

Grand Junction, Colorado

April 9, 1947

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular adjourned meeting at 7:30 P.M. Councilmen present and answering to roll call were: Hoisington, Brown, Boston, Day, Harris, and President Carson. Also present were City Manager Fritz, City Attorney Banks, and City Clerk Tomlinson.

The following report of the canvassing committee for the returns of the election held April 8, 1947, was presented, the votes having been canvassed by members of the City Council, City Attorney Banks, and City Clerk Tomlinson.

ELECTION, APRIL 8th, 1947

TALLY SHEET

We, the undersigned, acting as canvassing board, hereby certify that we have canvassed the returns of the general municipal election held in the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, on April 8th, 1947, and from the said canvass find the results to be as follows; that 201 ballots were cast in District "A"; that 347 ballots were cast in District "B"; that 85 ballots were cast in District "C"; that 304 ballots were cast in District "D"; that 333 ballots were cast in District "E"; making a total number of 1270 ballots cast in all the Districts at said election. The votes for the various candidates are as hereinafter set forth:

<u>FOR COUNCILMAN FROM DISTRICT "B"</u>						
CANDIDATES	DIST. "A"	DIST. "B"	DIST. "C"	DIST. "D"	DIST. "E"	TOTAL
Alva A. Brown	155	258	58	202	194	867
Henry Fausson e	40	90	25	98	132	385
<u>FOR COUNCILMAN FROM DISTRICT "C"</u>						
John C. Harper	179	320	83	281	311	1174
Henry D. Kidd	1	2		3	2	8

John Fox			1			1
L. O'Neil				1		1
<u>FOR COUNCILMAN FROM CITY AT LARGE</u>						
B. H. Day	45	125	20	113	169	472
A. G. Martin	116	161	31	117	94	519
Earl S. McConkie	14	19	7	31	23	94
Lee O. Treece	20	42	25	35	41	163

TOTAL OF ALL VOTES FOR ALL COUNCILMEN		
Alva A. Brown	District "B"	782
Henry Faussonne	District "B"	385
John C. Harper	District "C"	1174
Henry D. Kidd	District "C"	8
John Fox	District "C"	1
L. O'Neil	District "C"	1
B. H. Day	City at Large	472
A. G. Martin	City at Large	519
Earl S. McConkie	City at Large	94

Lee O. Treece	City at Large	163
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FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENTS

	DIST "A"	DIST "B"	DIST "C"	DIST "D"	DIST "E"	TOTAL
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Shall Section 38 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Grand Junction be amended so as to raise the salary of the President of the Council to \$50.00 per Month and the salary of other Councilmen to \$40.00 per month?

FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT	112	216	55	199	217	799
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AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT	61	99	23	69	96	348
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Shall Section 56 of Article VII of the Charter of The City of Grand Junction be amended so as to remove therefrom the requirement for a civil service commission

FOR THE CHARTER AMENDMENT	91	191	49	190	207	728
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AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT	70	101	21	63	89	344
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Shall Section 74 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Grand Junction be amended so as to remove the prohibition against the City levying occupation or license taxes upon businesses which pay an annual tax under the revenue laws of the State for the sale or manufacture of merchandise?

FOR THE	93	201	46	177	199	716
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CHARTER AMENDMENT						
AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDMENT	67	92	24	78	98	359
Shall Section 48 of Article VI of the Charter of the City of Grand Junction be amended so as to give the City Council power to make contracts which will extend beyond the time of the installation of the new Council elected at a subsequent general municipal election?						

FOR THE CHARTER AMENDME NT	109	233	50	205	236	833
AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDME NT	53	81	18	53	70	275
Shall Section 72 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Grand Junction be amended so as to remove therefrom the requirement that banks pay interest on the daily balances of City money and furnish surety bonds securing such deposits?						
FOR THE CHARTER AMENDME NT	91	200	47	186	212	736
AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDME NT	67	94	22	68	85	336
Shall Section 130 of Article XV of the Charter of the City of Grand Junction providing for the establishment of a commission of Public Sharities be repealed?						
FOR THE CHARTER AMENDME NT	84	180	46	184	204	698
AGAINST THE CHARTER AMENDME NT	68	100	21	64	80	333
Shall Sections 131 and 132 of Article XV of the Charter of the City of Grand Junction providing for a Civil Service Commission be repealed?						
FOR THE REPEAL	80	173	52	169	169	643
AGAINST THE REPEAL	64	96	17	72	92	341

/S/ Porter Carson
/s/ F.A. Harris
/s/ B. H. Day - John C. Banks
/s/ O. E. Boston
/s/ Alva A. Brown
/s/ F.A. Hoisington

It was moved by Councilman Day and seconded by Councilman Harris that the report of the canvassing committee be approved. Motion carried.

The following Resolution was presented and read.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS There was submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Grand Junction, at a general municipal election held on the 8th day of April, A. D. 1947, in the City of Grand Junction, the question of adopting amendments to the Charter of the City of Grand Junction, as follows:

Amending Section 38 of Article IV thereof to read as follows:

Section 38. Salaries. At least two meetings of the City Council shall be held monthly at such times as may be fixed by the Council, such two meetings to be known as regular meetings. All other meetings of the City Council shall be known as special meetings, or adjournments of the regular meetings. The President of the Council shall be paid a salary of \$50.00 per month and all other Councilmen shall each be paid a salary of \$40.00 per month.

WHEREAS, at said election 799 votes were cast in favor of the adoption of said amendment and 348 votes were cast against said amendment, the majority being in favor of the adoption thereof, and

WHEREAS Section 48 of Article VI be amended to read as follows:

Section 48. Sale of Real Property. The Council shall have the following powers: (a) to sell and dispose of water works, ditches, gas works, electric light works, or other public utilities, public buildings, real property used or held for park purposes or any other real estate used or held for any governmental purposes, providing, however, that before any sale thereof shall be made the question of such sale and the terms and consideration thereof shall be submitted to and ratified by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the City who shall have paid a property tax therein during the preceding calendar year, and the vote thereon shall be by ballot deposited in a separate ballot box at a regular municipal election or at a special election called and held in the manner provided for by law; and (b) by ordinance or resolution to sell and dispose of and to lease any other real estate owned by

the municipality, upon such terms and conditions as such City Council may determine at a regular or special meeting; and deeds of conveyance duly executed and acknowledged by the proper officers of the city and purporting to have been made in pursuance of these provisions shall be deemed prima facie evidence of due compliance with all the requirements hereof.

AND WHEREAS, at said election 833 votes were cast in favor of the adoption of said amendment and 275 votes were cast against said amendment, the majority being in favor of the adoption thereof.

AND WHEREAS Section 56 of Article VII be amended to read as follows:

Section 56. Appointive Offices -- Power of Council. The said Council shall appoint a city manager by a majority vote, who shall be the chief executive officer of the city, and who need not, at the time of his appointment, be a resident of Grand Junction or of the State of Colorado;

A city auditor, who shall be ex-officio city clerk; a city attorney, and a judge of the municipal court. The city manager prior to his appointment shall either have had a successful experience as city manager of a city operating under the manager form of city government, or had a recognized successful business experience. The council shall have power, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, to fix the salaries and official bonds, establish the qualifications, and prescribe the powers and duties of all officers and employees of the city. The Council shall further have power to create offices and to alter the powers and duties relating thereto. Provided, that nothing in this section shall be taken to give the council power to diminish the power of the city manager or to alter relation established by this Charter between the city manager and the other officers and employees of the city.

AND WHEREAS, at said election 728 votes were cast in favor of the adoption of said amendment and 344 votes were cast against said amendment, the majority being in favor of the adoption thereof.

AND WHEREAS, Section 72 of Article IX be amended to read as follows:

Section 72. Public Money. The cash balance of the City in the hands of the city treasurer shall be deposited by the same in each of the banks of the City of Grand Junction, without discrimination, in proportion to their capital stock and surplus as far as possible. Nothing herein shall prevent said treasurer, under the orders of the city council, from temporarily having such funds otherwise deposited, or from having any such funds otherwise invested. No demand for money shall be approved, allowed, audited, or paid unless it shall be in writing, dated and sufficiently

itized to identify the demand against the city.

AND WHEREAS, at said election 736 votes were cast in favor of the adoption of said amendment and 336 votes were cast against said amendment, the majority being in favor of the adoption thereof.

AND WHEREAS, Section 74 of Article IX be amended to read as follows:

Section 74. Special Revenues Limited. No poll tax shall ever be levied or collected by the city for any purpose whatsoever.

AND WHEREAS, at said election 716 votes were cast in favor of the adoption of said amendment and 359 votes were cast against said amendment, the majority being in favor of the adoption thereof.

AND WHEREAS at said election 698 votes were cast for the repeal of Section 130 of Article XV of the Charter, concerning the establishment of a commission of public charities, and 333 votes were cast against the repeal of said Section, the majority being in favor of the repeal of said Section 130.

AND WHEREAS at said election 643 votes were cast for the repeal of Sections 131 and 132 of Article XV of the Charter, concerning the establishment of a civil service commission, and 341 votes were cast against the repeal of said Section, the majority being in favor of the repeal of said Sections 131 and 132.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and she is hereby authorized and instructed to publish once in The Daily Sentinel of Grand Junction Colorado, the full text of said Charter Amendments, and she is further authorized and instructed to file with the Secretary of State two copies officially certified by her, within ten days after April 8th, 1947.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Brown 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.

Three veterans made application for a 1-inch water tap on Orchard Mesa Heights. They desire one 1-inch tap for three homes rather than three smaller taps. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Day that the request be granted. Motion carried.

Businessmen on Colorado between Second and Sixth presented a petition requesting that parking meters be installed and that parallel parking be put into effect on this street. Mr. Fritz was instructed to investigate the necessity for meters on Colorado Avenue from Second to Seventh and on Seventh from Colorado to

Main, and report to the Council at the next regular meeting.

City Manager Fritz requested that he be given permission to bid on Lots 27 and 28, Block L, Keith's Addition; Lots 20 to 23, inclusive, Block 137; and Lots 7 and 8, Block 19, Milldale Subdivision. There are delinquent tax certificates on these properties and the County is having a sale some time in the month of April. The properties are near other City property and are important in the future development of streets and City yard. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Brown that the City Manager be instructed to go ahead and bid on these properties, his bid to be in conformity with the appraised value of the land. Motion carried.

Dr. Rigg made application for a 16-foot driveway on Rood Avenue so that off-the-street parking could be provided for his patients at the east of his new building. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the request be granted. Motion carried.

Mr. E. H. Carter, Resident Engineer, R. J. Tipton & Associates, Inc., was present and some discussion was had on water developments.

It was moved by Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Harris that the meeting adjourn until Friday, April 11, 1947, at 7:30 P.M.

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk