

Grand Junction, Colorado

September 5, 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, Boston, Campbell, and President Harris. Councilman Carson was absent. Also present were City Manager Fritz, City Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson.

Mr. Robert O. O'Daniel was sworn in as Councilman from District "B".

Messrs. Yetter, Boltz and Collier appeared before the Council and requested that a levy of .7 mills be made on the assessed valuation of the City for the year 1946, for the Recreation Commission and operation of the U.S.O. Building as a recreation center. A complete report for the year 1945 was made by Mr. Collier, and an outline of the plans for the coming year presented. They are asking both the City and the School District No. 1 for an equal amount of money, approximately \$6,000.00 each in order to finance their proposed program. No action was taken on the matter.

Members from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary were present and requested that the charges for the use of the Auditorium on the night of August 15th, at which time they sponsored a dance, be remitted. It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Treece that the charges for the use of the Auditorium for the night of Aug. 15 be \$10.00. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Minutes for the regular meeting held Aug. 1st, the special meetings held Aug. 13 and Aug. 14th; the regular meeting held Aug. 15th, the special meeting held Aug. 24th and the adjourned meeting held Aug. 29th were read and approved.

The application for the renewal of the 3.2 beer license for the Money Saver Market was presented. It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the application be approved and license granted.

City Manager Fritz reported that apparently the Avalon Cafe had been sold since the Council granted the new license to Avalon Inc. but that full particulars were being investigated by the Chief of Police and City Attorney and that a further report would be made later.

John Hayden presented a new route for his No. 3 bus line and it was moved that this route be approved as soon as he has received his P.U.C. permit.

City Manager Fritz outlined developments in the various departments and his plans for the balance of the year.

President Harris brought up the matter of the development of the road into the Rangely District over Douglas Pass. The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction has long been interested in the construction of a highway which would lead into the Uintah Basin, and the business men of Grand Junction contributed money for, and were instrumental in getting a road constructed over Douglas Pass into that area;

AND WHEREAS, the development of the oil field at Rangely, Colorado, has made the present road entirely inadequate and has intensified the need for the improvement of this road;

AND WHEREAS, this state highway No. 139 is the shortest route from Rangely to a railroad point and Grand Junction is in the best position to serve that area, and the citizens of Grand Junction are anxious to obtain some of the business that is now going to other states because of bad road connections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, that it go on record as strongly urging the improvement of the present state highway No. 139 so as to make it an all-weather, year-around highway, and that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Colorado and to the State Highway Engineer.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Treece that the resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The matter of an additional gas tax for road construction purposes was brought up and discussed. A committee comprised of City Manager Fritz and Councilmen O'Daniel and Harris was appointed to call on the Chamber of Commerce and investigate this matter.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington that the meeting adjourn. The motion was duly seconded and carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk