

Grand Junction, Colorado

November 3, 1943

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, Hoisington, Boston, Treece, Campbell and President Robb. Also present were City Manager Brownson, City Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 20th were read and approved.

There is still a balance of \$661.41 in the Sewage Construction Fund account in the First National Bank. In order to reduce the number of separate bank accounts it is recommended that this amount be transferred over to the Sewer Fund, as it will be used for routine sewer maintenance. It was therefore moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Treece that the Balance of \$661.41 remaining in the Sewage Construction Fund in the First National Bank be transferred to the Sewer Fund. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Hayden of the Grand Junction Transit Lines requested permission to install bus stop signs permanently in holes in the sidewalk and eliminate the pedestal type signs which are constantly being moved around and damaged. He wishes to make a rigid installation on a strong post, so that they will not become broken by bending.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the request be denied. Motion carried.

Word was finally received concerning C.C.C. Camp G-2-C to the effect that plans now are to use this Camp for housing prisoners of war during harvest time, and that it will not be turned over to the U. S. Grazing Service at the present time. However, the lease on these premises expired June 30th, 1943. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Treece that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up a lease with the U. S. Government for Camp DG-2-C, to expire June 30th, 1944. Motion carried, with all members of the Council voting AYE upon roll call.

The matter of the budget for the year 1944 and the mill levy was brought up and discussed.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Ross that the mill levy for the year 1944 be set at fifteen and one-half mills (\$.0155). Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The Finance Committee together with other members of the Council had met at the City Hall Tuesday morning at 10 A.M. and considered the matter of salary raises for City Employees. The following report was submitted:

"That an increase in salaries and wages be granted to all City employees, except the City Manager and those hired on a part-time basis, amounting to 15 per cent of the employees' base pay as of June 30, 1942, with an increase ranging up to 20 per cent extended to the hourly base rates in the lower brackets; such increases to be in addition to merit or length of service pay raises. This increase will amount to approximately \$7,000 per year for all departments. It is contemplated that the General Fund increases can be financed by eliminating the emergency item of the Special Contingent Appropriation, and the scaling down of certain other items, principally the appropriation for Street repairs which had been increased in the tentative budget from \$4,200 to \$8,600.00."

It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Treece that the report of the Finance Committee be approved and the City Manager instructed to prepare the final budget and appropriation ordinance on the basis of the Finance Committee's report. Motion carried.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars applied for the use of the Auditorium for a Christmas Eve dance, receipts to be turned over to the Blood Plasma Fund. They requested a reduced rate on the Auditorium. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Campbell that the Council grant the use of the Auditorium as stated above for cost. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk