

Grand Junction, Colorado

October 3, 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, O'Daniel, Boston, Carson, Campbell and President Harris. Also present were City Manager Fritz, City Attorney Banks, and City Clerk Tomlinson.

The minutes of the regular meeting held Sept. 19th were read and approved.

Messrs. Oliver Reed and I. K. Boltz appeared before the Council in regard to the delinquent taxes on Lots in Block 10 and 11. The offer from Mr. N. A. Glasco on Lots 25 to 32 inc. Block 10, which he made on Aug. 29 had been withdrawn before the County Tax sale.

They offered \$300.00 for the certificates which amount to \$1407.81 plus the 1944 taxes. It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Treece that the City Treasurer be authorized to sell and assign Special Assessment Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 30909-16; 30712-19; 31221-28; 47987; 48008; 51381 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 \$258.00; and provided further that the purchaser and 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.

The School Board then made an offer of \$500.00 plus the 1944 taxes on Lots 13 to 24, Block 11. The total amount of delinquent taxes against these lots is \$2,859.26., of which \$2,626.75 is for Special assessments and \$232.51 for County Generals. They also agreed to pay the current special improvements which amount to \$38.07.

It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Treece that the City Treasurer be authorized to sell and assign Special Assessment Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 30720-30; 30924-30; 31229-40; 48009; 29559-63; 29955-59, and 47988. 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 \$459.40, plus the 1945 specials, \$ 38.07; and provided further that the purchaser and 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.

A committee from the Veteran's of Foreign Wars appeared before the Council and stated that their organization favored the U.S.O. Building being used by the Recreation Commission.

A committee from the American Legion Building Committee were also present and considerable discussion was had as to whether or not the Council could sell the Y.M.C.A. and whether or not they should dispose of it.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman O'Daniel that the City Council dispose of the Y.M.C.A. building. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE: O'Daniel, Carson and Harris. Councilmen voting NO: Treece, Hoisington, Boston and Campbell. A majority of the Councilmen voting NO, the President declared the motion lost.

Councilman Campbell then moved that the City of Grand Junction authorize the City Manager to sell the Y.M.C.A. Building to be highest bidder from any non-profit organization and that the money derived from the sale of the building over and above the principal which the City has paid be ear-marked for recreation purposes, the City reserving the right to reject any and all bids. There being no second, the motion was lost.

It was then moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Campbell that the matter be tabled. Motion carried.

Mr. Crissey of the American Legion Committee then stated that the Building Committee desired to withdraw their offer of \$25,000 for the building.

Councilman Carson moved and Councilman O'Daniel seconded the motion that the City Council sell the Y.M.C.A. Building to the highest bidder of local non-profit organizations, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE: Treece, Hoisington, O'Daniel, Boston, Carson, and Harris. Councilmen voting NO - Campbell. A majority of the Councilmen voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried. The City Manager was instructed to advertise for bids to be opened on October 17th.

Current developments in national airport legislation include the reduction in Federal participation in airport construction from \$100,000,000 to \$75,000,000 yearly under the proposed provisions of Senate Bill No. 2. The matter of channeling funds from the Federal government to local governments through a State Airport Agency also is under discussion in Congress at this time. Aviation leaders are suggesting that all possible support be given

to the Colorado Senators and Representatives urging the retention of \$75,000,000 yearly minimum Federal authorization and the channeling of funds directly to municipalities. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City Manager be authorized to get in touch with Senators Johnson and Milliken and Rep. Rockwell recommending that they support this Legislation. Motion carried.

Mr. W. H. Snyder, through the City Manager has requested that the City Council amend the ordinance regulating the use of marble markers in the City Cemeteries, allowing him to legally have them set and protected. As Mr. Snyder was not present and the Council preferred to see for themselves the marble monuments already in place in the cemeteries, the matter was tabled until the next meeting of the Council.

City Manager Fritz reported that he had located a suitable site for a dumping ground for combustible rubbish and hoped to soon proceed with the acquisition of the ground. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Campbell that the City Manager be authorized to go ahead and secure the aforementioned property for a dump. All the Councilmen voted AYE on the motion and the President declared the motion carried.

City Manager Fritz talked to the Council concerning the equalization of salaries among the City employees and discussed wages and salaries to be included in the 1946 budget.

The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Concerning the Salary of the Building Inspector", was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Carson that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Treece that the ordinance be called up for final passage.

The ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Campbell, seconded by Councilman Carson was passed, adopted, numbered 685 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Proclamations from President Truman and Governor Vivian were read in connection with "NATIONAL EMPLOY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WEEK". A proclamation for the City to have published in this connection was presented, and ordered published.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk