

Grand Junction, Colorado

November 5, 1947

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: Harper, Hoisington, Bagby, Colescott, Martin, Harris and President Carson. Also present were City Manager Fritz, City Clerk Tomlinson. City Attorney Banks was absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 15th were read and approved.

The application of Mark Hamilton for a liquor store license at 450 North Avenue had been tabled until this meeting. The question has now been raised with respect to the distance from a school building or school property line in connection with the 500-foot minimum requirement. So far an opinion from City Attorney Banks has not been received. It was moved by Councilman Bagby and seconded by Councilman Harris that the liquor license for Mark Hamilton be tabled until the City Attorney's opinion is received. Motion carried.

Grand Junction Lodge #270 Loyal Order of Moose, presented an application for a Club Liquor license at 345 1/2 Main St. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City proceed to advertise this license in accordance with State law. Motion carried.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has recommended to the City Council that Lots 5 to 8 inclusive in Block 34 be changed from Residence "B" District to Business "A" District. This is to permit the use of these lots which are owned by James Fuoco, for automobile storage and used car sales in connection with the operation of the Jim Fuoco Nash Motor Co. They also recommended the change of Lots 25 to 32 inclusive, Block 2, Craig's Subdivision, now zoned as Residence "B" to Residence "C" District to permit the erection and use of a building for a real estate office.

The following entitled ordinance was introduced and read: "An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Map Accompanying Ordinance No. 755 and Being a Part Thereof". It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Harris that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

Eddie Drapela is contemplating some changes in his operations at Walker Field. He is selling three of his planes to James Rigg, Jr, and Rigg will take over the supervision of the Veterans and private flying instruction. He will also be assistant manager of the airport. Drapela is moving out of the lean-to portion of the hangar so that C.A.A., United Air and Monarch Air can use this building entirely. He is moving his office to another small

building near the existing City-owned shop building. He desires to continue to use the City-owned shop building and the storage space in the hangar, and for this space will pay the City \$120.00 per month. He will also continue to pay the 3 per cent of the 5 per cent fees on flight instruction, charter service, etc.

It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Harper that the City Manager be authorized to enter into contracts with Drapela and with Rigg in accordance with the outlined plan. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried. It was suggested that the City Manager insist that the rent for the hangar, etc. be paid on the due date.

City Manager Fritz and Councilman Martin reported that a tract of land had been secured from Mr. & Mrs. R. F. Haven for a baseball park. The land is north of the highway and along the Colorado River and adjoins a tract of land which the City already owns. A tract of about 7 acres was purchased for the sum of \$6,000, the City paying the required down payment of \$950.00. This makes practically 13 acres available for the park. The balance of \$5,050.00 is to be paid by March 1st, 1948.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Harris that the City Council approve the expenditure of \$950.00 for the down payment on the tract of land to be used as a baseball park. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

City Manager Fritz reported on the developments in the Public Health program. Dr. Cleere has offered Dr. Vagnuer an attractive salary to work for the State Health Department. Dr. Cleere has been approached on the matter and has stated that he would be glad to enter into a co-operative agreement with the City whereby Dr. Vagnuer would share his time between the City and the State. The Mesa County Board of Commissioners with the support of the Mesa County Medical Society, is desirous of working out a joint City-County arrangement for an adequate community health program. Dr. Holmes is very anxious to work out such a system.

It was moved by Councilman Bagby and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City Manager be authorized to proceed with negotiations with the State and County to establish a community health program. Motion carried.

A request was made that milk producers who pay a license fee in Montrose or Delta areas, but who supply milk to Arden-Sunfreze plant for distribution in Grand Junction be not required to pay a license fee to the City of Grand Junction. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harris that the matter be tabled. Motion carried.

The Marine Corps Reserve through Lt. T. M. Metzger, Jr. has requested that the President of the Council issue a proclamation

designating Monday, November 10, 1947 as "Marine Corps Birthday". It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Bagby that the proclamation as desired be signed by President Carson. Motion carried.

The Kiwanis Club of Grand Junction has requested an arrangement similar to that entered into last year for the use of Lincoln Park stadium on Thanksgiving Day, November 27 for a post-season football game between Trinidad Junior College and Mesa College. This would eliminate the payment of the 10% of the gross, and allow a \$25.00 minimum for the use of the field. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harris that the request be granted. Motion carried.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, working with a committee from the Chamber of Commerce has requested the cooperation of the City of Grand Junction in the furnishing of labor for the erection of Christmas lights and decorations on Main Street. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City cooperate with the Junior Chamber of Commerce and others in putting up the Christmas decorations. Motion carried.

A petition signed by 44 property owners and residents of Slocomb's Addition was presented requesting that the City take steps to condemn or otherwise get rid of a building located at the northwest corner of the intersection of 17th and Chipeta. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Harris that the City Manager and City Attorney be authorized to study the situation and proceed with getting rid of the building if at all possible. Motion carried.

Reports on the City's financial situation were made and it was suggested that the Finance Committee, together with the City Manager, City Attorney, City Treasurer and City Auditor, hold a meeting prior to the next Council meeting and go over the matter thoroughly.

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the earliest possible construction of the projected tunnel under Loveland Pass will be of material benefits of Western Colorado and to the entire state, and

WHEREAS, funds have been budgeted for this work during the past, and

WHEREAS, a pioneer bore has been driven, and

WHEREAS, there is an apparent desire on the part of the highway officials to study alternate proposals of lesser desirability,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction that Governor Lee Knous, the Colorado Highway Advisory Board, and State Highway Engineer Mark U. Watrous be memorialized in a suitable manner respectfully urging the earliest possible financing and construction of the projected Loveland Pass Tunnel on U. S. Route 6-24.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Harris 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.

The Forest Service have reported that their report on the Kannah Creek watershed will be ready about December 1st.

The matter of the State Game and Fish Department holding open the deer season on Kannah Creek was brought up and discussed, the general opinion of the Council being that the Department should know best about this situation.

The American War Mothers appeared before the Council and requested that they be allowed to sell carnations on the street on the Saturday before Mother's Day in 1948. It was moved by Councilman Bagby and seconded by Councilman Martin that the request be granted. Motion carried.

W. C. Henry, 1340 Texas Avenue appeared before the Council and requested to have a water tap for his property. He was referred to the City Manager's office to apply for a tap in the usual and regular manner.

Bruce Kane appeared before the Council and presented a petition signed by property owners along 15th Street requesting that street lights be installed at 15th and North, 15th and Orchard, 15th and Elm, 15th and Texas and 15th and Glenwood. The petition was accepted and filed and the City Manager instructed to investigate the possibility of installing these lights under the 1948 budget.

Mr. Kane also suggested that a stop sign be placed on 15th Street at Elm Avenue as the view is obstructed and this is a dangerous corner.

Property owners located in Wilcox and Bixby Addition appeared before the Council and asked why their property was not being included in Sanitary Sewer District No. 10. They were referred to Mr. Bennett to work out a plan whereby they might pay cash and have sewer service.

"Red" Crawford requested permission for a 10-foot driveway from 4th Street to service his store at 406 Colorado. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Harper that the request be granted. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee reported that they had examined the audit of James E. Ragan for the year 1946 and had approved same. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Martin that the report be filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Bagby and seconded by Councilman Martin that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk