

Grand Junction, Colorado

July 16, 1947

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 P.M. Councilmen present and answering at roll call were Harper, Hoisington, Bagby, Boston, Martin and Harris. President Carson was absent. Also present were City Manager Fritz, City Attorney Banks, City Clerk Tomlinson and Chief of the Department of Public Works and Planning Bennett.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Bagby that Mr. Harris act as President of the Council. Motion carried and Councilman Harris took the chair and presided during the meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 2 and the regular adjourned meeting of July 9 were read and approved.

Mr. E. E. Louthan appeared before the Council in regard to the raise in telephone rates. He explained to the Council that in order to pay the increased wages which were granted to all telephone employees at the time of the recent telephone strike, it would be necessary that rates be raised again. They are asking the Public Utilities Commission to grant them a raise of 25 cents per month for business phones and 15 cents a month for residence phones. City Manager Fritz reported that the Public Utilities Commission would act probably on August 5 on this raise. Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Ft. Collins have not yet acted upon the proposed increases. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that action on the increase in telephone rates be deferred until the next regular meeting of the Council. Motion carried.

The proof of publication to the proposed ordinance, "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING REVENUE AND RELATING TO THE SALE OF MALT, VINOUS, AND SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, AND IMPOSING AN OCCUPATIONAL TAX UPON THOSE ENGAGED IN THE SALE OF THESE COMMODITIES AT RETAIL AND TO SECURE A PROPER DISTRIBUTION OF THE BURDEN OF TAXATION," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Martin that the proof of publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried. It was then moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Harper that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried. The ordinance was then read and, upon motion of Councilman Boston, seconded by Councilman Hoisington, it was passed, adopted, numbered 750 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

July 23, 7:30 P.M., was set as the date for a hearing on zoning.

Mr. E. H. Carter, Engineer, and Carl Bennett reported on the

progress at Hogchute and on the flow line. They stated that 4,000 feet of flow line was cut in on Tuesday and would be operating from now on. The work at Hogchute is coming along very well and they are employing about 35 men. As soon as the bunk house is finished, more men will be employed on the job. R. J. Tipton & Associates, Inc. requested bids on 5,000 feet of pipe for the flow line, these bids to be opened on July 18. Steel pipe, transite pipe and all other large pipe will be bid at this time. Results will be made known to the Council at an adjourned meeting on July 21.

Mr. Fritz reported that it seemed feasible to relax on the sprinkling restrictions. He suggested that on Sundays the allotted time be increased one hour for each zone. Zone 1 could sprinkle from 6 to 10 A.M., Zone 2 from 3 to 7 P.M. and Zone 3 from 7 to 11 P.M., and it would be permitted to have sprinklers set if the property owner so desired.

A report was received from R. J. Tipton & Associates, Inc. on the conditions and the recommendations for repairs to the runways at Walker Field. Mr. Fritz was not prepared to recommend a plan for financing and repairing the runways at this time, further study of the report being necessary.

It was recommended that parking meters be installed in every available parallel parking space in the 400 and 500 blocks on Colorado, and in every other parallel parking space in the 300 block; on Fifth between Ute and Colorado in every space. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Harper that action on Colorado Avenue parking meters be postponed until a later meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Stucker was present in regard to labor relations and wages. The Labor Relations Committee, Harris, Martin and Carson, have been holding meetings with representatives of the labor unions and have decided that they would recommend the following rates: The starting rate for unskilled labor 85 cents per hour (formerly 82 1/2 cents). After thirty days probation the rate would automatically become \$167.50. The rate for semi-skilled labor, \$175.00 per month; and for skilled labor, \$215.00 per month. The effective date for these changes would be July 1, 1947. It was pointed out that the rate for skilled labor would be higher than many foremen are now getting. The Council directed the City Manager to make adjustments for foremen rates, also engineers and other city employees in proportion to the rates for labor. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Boston that the report of the Labor Relations Board be approved. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The president declared the motion carried.

Mr. George Tilton made application for a cement contractor's license and has applied for his bond. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that the license be granted to Mr. Tilton when his bond has been approved by City

Attorney Banks. Motion carried.

Mr. O. E. Boston presented his resignation as Councilman from District A, effective at once as he has moved to Orchard Mesa to make his home. President Harris expressed the regrets of the Council in Mr. Boston's leaving as he has served faithfully and well for 14 years. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Martin that the resignation of Mr. Boston be accepted by the Council reluctantly. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Harper that the meeting adjourn until Monday, July 21, at 7:30 P.M. Motion carried.

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk.