

Grand Junction, Colorado

June 6, 1945

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

The minutes of the regular meeting held May 16th and the special meeting held May 18th were read and approved.

Since the terms of Mr. Brownson would expire before the next regular meeting of the Council, Mr. Carson asked Mr. Brownson if he would consent to serve longer, until the Council should have time to consider the applications they have received for the position and until a new manager could be appointed. Mr. Brownson stated his willingness to do this, whereupon Mr. Carson moved and Mr. Hoisington seconded the motion that Mr. Brownson be appointed to serve as City Manager for an indefinite term, until his successor can be appointed. Motion carried.

Extension of the Trust Agreements between the City and the First National Bank for a two year term, for the handling of the "City of Grand Junction General Obligation Bond and Interest Fund and one between the City and the United States Bank of Grand Junction for the handling of the City of Grand Junction Special Improvement District Bond and Interest Fund", had been prepared and were presented.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Treece that the agreements be executed by the City Manager. Motion carried.

President Harris announced that the same committees would serve for the coming year as for the previous year, with Councilman Hoisington to act as a member of the Public Safety Committee.

An extension agreement was presented extending the agreement between the City of Grand Junction and the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District for a period from May 1, 1945 to May 1, 1947. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the lease be entered into for a period of two years. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The committee designated by the President of the Council met with William J. Crompton and agreed upon the terms of the lease agreement for the former administration building and adjacent area for a period of five years. The lease as prepared was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Boston that the lease be executed for a period of five

years. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

John C. Schmidt made an offer for the tax sale certificates held by the City against Lots 20, 21 and 22, Block 150 being located at the N.W. corner of 8th and South. The delinquent taxes on the property amount to \$364.73 County generals, and \$199.11 City specials, making a total of \$563.84, for which an offer of \$75.00 is made. The assessed valuation of this property is \$270.00. The estimated cost of acquiring title in addition to the \$75.00 offer is \$259.24.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Treece that the City Treasurer be authorized to sell and assign Special Assessment Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 29417-9; 29627-9; 29857-9; 29978-80; 27958 for an amount equal to the same percentage of the face value of said Certificates as the Board of County Commissioners authorize for the sale of the general property tax certificates held by Mesa County on the property in question; provided that the said Special Assessment Tax Certificates shall not be sold for less than \$26.50; and provided further that the purchaser or assignee thereof shall pay or settle for the general tax certificates and after the date authorized by the Board of County Commissioners for the sale of the said general property tax certificates.

Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

N. A. Glasgow made an offer for the tax sale certificates held by the City against Lots 25 to 32 inclusive in Block 10, being located at 2nd and Belford. The delinquent taxes on the property amount to \$195.84, county generals and \$1,211.97 city specials, making a total of \$1,407.81 for which an offer of \$100.00 is made. The assessed valuation of this property is \$240.00. However, a reasonable appraised valuation should be not less than \$800.00. The estimated cost of acquiring title is \$416.48 in addition to the \$100.00 offer.

It was moved by Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Carson that the offer be rejected. Motion carried.

Property owners facing North Avenue and Twelfth Street in the area bounded by Twelfth and Fifteenth Streets and North Avenue and Elm Avenue have petitioned for annexation to the City. The petition called for the annexation of the entire tract, but sufficient signatures were not obtained for the entire area, and it is requested that the City Council approve the annexation of only a portion of the area. Before such annexation it would be necessary to plat the tract and provide for the necessary streets and alleys. It was moved by Councilman Robb and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the petitions be referred back to those presenting them with the recommendation that all the area be included. Motion carried.

V. A. Green, contractor has submitted an application on behalf of the owner, Haller Witbeck for permission to construct an 18-foot driveway on the west side of Fourteenth Street to serve a garage in the rear of 1359 Chipeta. It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Carson that the request be granted. Motion carried.

Mrs. C. K. Enstrom, Secretary of the Federated Women's Music Club has addressed a letter to the City Council requesting that the week of June 4 to June 9 be proclaimed Tag Week for solicitation of funds for instruments for the Department of Music for wounded soldiers and men in foxholes. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Treece that the request be granted.

C. D. Moslander made an application for the renewal of his 3.2 beer license. It was moved by Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Robb that the license be granted. Motion carried.

The Division of Grazing would like to lease the northwest corner or the former CCC headquarters tract for a repair shop and storage building. This tract includes the 30' x 30' garage building with water and sewer connections and concrete footers for other buildings and the area has been graveled. The rental rate of \$50.00 per month starting July 1st has been agreed upon, the term of lease to be five or seven years. It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Carson that the City enter into a lease with the Division of Grazing for a period of five years at a rental of \$50.00 per month for the above described property. Motion carried.

Mr. Brownson reported that representatives of Western Air Lines would be in Grand Junction on June 7th to work out details for the use of Walker Field. He stated that it would undoubtedly be necessary to call a special meeting of the Council to consider this matter while they are in Grand Junction.

Work is now in progress installing the 16-inch water line from the south end of the Fifth Street Bridge to the connection on Orchard Mesa. The second water line should be in operation within a very short time.

A petition was filed signed by residents of the north end of Crawford Addition, requesting that the continued nuisance caused by smoke from the continuous burning of trash and refuse on the city dump be abated. It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Carson that the petition be accepted and filed and referred to the City Manager and the nuisance corrected. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk