

Grand Junction, Colorado

August 7, 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: Ross, Holcombe, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Enstrom, and Carson. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Bowie, and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 17th were read and approved.

Messrs. Vandemoer & Batten from the State Highway Department were present and showed the Council tentative plans for the construction of a viaduct over the D.R.G. W.R.R. tracks on South Fifth St.

An application for a 3.2 beer license for Thomas S. Golden, Senate Cigar Store was presented. It was moved by Councilman Enstrom and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that the application be accepted and that a license be granted to Mr. Golden when he has received his State license. Motion carried.

A petition signed by the businessmen in the vicinity of 4th & Main Streets was presented. They requested that the City clean up this corner of loafers and intoxicated men, and disorderly people, claiming that so many loafers in front of the doorways of their business houses was a menace to the patrons of these establishments. It was suggested by the members of the Council that Mr. Soderstrum see that a campaign is center to clean up this situation.

Mr. W. A. House appeared before the Council and thanked them for the use of the park for their Townsend club meeting on Aug. 4th; thanked Mr. Ross for the welcoming address and Mr. Brownson for his efforts in preparing the Park for them.

An application from Montgomery Ward & Co. to enlarge the canopy in their building at 5th & Main Streets was presented. The plans for the canopy had been approved by the Building Inspector. It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Ross that the petition for an enlarged canopy be accepted and that permission be granted to Montgomery Ward & Co. to enlarge said canopy, as per plans and specifications given to the Building Inspector. Motion carried.

A letter from Attorney E. B. Adams was read. Mr. Adams stated that Mr. C. S. Severson, Jr. is the owner of the north 97 feet of Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, in Block 8. These lots being located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Fifth Street and North Avenue. Mr. Severson desires to build a filling station on this corner and has been unable to secure a right of way for a sewer line. The owners of the adjoining property refusing to give him a right of way across their property. He therefore asks permission to be allowed to lay his sewer line beneath the parking on the west side of Fifth Street, so as to connect with the sewer in the alley. This property has been assessed for sewer during the past years.

It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Oates that the request of Mr. Severson be granted, and that he be given permission to lay his drain under the parking on the west side of Fifth St., under the supervision of the Plumbing Inspector. Motion carried.

The Modern Building & Loan presented a proposition that they be allowed to purchase the outstanding tax sale certificates against Lots 22 & 23, Block 82, for face value, amounting to \$251.04. This property formerly belonged to the American Legion. In view of the fact that the Legion paid a large sum for these lots, and that the paving and other special assessments will be paid out in 1936, and also that the Legion paid the Building and Loan Association a large sum to take back the property, the Council felt that the property was worth the full amount of the tax sale certificates, including interest & penalties.

It was therefore moved by Councilman Enstrom and seconded by Councilman Roberts that the offer of the Modern Bldg. & Loan Assn. to purchase the tax sale certificates against Lots 22 & 23, Block 82, be rejected. Motion carried.

Mr. Soderstrum reported that he had investigated the matter of a lighted arrow pointing to the business district on the intersection of 5th & North Ave. The sign which he had figures on was 4 x 10, with both Neon lighting and bulbs, and was to be suspended in the center of the street, and supported by four poles, one on each corner of the intersection. The price of the sign was \$470.00.

It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Boston that this matter be continued, and that the City Manager be requested to get further information on different sizes and types of signs for this intersection. Motion carried.

Mr. Frank Hall appeared before the Council on behalf of O. C. Lane regarding the property at 929 South Fifth St. formerly owned by the Goodwill industries. Mr. Hall stated that there are three special tax sale certificates outstanding against this property in the amount of \$321.00, and general taxes in the amount of \$156.43. Mr. Lane offered \$190.00 for the certificates which would include the 1935 specials.

It was moved by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that the offer of O. C. Lane for the purchase of Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 39898, 40268, & 40580 for \$190.00 be accepted subject to the execution and delivery of such release and waiver of damage claim as the City may require to cover the prospective overhead viaduct adjacent to such property, and also subject to the settlement of the general taxes with the County, and providing that said amount is paid within thirty days. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE, Ross, Holcombe, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Enstrom, and Carson. Councilmen voting NO, None. All of the Councilmen voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Soderstrum reported that on Mar. 6th, the City Council agreed to sell the tax sale certificates against the Adda Rader property at 1st and Grand Ave. for face value, plus 6%

interest. At that time it was impossible for the purchaser to raise the required funds, but during the past week, the money was available, and the taxes had been paid under the original agreement.

It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Oates that the City Manager's action in accepting the originally agreed amount in the above mentioned matter, be approved, ratified and confirmed. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk