

Grand Junction, Colorado

December 29, 1947

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met in regular adjourned 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 Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson.

Messrs. Young, Claybaugh, Schmidt and others who took part in the construction of Reservoir No. 3 were present and the Councilmen asked a number of questions concerning the repairs and reconstruction to the basin. Mr. Young stated that he thought the reservoir would have to be drained and the leak source determined at that time. He expressed the opinion that everyone would have a different idea as to the thickness of the cement and the manner in which it was placed, and whether or not the leak was coming from the reservoir; the only satisfactory way to determine the exact cause of the leakage would be to drain the reservoir and make certain tests.

President Carson thanked the contractors for appearing before the Council.

Mr. Ashely representing the Trades and Labor Assembly appeared before the Council in regard to wages to be paid by the City of Grand Junction beginning on Jan. 1st, 1948. Mr. Fritz had previously set up a schedule of rates which were a trifle lower than the ones suggested by Mr. Ashley. The following schedules were suggested:

Skilled labor formerly \$215.00 per month, now \$225.00 or \$1.20 per hours.

Semi-skilled labor formerly \$175.00 per month, now \$200.00 or \$1.07 per hour.

Unskilled labor formerly \$167.50 per month, now \$185.00 or \$.98 per hour.

The Police Chief and the Fire Chief and representatives of these departments were present and asked a \$25.00 raise for each man rather than a 10 per cent raise.

It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the salaries for 1948 be set as above. 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 Harris and seconded by Councilman Martin that the budget for 1948 be adopted. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President

declared the motion carried.

An emergency ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Appropriating Certain Sums of Money to Defray the Necessary Expenses and Liabilities of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 1948, and Ending December 31st, 1948, and Declaring an Emergency", was introduced and read.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Bagby that the emergency ordinance be passed and adopted, numbered 761 and ordered published. 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 Harris and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the resignation of Mr. Fritz as City Manager be accepted as of February 1st, 1948. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried. The Council stated that applications would be received for City Manager.

Mr. Fritz was again questioned concerning the amount the General Fund would be overdrawn on January 1st. Matters concerning a mentioned investigation were discussed and Mr. Fritz stated that he would desire such investigation be made not to clear the City Manager but to rectify the condition which made the situation.

A letter from Dave Lawrence was read. Mr. Lawrence requested permission to study the bond situation for Grand Junction, and to recommend a plan which would be feasible for the City. The letter was referred to Mr. Banks, City Attorney, with the request that Mr. Lawrence be invited to attend a meeting of the Council on Friday, Jan. 2nd, 1948.

City Manager Fritz reported that he had received an offer for the property which the City owns on Grand Avenue and which they have been using as a dump. Bigs Kurtz Co. offered \$1,250.00 for the tract. The Council instructed the City Manager to get a valuation on this tract and also on Lots 21 and 22, Block 1 of South 5th Street Subdivision.

At the time sewer easements were secured for Sanitary Sewer District No. 10, an easement of 20 feet was secured from C. P. Darling and Edna Bernice Darling. It has been found that this amount of ground is not necessary and it has been requested that the City deed back part of this tract by Quit Claim deed. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Bagby that the City Manager & City Clerk be authorized to sign the deed for this tract of land. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Wesley Hayden appeared before the Council requesting changes in his bus schedules. He desires to have Route 5 and 6 as one

route and have the buses run hourly, and to combine Nos. 4 and 4A. The matter was tabled until Friday, Jan. 2.

City Manager Fritz announced a meeting on January 7th at 4 P. M. with airline representatives and interested aviation minded citizens of Grand Junction to discuss Commercial aviation.

The matter of making an appointment for the position of City Treasurer was brought up and discussed. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that Fred Hagie be appointed as City Treasurer. Motion carried.

A delegation from South Seventh Street was present and requested that their street be repaired, from Struthers to Winters especially.

An application for the renewal of 3.2 beer license for Valey Coster at 811 South 7th Street was presented. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the application be approved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Martin that the meeting adjourn until Friday Jan. 2, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Motion carried.

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk