

Grand Junction, Colorado

March 3, 1948

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

The minutes of the regular meeting held Feb. 4th, the regular adjourned meeting held Feb. 10th, the regular meeting held Feb. 18th, and the regular adjourned meeting held Feb. 25th were read and approved.

This was the time set for the hearing on the application of Vern Austin for a restaurant liquor license for a night club to be erected on the northeast corner of 23rd and North Avenue. A large number of interested citizens were present and presented petitions in regard to the granting of the license, Lincoln Coit, Attorney spoke on behalf of Mr. Austin and Mr. Austin showed the plans for the building and told of his plans for the operation of the Club. Jim Kyle, Jack Cook for himself and the Trades and Labor Assembly and Mr. Houdashelt all spoke on behalf of Mr. Austin and the establishing of his business. Rev. O'Nan, Rev. Manning, Rev. Day, Rev. Sundal, Mr. Hall and several others spoke against the granting of the license, stating that the traffic on North Ave is bad at the present time and that this night club would aggravate the condition. Most of the petitioners were protesting against liquor in general, and were opposed to granting any liquor licenses within the City of Grand Junction. Many of the signers of the petitions were residents of Mesa County but not the City of Grand Junction. Mr. V. A. Green who owns property to the north of the location for the Night Club protested and filed a petition signed by a number of the residents in the locality of 23rd and North. After a long discussion it was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Bagby that the matter be tabled until the next regular meeting of the Council and that the petitions be tabulated so that a clear picture of the immediate vicinity may be had by the members. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council Voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

On the hearing for the sale of the liquor store by Gilbert and Marion Gordon to Herbert H. and Grace A. Heathington, Rev. O'Nan filed petitions against the granting of the license, but most signatures were by people living outside of the City limits.

It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Harris that the application of Herbert H. and Grace A. Heathington for a liquor store license for the Crown Liquor Store at 119 South 4th Street be approved, and a license issued when the State license has been received. Motion carried.

A committee from the Baseball Committee appeared before the Council regarding the new baseball diamond. City Manager Moore explained that he had requested that the Veteran's Hospital return to the City the unused ground adjoining the Lincoln Park Golf Course so that the golf course might be changed and allow sufficient ground in the west end of the Park for a baseball diamond. President Carson appointed Councilman Martin and City Manager Moore to meet with the Baseball Committee and work out a plan for the diamond in the Park if possible. Motion carried.

Mr. McCallister appeared before the Council in regard to Bunting Avenue near 15th Street. He stated that the residents on that street desire to have a 40-foot street and the City ordinance provides that no street should be less than fifty feet. Action was deferred for further investigation.

The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Section 7 of Ordinance No, 308, As Amended, Concerning Dance halls, was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Bagby and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harris that the Ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Hoisington was passed, adopted, numbered 765 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

City Manager Moore recommended that the 12-inch water main designed to be installed on Gunnison Avenue between 12th and 14th Streets be omitted from the contract. This would make a savings in labor and material of \$8,141.00. He also recommended that additions be made to the contract to extend services north on 23rd Street to Texas Avenue and east and west at 23rd and to extend service to Elmwood Plaza. This would cost an additional \$6,232.00. The complete change is a net saving of \$1,809.00 and will result in serving 17 customers immediately and will be available for approximately 30 additional customers at a later date. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City Manager be authorized to make the above changes in the Water improvement plans. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Bagby that Lawrence Finnessey be granted a \$15.00 per month raise starting March 1st, 1948, for the position of Assistant Judge of the Municipal Court. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

City Manager Moore reported that the Colorado Springs Bus Co.

would have a representative here on March 15th to check into the Transportation business in Grand Junction.

Councilman Bagby requested that the Lions Club be granted a fee for the Lincoln Park Auditorium for the Carnival, less than the usual charge. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Lions Club be charged cost for three days for the use of the auditorium for their carnival. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

It was reported that Mr. Houdasheld had signed a deed for the street at 23rd and Elm and had also signed an easement for a sewer, so that it would not be necessary for condemnation proceedings to be resorted to.

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

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk