

Grand Junction, Colorado

February 10, 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 Moore, City Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson.

This meeting had been called for the purpose of allowing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 1247, to show cause why their Club Liquor License should not be revoked. Present and appearing before the Council were Joe Keith, Chief of Police, Karl Johnson, Officer, Virgil Groves, Judge of the Municipal Court, Eula Mae Thompson, Jacqueline Tripplett, Wayne Sullivan, and Kyle Bottoms, Commander of Post No. 1247, Veterans of Foreign Wars, J. H. Dickey, Secretary, and Mr. Haskins, who was learning to tend bar for the Post. Joe Keith stated that on the evening of January 29th Karl Johnson had arrested two 16 year old girls and one 16 year old boy and one 19 year old boy at a dance at the Labor Temple. They were tried in Municipal Court before Judge Groves on a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and during the testimony at the trial it developed that they had been served drinks at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Club. Raymond Leo Sullivan, who is nineteen and very large and well-developed for his age, and who is a veteran and now in service, took as his guests the other members of the party to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Club where he allegedly purchased two rounds of drinks for them. Mr. Carson asked the two girls and Wayne Sullivan, who were present, if they admitted that they had been served drinks at this particular time and they stated that they had. Karl Johnson, patrolman, stated that when the girls and one boy were brought into the police station, they were each placed in a separate location and each made practically the same statement and had had no opportunity for corroboration. The other girl, who was brought down the next morning, made the same statement and she had had no opportunity to confer with the other members of the party. It was stated that the door was open so that anyone could walk in whether a member of the club or the Post or not, and no one checked credentials to see whether they were qualified to be in the club. Judge Groves stated that the trial had been held in his Court on January 31, and that the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 1247, had been found guilty of selling liquor to minors and had been fined \$100.00, which fine had been paid by the Commander, Mr. Bottoms.

Kyle Bottoms stated that he personally knew Ray Sullivan and knew his age but that he was not present in the club on the night of January 28th; that they were in the practice of admitting veterans and their guests but were as a rule very careful not to serve minors or admit them to the barroom.

Mr. Haskins, the bartender, stated that he did not serve any

drinks to the girls or to the boy who was present; that he did see them in the room, dancing, but that drinks were not allowed to be served anywhere but in the barroom and that he did not believe that they had been served drinks in the club room.

It was stated by Mr. Harper that at the time the license was granted to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, they agreed to run their club in an efficient and satisfactory manner, and therefore, he moved that the license be revoked. There was no second to this motion. Councilman Hoisington then moved that the license be revoked but that it automatically be renewed on April 1, 1948. There was no second to this motion. It was requested then that the Board of Directors appear before the Council and assure the members that the club will be managed efficiently and according to law, and Mr. Bottoms agreed that he would hire a manager who would see that the place was well operated; that the front door would be locked and only those qualified would be allowed to enter. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the license be suspended until March 15th. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting AYE: Hoisington, Martin, Carson.

Councilmen voting NAY: Harper, Bagby, Colescott.

The vote being a tie, no action was determined. It was moved by Councilman Bagby and seconded by Councilman Martin that the Club Liquor License of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 1247, be suspended until March 15th and that before the place can be reopened a manager will be secured to take charge of the club and operate it in an efficient and creditable manner such as Mr. Bottoms has promised to the City Council, and that the approval of the Chief of Police, Joe Keith, be secured. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

City Manager Moore reported on several items, i. e. that the cigarette tax would be ready to go on March 1; the tract of land in Carpenter's Subdivision has been advertised for sale, bids to be received until February 16th. He reported that he recommended the tract now leased by the Grazing Service remain under lease as it is at present. He also suggested that costs for hauling ashes and trash could be lowered, if G. I. cans were used instead of ash pits.

The report of Glen A. Smith on the Kannah Creek Watershed was presented for study.

A Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7 OF ORDINANCE NO. 308, AS AMENDED, CONCERNING DANCE HALLS," was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Bagby that the Proposed Ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

It was agreed among the Councilmen that no exclusive refreshment franchise would be granted for the serving of refreshments at dances held at Lincoln Park.

Herbert H. and Grace Heathington presented an application for a Liquor Store License at 119 So. 4th St. They are expecting to purchase this store from Gilbert and Marian Gordon. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that this license be advertised and that a Hearing be held on March 3rd concerning the granting of same. Motion carried.

The American Legion requested that they be allowed the use of the auditorium at Lincoln Park for their March of Dimes Dance which had been held on January 31 at the minimum cost. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Bagby that the use of the auditorium for the March of Dimes Dance be without cost. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Noble Chalfant, golf pro at the Lincoln Park Golf Course presented a letter in regard to golf dues for the coming year. This matter will be referred to the Lincoln Park Golf Club at their annual meeting to be held the latter part of February.

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

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk