, and especially the underpass on West Main Street.

It was suggested to the Council by the City Manager that action had not yet been taken upon the reservoir grant and that Mr. Harris might be able to contact the proper officers on behalf of the City and expedite the matter.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Carson that the City pay the amount of \$100.00 out of the Water Department toward the expenses of the proposed trip of Mr. Harris, with the understanding that he will devote his efforts on behalf of the City to obtain payment of the reservoir grant.

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The bonds of Land & Co., and G. L. Unfred, plumbers were presented, having been approved as to form by City Attorney Bowie. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Roberts that the bonds be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

A request for a license for a retail liquor store at 119 South Fourth Street for R. H. and Olive E. Oliver, was presented. It was moved by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Oates that the license be granted. Motion carried.

A petition, signed by nearly all Secretaries of Labor organizations in the City, was presented, asking that the Police Department be put on a six-day week, without a decrease in salary. This matter was referred to the City Manager until the next meeting.

The following resolution was presented and read:

### RESOLUTION

Whereas, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, has considered the preliminary draft of a proposed liquor control code submitted by Hon. Ed. C. Johnson, Governor of the State of Colorado, and upon which he has requested comment;

Whereas, said City Council is of the opinion that the purposes and provisions of such proposed code are, in general, commendable and satisfactory, but that certain provisions thereof are inadvisable and objectionable to said City, and that some further provisions should be added thereto, as hereinafter mentioned;

Whereas, the third paragraph of Section 24 of such proposed code provides, that:

"Of the funds and moneys collected from all license fees payable to the treasurer of any city, town, city and county, as provided by this act, said city, town, city and county may retain not to exceed ten per cent to pay the expense of licensing as provided by this act. All of the balance of said license fees shall be credited, distributed and paid to the Old Age Pension Fund of the county wherein said license is issued."

and Section 26 thereof provides that:

"It shall be the duty of all ----- police officers to enforce the provisions of this act and the rules and regulations made thereunder, and to arrest and complain against any person violating any of the provisions of this act or rules and regulations pertaining thereto. -----"

Whereas, proper enforcement of such proposed code in said City and other cities and towns will require services of their police officers greatly additional to their general duties, and for purposes which are primarily within the police powers of such cities and towns, thereby causing either a material increase of municipal expense or reduction of efficiency of service;

Whereas, said City and other cities and towns are having serious difficulties in this respect by reason of the fact that under the present laws numerous persons have been granted licenses for sale of malt and vinous liquors at places situated outside of, but conveniently close to their municipal limits, without their approval, and in most instances such places have become unrestrained "road houses", over which they are unable to exercise any regulation or control;

Whereas, it is advisable and necessary that cities and towns should have power of regulation and control of licensees under such proposed code within one mile of their corporate limits and such licenses should not be granted without their approval;

Whereas, Section 27 of such proposed code provides for what is commonly known as "local option" with respect to prohibition of the sale of malt, vinous and spirituous liquors within any city or other governmental subdivision of this state; and,

Whereas, such system of prohibition has been tried and proven unsuccessful and unsatisfactory;

It is Therefore Hereby Resolved by said City Council:

That Hon. Ed. C. Johnson, Governor of the State of Colorado, be and is hereby commended for his efforts to bring about the enactment of more adequate and satisfactory laws for the control and regulation of liquor traffic within this state;

That it approves in general the purposes and provision of the proposed liquor code submitted by the Governor, with the exceptions herein mentioned;

That, in view of the duties of enforcement to be imposed upon municipalities, it is recommended and requested that the third paragraph of Section 24 be revised to provide that all funds collected from licenses payable to the treasurer of any city, town, or city and county shall be retained by the same;

That there be added to such proposed code appropriation provisions empowering cities, towns, and cities and counties to regulate and control licensees within one mile of their municipal limits, and that no license shall be granted within one mile of such limits without their approval;

That Section 27 be deleted from such proposed code; and

That a copy hereof be submitted to the Governor, with the request that he give it due consideration.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Carson that the resolution as read be passed and adopted. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE - Carson, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Hall, and Holcombe.

Councilmen voting NO - None. All the Councilmen present voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried, and the resolution duly passed and adopted.

It was moved by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Hall that the meeting adjourn until Wednesday, January 23, 1935, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk