

Grand Junction, Colorado

February 4, 1948

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction met in regular 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 Moore, City Clerk Tomlinson, City Attorney Banks and Chief of the Department of Public Works and Planning, Bennett.

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 7th, the special meeting held January 20th, the regular adjourned meeting held January 21, the regular meeting held January 21, and the regular adjourned meeting held January 28th, were read.

It was reported by City Manager Moore that bids had been opened at nine o'clock on the Northeast Addition water main extension. Four bids were received as follows:

Wallace Corn	\$32,585.62
Schmidt Construction Co.	33,070.00
F. B. Anderson	37,800.00
Louie Pinello	45,155.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$36,805.00

and at ten o'clock A. M. bids were opened on the second section of the Flowline and six bids received as follows:

Schmidt Construction Co	\$22,946.00
Rocky Mountain Welding &Engineering Company . . .	30,474.80
Louie Pinello	34,546.00
E. J. Rippy & Son	37,493.60
Wallace Corn	38,628.46
F. B. Anderson	51,610.00
Engineer's Estimate	\$28,248.00

and at eleven o'clock A. M. bids had been opened on Sidewalk District No. 12 with five bids received and tabulated as follows:

John C. Bauman.	\$13,465.25
Miller A. Sorensen	14,959.80
Carl Poland	16,372.70
Schmidt Construction Co	20,176.20
Gardner Construction Co	20,436.30
Engineer's Estimate	\$14,691.35

Mr. Moore recommended on the basis of the bids that the following contracts be awarded:

Northeast Addition Water Main Extension to Wallace Corn at

\$32,585.62. It was moved by Councilman Bagby and seconded by Councilman Harper that the contract for the Northeast Addition be awarded to Wallace Corn in the amount of \$32,585.62. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Second Section of the Flowline to Schmidt Construction Company for \$22,946.00. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the contract for the Second Section of the Flowline be awarded to the Schmidt Construction Company for the sum of \$22,946.00. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Sidewalk District No. 12 to John C. Bauman for \$13,465.25. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that the contract for the construction of Sidewalk District No. 12 be awarded to John Bauman in the amount of \$13,465.25. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The matter of sidewalk locations in Slocomb's Addition was brought up. Several residents in this locality being present and stating their desires in connection with the sidewalks. Petitions were filed, signed by about fifty property owners, requesting that the sidewalks in this addition be placed at the curb line. Others on Sixteenth Street requested that they be put two feet from the curb line. President Carson requested that the property owners of the Slocomb's Addition get together and decide unanimously where they want their sidewalks placed and report back to the Council.

Further bids had been received on water meters; the National Empire Meter Company quoted approximately \$13.97, but stated that they expected a raise in price before long. \$2,000.00 was placed in the 1948 budget for the purchase of new meters, but according to plans at this time the City will need five hundred meters during the year of 1948. It was recommended by the City Manager that the five hundred meters be purchased at a cost of \$6,985.00. It was moved by Councilman Bagby and seconded by Councilman Martin that the City Manager be authorized to purchase five hundred meters, even though the new meter appropriation in the 1948 budget will be overdrawn. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

It was decided by the Council to allow the property owners to have meters installed either in their basements or at the curb, depending upon their use.

A letter from Police Chief, Joe Keith, was read, stating that the Police Department had served notice on Beye Lotz Post No. 1247, Veterans of Foreign Wars, to appear in Municipal Court for violating the Liquor Ordinance, in that they sold drinks to five minors. Judge Groves had found them guilty and assessed a \$100.00

fine against them, which fine had been paid by the Commander of the Post. The State Office, following this proceeding, has suspended their license for fifteen days and has called a hearing in Denver for them to show cause why their license should not be revoked. It was moved by Councilman Bagby and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City Attorney be instructed to inform the officers of the Beye Lotz Post No. 1247 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to appear before the City Council on Tuesday evening, February 10th, at 7:30 P. M., to show cause why the City should not revoke their license. Motion carried. The Council requested that Judge Groves be asked to attend this meeting also.

A letter from Judge Groves was read in which he requested that Lawrence Finnessey, assistant judge of the Municipal Court be sent to the University of California at Berkeley, to a Traffic Court Conference, at City expense. He estimated that it would cost about \$200.00 to send Mr. Finnessey. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington, seconded by Councilman Martin that the City Council approve Mr. Finnessey's attendance at the Traffic Court Conference at Berkeley, beginning February 9th. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Vern Lee, steward of the State Home and Training School, appeared before the City Council, stating that the water bill for the state institution for November was \$480.00 and that the October bill was \$259.48 and the December bill, \$235.20. The January bill was also approximately \$235.00. He stated that he and his men had searched vigorously to find a leak in the line or in the plumbing and had been unable to do so and were at a loss to understand why the November bill was so high. He requested that the Council adjust this water bill down to \$250.00. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that the State Home water bill for November be adjusted to \$250.00, and that the City accept this amount in full payment for the water bill for that month. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Cleo Diemer, President of the Women's Club and Mrs. Claude Stevens, representing the Fine Arts Festival appeared before the Council and requested free use of the auditorium for a Fine Arts Festival to be held sometime within the next few weeks. They stated that as long as there was no other place to hold such a festival they thought it no more than fair that they should be allowed to use the auditorium free of charge. They also requested that police protection and fire protection be provided continuously during the three days that the exhibits are in place in the auditorium. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that since this Fine Arts Festival is a community project and is free of charge to the public, that the group be allowed free use of the auditorium for three days and that the Police Department and the City Manager work out some sort of a means of having continuous police and fire protection.

Mrs. Cheney, President of the Fairmount Community Club, appeared before the Council and protested the operation, schedules and rates for the bus and taxi service now provided by Mr. Hayden and the Grand Junction Transit Co. It was explained to Mrs. Cheney that the City had no jurisdiction over the service outside the city limits and she averred that if the service was satisfactory inside the city, and the Fairmount people were assured that a bus would be on the corner of 12th and Orchard at a certain time, they would be very happy, but that for the past eight years they have had no assurance when busses and taxies would be available at any location.

An application for a license for the sale by the drink, of beer, wine and spirituous liquors was made by Verne Austin. He wants to put in a first class, dance, dine and drink establishment at 23rd and North Avenue and stated that if granted a license he would operate this establishment in a manner that would be a credit to the City. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the application be accepted and that a notice be published of a Hearing to be held on March 3rd. Motion carried.

Mr. "Hap" Harris appeared before the Council and requested permission to hold dances at the Lincoln Park auditorium on Wednesday and Saturday nights. Mr. Harris offered to pay the City \$70.00 per week at the rate of two nights per week, i. e. Wednesday and Saturday nights. He requested that the Council allow him to operate past 12 o'clock on Saturday nights, stating that it is very difficult to get a crowd at a dance before ten o'clock and if he has to close at twelve, the time is too short. He also agreed that at any time the hall was needed on these nights he would relinquish it if requested to do so. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Martin that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance amending the ordinance concerning the operation of dance halls on Sunday; amending same so that dancing will be allowed until one A. M. on Sunday morning. Motion carried.

President Carson reported that Boy Scout Week is from February 5th to 12th and that the Boy Scout Council have requested that the Boy Scouts be allowed to take over and operate the City on one day during this time as they have in the past several years. It was agreed to allow them to select their officials and assist in the operation of the City business for one day.

President Carson appointed the following committee to serve as the "Urban Highway Planning Committee": Mr. E. R. Thomas, First National Bank; Mr. Dewey H. Baker, Rio Grande Motorways and Mr. T. I. Moore, City Manager, representing the City. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Bagby that the Council approve the committee as named by President Carson. Motion carried.

Lawn sprinkling systems under the new ordinance concerning water rates were discussed and it was agreed that should any one desire to install a lawn sprinkling system in their yards it would be permissible.

The Soil Conservation Service asked that a proclamation be printed dedicating the week of February 15th to 22nd as Soil and Water Conservation Week. It was moved by Councilman Harper, seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the request be granted. Motion carried.

The Mesa County Veterans' Association requested that they be given additional ground adjacent to their cemetery on Orchard Mesa, either by purchase or otherwise. The matter was referred to Mr. Banks to be reported on at the next meeting of the Council.

City Manager Moore was also requested to check into the matter of loading zones in the business district.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Bagby that the bond of Thomas I. Moore as City Manager be approved and filed. Motion carried.

3.2% Beer Licenses for the Interstate Cigar Store and for the Safeway Store at 217 North 7th Street and for the Safeway Store on 4th Street, to expire April 6, 1948, were presented. It was moved by Councilman Colescott, seconded by Councilman Martin that the applications be approved and licenses issued. Motion carried.

It was reported by the City Manager that he had received notice from R. J. Tipton and Associates that they had requested a complete written report on the geophone survey from the man who was in Grand Junction and made the survey.

The matter of raising the price for cleaning grease traps was presented and the City Attorney was instructed to draw up an ordinance raising the price for cleaning grease traps to \$1.50.

Property on Orchard Mesa which was previously owned by an ex-service man and upon which he contends he has permission to install a water tap has been sold to a non-veteran who desires to erect a home and has requested permission for water. The matter was tabled until the water supply for the coming year is determined.

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

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk