

Grand Junction, Colorado

August 21, 1940

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: Garrison, Campbell, Boston, Carson, Treece, and President Ross. Councilman Luebbert was absent. City Manager Brownson, City Attorney Hinman and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 7th were read and approved.

A request from the Forsythe rides for permission to put up a portable dance floor on the premises with their carnival, was made. Sandy Sanders from Lincoln, Nebraska, who owns the platform would conduct the orchestra. The President and Secretary of the local Musician's Union were present and protested the granting of this license on the grounds that the orchestra was non-union.

It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Carson that permission for the dance hall be denied on the grounds that there was already sufficient noise, confusion, dust, smoke, etc. on the carnival grounds. Motion carried.

The matter of the restaurant liquor licenses for Arthur Mundt, 232 Main St. R. E. Hogan, dba the Avalon Cafe, and Mrs. Cordelia Smith, dba Village Cafe were brought up for consideration. City Manager Brownson made a written report and recommendations to the Council as follows:

"The problem of considering the deluge of liquor license applications that have been presented during the past several months has been very trying for the City Council. Members of the Council have taken a great deal of time from their business to interview applicants and their friends, and it is quite evident that this situation cannot continue to exist indefinitely. Undoubtedly the main reason for this situation is that the Council is making a conscientious effort to protect the interests of the City, and the applicants apparently have the impression that a vacancy exists due to the closing of one of the restaurant bars.

The State Liquor Code very justifiably requires that the City Council approve all liquor license applications before a license is granted, and places the responsibility of granting same on the Council in order that the Local governing body may control the liquor situation in their own community. The Council has undoubtedly denied numerous applications because they were convinced that a liquor bar operating at the location given in the application would become a serious police problem, and such an establishment would be detrimental to the welfare of the whole community.

In view of the fact that only 15% of the revenue derived from liquor licenses goes to the local community, it behooves the local governing body to carefully consider the police problem involved before granting any liquor licenses.

After observing the restaurant bar which operated for a short time at Second and Colorado, it is generally conceded that it is very undesirable to permit a bar to operate at any similar location, and this fact has no doubt caused the Council to be doubly cautious in considering other liquor applications. It is quite possible that a restaurant liquor license application for a favorable location, and one that the Council was convinced would be operated in a very high-class and strict manner, would receive serious consideration. However, in the case of the three present applications or any future applications, I am certain, and the Police Department concurs, that unless the Council is thoroughly convinced that such a bar would be conducted on a very high plane and at a location satisfactory to both the immediate neighborhood and the City as a whole, they should not be given favorable consideration.

I therefore recommend that all liquor license applications which, in the opinion of the City Council, fail to meet the above-mentioned requirements, be denied for the reason that the needs of the community are adequately served; and that a definite police problem would be created for which the City would be unable to finance the proper enforcement."

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Treece that the applications be rejected for the reasons set forth in the City Manager's letter and recommendations. Motion carried.

The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WHOLE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN AND FOR PAVING AND SIDEWALK DISTRICT NO. 45, IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 178, ADOPTED AND APPROVED JUNE 11, 1910, AS AMENDED: APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST TO EACH LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT: ASSESSING THE SHARE OF SAID COST AGAINST EACH LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT: AND APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST: AND PRESCRIBING THE MANNER FOR THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF SAID ASSESSMENTS," was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Carson that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Carson that the Ordinance be called up for final passage.

The Ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Boston was passed and adopted, numbered 631 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President

declared the motion carried.

The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WHOLE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN AND FOR COMBINED SEWER DISTRICT NO. 7 IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 178, ADOPTED AND APPROVED JUNE 11, 1910, AS AMENDED: APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST TO EACH LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT: ASSESSING THE SHARE OF SAID COST AGAINST EACH LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT: AND APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST: AND PRESCRIBING THE MANNER FOR THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF SAID ASSESSMENTS," was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Garrison and seconded by Councilman Carson that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Boston that the Ordinance be called up for final passage.

The Ordinance was then read, and it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Boston that the Ordinance be passed and adopted, numbered 632, and published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

City Manager Brownson reported that numerous requests have been made for street lights on Elm Avenue between Seventh Street and Cannell Ave. and also in the McMullin-Gormley Subdivision. This matter has been taken up with the Public Service Company, and has been found that the situation at Seventh and Elm could be taken care of by moving an existing light on North Seventh Street a short distance south to the intersection. They have agreed to install a 250 c.p. light at Elm Avenue and Cannell Avenue, and also at College Place and Bunting Avenue at installation expense. Street lights at the two above-mentioned locations would undoubtedly take care of the situation in this locality. There is also need of more light in the vicinity of the Mesa College, and the light at 11th and North could be changed from a 250 c.p. light to a 400 c.p. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Treece that the City Manager be authorized to make the changes in the street lights, as suggested in his letter. Motion carried.

The following entitled proposed ordinance was introduced and read: "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP ACCOMPANYING ORDINANCE NO. 432, AND BEING A PART THEREOF". It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Boston that the Ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

A letter was read from Mose Bambino, Secy. Treasurer of the Patriotic Union of Workers and Jobless of America, as follows:

Grand Junction, Mesa, Colorado

123 White Ave.
8/17/40

Grand Junction City Council

Gentlemen:

Enclosed I am mailing you a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, of the Patriotic Union of Workers and Jobless of America, of which copies have been mailed to Paul Shriver, Col. Harrington and the Business Mens Association for endorsement, of which you will see is 100% American.

We have been endorsed by the Secy. of the Eagles Lodge. Mr. Coy Powell stated that any organization that can have a Constitution like the Patriotic Union is good enough for the Fraternal order of Eagles.

Gentlemen I wish to state that we are proud of it, and above all we are glad to be Citizens of The United States of America, and would not trade places with anyone in the War torn Warring Countries of which they are noted for, we are against War, Against Communism, against any Organization advocating the overthrow of our American Democracy.

We are very much in favor of shipping back to their respective Countries any one not satisfied with the Laws and Constitution of the United States of America.

We want a better western Colorado, Justice, Security, and Adequate Relief for those unable to work, due to old age and Fiscal Disabilities . . . We aim to guard against abuses and Discriminations of any form. We also want better working relation between sponsors and workers. Whenever a complaint comes up to use Arbitration and Not Violence. We want to deal the American way, and also ask to be treated the American Way . . .

Gentlemen, if our views and aims sound right to you we ask the Endorsement of the Grand Junction City Council, as good American Citizens we feel that you will agree with us. We have in our organization ex-service men and Veterans that fought to make America Safe for Democracy. We also have all nationalities and creeds, but the must be one hundred Per Cent American . . .

Sincerely Yours

Mose Bambino, Secy, Treas.
Patriotic Union of Workers and Jobless of America
123 White Ave

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Boston that the views on Americanism as expressed and set forth in Mr. Bambino's letter be commended. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE: Boston, Carson,

Treece and Ross. Councilmen voting No. - Garrison. A majority of the Councilmen present voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

A letter from the International City Managers' Association was read, in which it was announced that the 27th annual conference of the International City Managers' Association is to be held at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs, Colorado on September 23 to 26, inclusive. It was decided that Mr. Brownson should attend the convention and any Councilmen that could.

Letters were read from the Chamber of Commerce suggesting that a rodeo be held in Grand Junction during tourist season, and also suggesting that midget auto races be held in Lincoln Park.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Allen Holcombe was read. They thanked the Council for flowers sent to Mr. Holcombe while ill.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Treece that the meeting adjourn until August 28th, 1940 at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk