

Grand Junction, Colorado

September 18, 1946

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, Harris and President Carson. Councilmen absent - Day. Also present were City Manager Fritz, City Attorney Banks, City Clerk Tomlinson, and Director of Public Works and Planning, Bennett.

The minutes of the regular meeting held September 4th and the adjourned meeting held September 11th were read and approved.

Mr. Fritz, Mr. Carter and Mr. Bennett told of receiving bids for the construction of the filter plant, and reported that only one bonafide bid was made. This bid was made for \$83,195 by Peter Seerie, Inc. They all recommended that the bid be rejected, as the engineer's estimate for this job was, \$54,965.00. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman O'Daniel that the bid be rejected. Motion carried.

Mr. Carter then told the Council that he would confer with Mr. Tipton and see if it would be desirable to advertise the whole water works improvement job at one time, in order to attract bidders from Denver and other large places. He expected to make a report at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Mr. Fritz reported that an election had been held among the highway and water employees on rules which were drawn up by the committee appointed at the last Council meeting. This election was held in the City Shops on Wednesday, Sept. 18th at 4 p.m. and was voted upon unanimously by 40 employees. The following rules were set up as those to be followed at the present time:

WORKING RULES

The working rules shall be in full force and effect from this date until revised by this committee which shall be considered a permanent committee to arbitrate any dispute which cannot be settled satisfactorily by the City Manager and officers or recognized representatives of Local No. 292.

No city employee may be required to work more than eight (8) hours in any one day of forty-four (44) hours in any week of seven (7) days except in case of emergency. In event of an emergency all work done, including reporting time, shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-half. Overtime work shall be distributed equally so far as the character of the work will permit.

City employees shall be paid twice monthly. When the payroll date falls on a holiday, payment shall be made on the previous day.

City employees shall be classified according to Standard Job Classification used by the United States Employment Service. All jobs shall be reviewed and classified according to this schedule within 15 days from this date so that any necessary reclassifications will receive the adjusted salary not later than the payday for the first half of October.

An employee's classification and rate of pay shall be determined by the nature of the work done during most of his working time. If required to do work at a classification lower than his regular rate, he shall be paid at the rate required by his regular classification.

It will be the policy of the City to promote its own men and only when competent employees cannot be found in the ranks or will not accept promotion with the City vary from this policy.

Effective at once the principle of seniority shall be recognized and seniority lists compiled and posted. Any protest as to date shown must be made within 30 days from posting of the list and such protest will be subject to review by this committee.

In force reductions and in returning employees after force reductions and in selection of employees for promotion and/or preferred job assignments, seniority will be respected.

There shall be no discrimination on the part of any supervisory employee against any employee because of color, race, creed or political or union membership or activity, provided such activity does not interfere with his work. However, conference between foremen and the union representatives will be held during working hours without loss of time to the representatives.

Any grievances or disputes which cannot be settled by the City Manager and recognized representatives of Local No. 292 shall be referred to this committee for arbitration and the decision of the Committee shall be final, subject to the approval of the City Council.

No employee covered by these working rules shall be dismissed except for just and sufficient cause. Cases of dismissal may be subject to review by this committee.

It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Treece that the working rules be approved, to be amended as necessary. Motion carried.

A delegation appeared before the Council in regard to the irrigation ditch on Seventh and Kimball. They declared that it was a nuisance and a breeding area for mosquitoes. It was explained that the Grand Valley Irrigation Co. were trying to get rid of all the ditches in town, and that in a short time the situation should

be remedied.

The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Concerning Salaries", was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

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

The ordinance was then read, and it was moved by Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman O'Daniel that it be passed and adopted, numbered 711 and published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The Proof of Publication to the ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Establishing a Department of Public Health, Providing for the Appointment of a Director of Public Health and Defining the Duties and Powers Thereof," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Treece that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman O'Daniel that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

Councilman Boston then moved and Councilman Harris seconded the motion that the ordinance be passed and adopted, number 712 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance for the Control of Foodhandling Establishments, Providing for Inspection, Sanitation, Requirements, Personnel, Health, Permits and Licensing, and the Fixing of Penalties was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Treece that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

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

The ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Harris was passed and adopted, numbered 713 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

A proposed ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 479 Concerning the Electrical Code" was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Treece and seconded by Councilman Harris that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harris that the Council appoint Mr. O. E. Daniels and Mr. G. A. Fuller, Sr. as commissioners, to act under the direction of the County Court to determine the necessity of an election within Bookcliff Park Addition. Motion carried.

Mr. Fritz reported that increasing material costs and labor rates have made it necessary to consider revision of rates for water and sewer taps. The following were presented as equitable rates for the present situation:

STREET WIDTH	WATER			SEWER	
	Size Tap	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed
30'	5/8"	\$21.60	\$33.41		
	1"	31.65	37.81		
36'	5/8"	23.20	35.51		
	1"	36.40	40.07		
40'	5/8"	24.50	36.03		
	1"	38.50	40.73		
50'	5/8"	28.50	38.65		
	1"	45.50	43.71		
56'	5/8"	31.50	40.76		
	1"	49.60	45.98		
Unpaved				\$16.00	\$24.50

Alley					
16' Pavement				20.00	28.90

It was moved by Councilman O'Daniel and seconded by Councilman Harris that the City Manager be instructed to charge the rates as set forth above under "proposed". Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. J. M. Byler a rancher along Kannah Creek flowline has been billed \$100.38 for water consumed during the period December 20, 1945 to March 25, 1946. There was a break inside his meter of which he was unaware, as he acquired the ranch late last year and was not familiar with the water facilities. The normal water cost is \$6.30. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman O'Daniel that the water bill of Mr. Byler be reduced by 75% of the overcharge. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The water bill for the Main Magazine Store at 316 Main Street was \$47.09 for the quarter ending June 18 instead of the usual \$5.20. They had had a leak in the plumbing fixtures and were unable to get a plumber to repair it. It was moved by Councilman Treece and seconded by Councilman Harris that the water bill be adjusted on the basis of 50% of the bill. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Fritz reported on the equipment situation and stated that he had started working on the 1947 budget and would still try to get what equipment had been allowed in the 1946 budget.

Mr. Fritz also reported that he had met with the Directors of the Rural Fire District, and that a plan had been tentatively set up whereby the firemen would be paid for "Call back" time on off day to cover the rural calls, and that a new agreement with the RFPD would be drawn up.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk