

Grand Junction, Colorado

December 22, 1947

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular adjourned session at 7:30 p.m. Councilman 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.

Wesley Hayden was present and asked that time schedules for busses on Routes 4, 5 and 6 be changed. He was advised to have the schedules printed and the Council would consider favorable and unfavorable reports at the next meeting which will be held sometime before the first of the year.

The 1948 budget was again considered, Council asking Mr. Fritz for a frank, honest statement of just how much the 1947 budget had been overspent in the General Fund. After considerable figuring it was determined that on January 1 the General Fund would be approximately \$67,000 in the red, which includes \$25,000 borrowed from the water department. The budget was then considered department by department. Considerable discussion was had concerning salaries. Mr. Stucker of the Labor Union was present and stated that he was only trying to get a wage established for the working men which would permit them to exist. Councilman Harper brought up the matter of whether the City could afford, on tax payers' money, to pay higher wages than private industry. It was explained that unskilled laborers on the railroad draw a few cents less than the proposed 1948 wages for unskilled laborers but that they make up the difference by overtime. Mr. Fritz had contemplated an over-all 10 per cent raise in salaries in the proposed budget. In considering the highway budget Mr. Fritz stated that if the proper approach were made, it would be likely that the \$18,500 contribution from the State Highway for North Avenue might be matched by a similar amount of funds if the proper PRA-State Highway survey were made.

It was finally decided to postpone action on the budget until a meeting can be held with labor groups and wages established agreeable to the men working under the union. It was also suggested that the Fire Department and the Police Department be contacted to see if a 10 per cent wage raise in those departments would be satisfactory.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Martin that the contractor, J. B. Claybaugh and Peter Seerie, Inc., be invited to attend the Council meeting which will be held on Monday, December 29, in order to discuss Reservoir No. 3, and that Mr. Schmidt, subcontractor, be also asked to come to the meeting, as well as the inspectors who were on the job.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn until Monday, December 29, at 7:30 p.m.

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk