

Grand Junction, Colorado

December 9, 1947

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular adjourned session at 7:30 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 Attorney Banks, and City Clerk Tomlinson.

An emergency ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE LICENSING THE BUSINESS OF SELLING CIGARETTES AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH" was presented and read. Representatives of Pitney Bowes Company of Denver, who manufacture meters for stamping cigarettes, were present. They stated that it would be six weeks or more before metering machines could be furnished. City Manager Fritz reported that manufacturers of decalcomania stamps could not furnish those in less than six weeks to two months. So it would be impossible to enforce the cigarette tax ordinance before February 1. It was decided to make the ordinance effective February 1. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE LICENSING THE BUSINESS OF SELLING CIGARETTES AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION HEREOF AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH" be passed and adopted as an emergency ordinance, numbered 759, and published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried. Councilman Harris went on record as opposing the cigarette tax but, owing to the financial condition of the City and the necessity for having such an ordinance, he voted in favor of the passage of same.

Matters pertaining to raising of water rates were discussed. Messrs. Kister and Sullivan of the Fruitridge Water Supply and Dr. Bush and Mr. Hoech of the First Fruitridge Water Supply Company were present in regard to the raising of rates outside the city limits. City Manager Fritz had presented detailed reports on water rental raises and how they would affect different homes and industries. It was finally agreed that the rural rates would be raised at the same ratio as the City rates; that is, they would pay twice the new meter rates to be established and no one on a rural line would receive water for less than the City minimum rate. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare a new ordinance setting forth water rates and that for rural rentals Section B of Paragraph 7 as shown on Page 6 of Mr. Fritz' water rental study be incorporated. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

After studying both the water rental rate study and the supplement which had been prepared by Mr. Fritz, the following

Schedule "B" for metered rates and proposed (2) for flat rates were decided upon.

Schedule "B"

This rate is based on no "free" lawn sprinkling water for the area between the sidewalk and the curb. To compensate for this, a summer rate of 55% applied to the proposed step rate would give us an annual cost for the 5-8 room house on interior lots of \$32.60. Corner lots would of course use more water on the much greater length of parking and on the average would pay an estimated \$6.60 extra charge per year.

<u>Proposed (0.55) *Summer Rate</u>			
(5-8 room house (interior lots) 58M/summer qtr;			
23M/winter qtr; <u>no "free" water.</u>)			
Summer	1st 3 (3) M @ \$1.35	\$4.05	
Quarters	Next 49M @ (.55) (0.20)	5.39	
	Total/Qtr.		\$9.45
Winter	1st 3 (3) M @ #1.35	4.05	
Quarters	Next 14M @ 0.20	2.80	
	Total/Qtr.		6.85
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	2 Summer Qtrs. @ \$9.45	\$18.90	
	2 Winter Qtrs. @ 6.85	13.70	
	Total Annual Cost		\$32.60
	Additional Cost to Corner Lots		

	2 (30) M @ (.55) (.20) = (.60) (0.11)	\$6.60/yr.	
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*This applies only to those accounts where water is used for household purposes and for lawn sprinkling, during the summer quarters, April through September.

Flat Rates, Comparison

Existing and proposed flat rates are shown in the table below. Column 2, carrying an increase of approximately 40%, would bring the average annual cost for a 5-room house with toilet and bath up to \$33.60.

<u>Flat Rates</u>			
<u>Existing</u>		<u>Proposed</u>	
		(1)	(2)
3 rms or less/mo.	\$1.00	\$1.20	\$1.30
Add. rms/mo.	0.20	0.30	0.30
First toilet, bath, ea/mo.	0.30	0.40	0.45
Add. toilet, bath, ea/mo.	0.20	0.30	0.30
Example:			
5 rms, toilet, bath	\$2.00/mo.	\$2.60/mo.	\$2.80/mo.
	6.00/qtr.	7.80/qtr.	8.40/qtr.
	24.00/yr.	31.20/yr.	33.60/yr.

A motion was made by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Bagby that they be so incorporated in an ordinance and that lawn tap rates be raised from 20 cents per front foot to 30 cents per front foot for the year 1948 and that after January 1, 1949, no lawn taps be permitted. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared

the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that when the annual flat rate rental exceeds \$40.00, a meter must be installed. Motion carried.

Several matters pertaining to the airport were brought up and discussed, one being heating for the office building. City Manager Fritz reported that several types of heating had been investigated. The shortage of fuel oil appeared to make it impractical to put in oil heaters. Propane gas heaters could be installed and the supply of Propane obtained for \$1500.00. It was moved by Councilman Harper and duly seconded that coal stoves be supplied immediately on a temporary basis so that heat could be furnished to the airport building. Motion carried.

President Carson stated that it was his impression that the City Council had ordered the Grand Avenue Dump closed on December 4 and that it had been reported to him that the dump was still being used on December 9. City Manager Fritz stated that to date no permission had been received from the Government to use Dead Dog Canyon as a dump and that the Redlands Zoning Board was protesting the burning of combustibles without the City Council establishing a strict control for the use of this dumping ground. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Harris that the City Attorney and the City Manager be instructed to formulate whatever agreement is necessary for the control of the dumping ground on the Redlands in order to satisfy all groups of the Redlands people. Motion carried.

An application for the position of City Treasurer from Mr. Fred E. Hagie was read. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Harris that the application be received and filed for future consideration as it was understood there would be other applications for this position. Motion carried.

Councilman Martin suggested that, inasmuch as the City was trying to economize in all ways possible, the position held by Mr. E. H. Carter be abolished. Councilman Harris concurred in this idea, and City Manager Fritz requested that Mr. Carter be retained until January 1 or 15 as there is considerable difficulty with the sub-contractor on the distribution system which should be ironed out and going smoothly by that time.

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

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk