

Grand Junction, Colorado

December 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 the roll call were: Treece, Hoisington, Boston, Day, Harris, and President Carson. Councilmen absent: None. Also present were City Manager Fritz, City Attorney Banks, and City Clerk Tomlinson.

The minutes of the regular meeting held December 4 and the regular adjourned meeting held December 11 were read and approved. A correction in minutes of December was made regarding properties in the 100 Block on Colorado being removed.

Members of the Recreation Commission and the Lions Club were present. Dr. Gilmore stated that the Committee had decided not to use Hawthorne Park for the construction of the quonset hut at this time, but instead desired to put the hut in Washington Park. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Day that the request to construct a quonset hut in Washington Park be granted. Motion carried.

Bids for the five elements of the Water Improvement Program had been accepted and analyzed. The bid of the Schmidt Construction Company for \$98,956.00 for Schedule No. 5 was the low bid submitted. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Day that the City enter into a contract with the Schmidt Construction Company on Schedule No. 5. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting aye. The President declared the motion carried. City Manager Fritz then notified Mr. Schmidt that the contract was awarded to him. Mr. Schmidt then stated that he had bid in good faith, but since submitting his bid had investigated and found that he could not perform the work under the conditions existing for the price he had bid and that in accordance with the terms of the proposal he desired to forfeit his Bid Bond.

Mr. E. H. Carter and Mr. Bennett spoke to the Council and explained the matter of the bids on Schedule No. 5 and stated that the next low bid for Schedule No. 5 was \$181,235.00, that the conditions in the ground south of the railroad track were such that it would be impossible for Mr. Schmidt to construct the work at his price, but that \$181,235.00 was far above the engineer's estimate for this work. It was moved by Councilman Day and seconded by Councilman Harris that all bids on Schedule No. 5 be rejected. Roll was called on the motion and all members of the Council voted aye. The President declared the motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Day that the City advertise to receive bids for Schedule No. 5 on January 14, 1947, at 10:00 A. M. Motion carried.

Mr. Carter then recommended that the bid of Peter Seerie, Inc. and J. B. Claybaugh for Schedules No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the amount of \$217,574.00 be accepted. This amount is \$20,000.00 under the estimate of the engineers, and while it could be worked out on a different combination of bids where a saving of approximately \$8,500.00 could be made. It was felt that the Schmidt Construction Company would not be particularly competent contractors at this particular time, and it would be better for future contracting practice to award the contract to Seerie and Claybaugh. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Day that on the recommendation of the Engineers the bid of Peter Seerie, Inc. and J. B. Claybaugh on Schedules No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 for \$217,574.00 be accepted. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting aye. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. J. A. Barbour appeared before the Council and complained about the dump on the south side of the viaduct. It was moved by Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City Manager be instructed to control the dump on the south side of the viaduct or eliminate it.

Mr. Shaw appeared before the Council and complained of the school traffic situation on Eighth and Grand during the noon hour and when school is out in the afternoon. The matter was referred to the Police Department.

The Appropriation Ordinance for the year 1947 entitled "An Ordinance Appropriating Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Necessary Expenses and Liabilities of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 1947, and Ending December 31, 1947, and Declaring An Emergency" was read. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Day that the ordinance be passed and adopted as an emergency ordinance, numbered 720, and published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting aye. The President declared the motion carried.

The proof of publication of the proposed ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map Accompanying Ordinance No. 432 and Being a Part Thereof" was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Day and seconded by Councilman Treece that the proof of publication be accepted and filed. This ordinance pertains to the changing of the south 62 1/2 feet of the east one-half of Lot 14 and the south 62 1/2 feet of Lots 15 and 16 in Block 51 from Residence "B" Use to Residence "C" Use. It was moved by Councilman Treece and seconded by Councilman Boston that the ordinance be called up for final passage. The ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Day it was passed, adopted, numbered 721, and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting aye. The President declared the motion carried.

Councilman Harris reported that the Board of Arbitration had held a meeting in regard to a \$10.00 raise for certain city employees which they believed was to have been effective August 1, 1946. He stated that the Board had agreed to pay all employees receiving \$155.00 per month or less \$10.00 additional from August 1 to December 31 and stated that this amount for the overall pay roll would be less than \$2,000.00. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Treece that the action of the Board of Arbitration be approved. Motion carried.

The Water Bonds in the amount of \$500,000.00 had been delivered, and the City Treasurer desires to know the disposition for the money. It was moved by Councilman Treece and seconded by Councilman Harris that the City Treasurer be authorized to purchase Government Bonds in the amount of \$300,00.00 for investment and that balance be placed \$100,000.00 in each bank -- The First National and The United States Bank--without bond. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting aye. Motion carried.

This was the date set for hearing on the platting of the South Mesa Subdivision and there were no objections filed to the proposed plat. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Treece that the plat of the South Mesa Subdivision be accepted and signed by the President of the City Council, attested by the City Clerk, that it be approved and filed with the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder and that a copy thereof be placed on file in the office of the County Assessor and the City Engineer. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting aye. Motion carried.

A renewal of the Beer License for Tom Williams at 215 Colorado was presented. It was moved by Councilman Treece and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the license be granted. Motion carried.

This was the date set for the hearing on the creation of Sanitary Sewer District No. 9. No objections or remonstrances were made.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn until December 28 at 7:30 P. M. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk