

Grand Junction, Colo.

January 2, 1948

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 and President Carson. Councilman Harris 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.

This meeting had been called for the purpose of talking with Mr. R. J. Tipton of R. J. Tipton and Associates. He stated that he wished to present a broad view on the water program, and showed a graph in a recent engineering magazine which had determined that construction costs were 30% higher at the end of 1947 than in 1946 when the estimates and plans were drawn. He commended the Council on going ahead and building Hogchute and completing it in one year. He told the Council that he thought no apologies were called for in connection with any Council's action, engineering services or manner in which the work had been done, and commended contractors and laborers for their efforts. He suggested that the Denver Water Board be contacted and if possible and feasible that special operators of a geophone be brought to Grand Junction to see if any of the water lines around Reservoir No. 3 were leaking. He stated that there was too much leakage from some unexplained source and recommended that if all the leakage were from Reservoir 3 that as soon as it can be drained the joints be checked very carefully and repaired if necessary.

Mr. Dave Lawrence of Boettcher and Company appeared before the Council in regard to proposed issue of water bonds for the completion of the water system. He agreed to study the financial status of the City, print bonds, pay for approving opinion of Myles P. Tallmudge, attorney, and prepare prospectus for sale of bonds and present bonds in a salable manner for \$12.50 per \$1,000 bond issued. He also guaranteed a bid of \$1,012.50 for each \$1,000 bond at 3 1/4% interest, or better, if the bonds were sold by Feb. 1st. He suggested that \$395,000 in bonds be issued so that the City would be very sure to have sufficient money to complete their program.

Mr. Jack Goode of Otis and Co. also was present and he offered to have bonds printed and furnish attorney's opinion for \$4.60 per thousand, but would not make any statement as to price or rate of interest, stating that he would bid at a legal rate, which might be 6%. If he were the successful bidder on the bonds, he would not charge the City for any of the costs for the bonds or opinion.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Martin that the proposition of Boettcher and Co. be accepted and that Mr. Lawrence prepared details for the sale of

\$395,000 Water Revenue bonds. Motion carried.

Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Vern Meek appeared before the Council in regard to the ditch through the Veteran's Hospital tract. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Fritz presented maps and plans for an open ditch to carry water through this tract, and emphasized the fact that the City would have to maintain this ditch if it were an open one, whereas they would turn the whole thing over to the Grand Valley Irrigation Co. if the water were run through a pipe. It was agreed to go ahead with the open ditch and if it is found to be unsatisfactory, pipe will be laid later.

Several people appeared before the Council protesting the changes in bus service and complaining against the service now furnished, especially to the West side. The matter was deferred until the next meeting of the Council at which time Mr. Hayden should be present.

Petitions for the construction of a sewer in Wilcox-Bixby Subdivision in Northeast Subdivision, SE1/4 of SE1/4; and that portion of the NW1/4 of SE1/4 of SE1/4 not contained in Sewer District No. 10. were presented.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Bagby that the petitions be accepted and filed. Motion carried. Any further action was postponed until the resolutions were drawn up.

An agreement with the County was read in which the City agreed to repair the roads on Orchard Mesa which have been torn up in the process of laying new water mains. If the City does not repair them the County will go ahead and charge the cost to the City.

It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City Manager be authorized to enter into an agreement with the County for the repairs of the roads on Orchard Mesa. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Letters of application for the position of City Manager were presented by E. R. Anderson, Rifle, Colorado and Carl W. Anderson 620 Chipeta Avenue. These letters were read and ordered filed.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn.

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk