

Grand Junction, Colorado

March 11, 1944

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in special session at 11 o'clock A.M. Councilmen present and answering at roll call were: Carson, Harris, Hoisington, Boston, Treece and President Robb, Councilman Campbell was absent. City Manager Brownson, City Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson were also present.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Boston that formal notice call for the special meeting be waived. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The application for the renewal of the 3.2 beer license for Mrs. Lucile Duncan for the Hotel de Hamburger was presented. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the license be approved. Motion carried.

City Manager Brownson reported that he had requested to meet with the Council for the purpose of informing them of his action in connection with the dissatisfactions and trouble in the Fire Department. He reviewed the matter from the time previous to the resignation of Charles Downing, and stated that on Friday evening the members of the Department had held a meeting in an endeavor to straighten out all their grievances. He had learned Saturday morning that this had not been accomplished, so he had first discharged K. O. Harris, for insubordination, lack of loyalty to his superior officers and inefficiency. A further meeting of the Fire Department employees had been called and it had been decided that Joe Brady would return to his position as Captain in the Department, which he voluntarily had offered to do, if such an action would improve the situation, and that an outside man would be secured as Chief of the Department. If this were done all the remaining members of the Department pledged themselves to get behind the Department and give it their best cooperation.

Frank Harris, in the absence of T. S. Campbell, Chairman of the Committee which had recently been appointed to investigate the rumors and complaints which had been circulating concerning the dissatisfaction of various City employees, made a report of their findings after discussions and interviews with various employees. He stated that in all their investigations they had found that nearly everything was petty, and that after talking with Mr. Brownson, a number of instances had been found without any basis whatever. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Treece that the report of the Committee be accepted. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Carson that the City Council go on record as approving

the action of City Manager Brownson in every instance. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk