

Grand Junction, Colorado

October 20, 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 roll call were: Carson, Hoisington, Bagby, Colescott, Martin, Harris and President Harper. Also present were City Manager Moore, City Attorney Banks and City Bookkeeper Lobach, acting as Secretary to the Council in the place of Mrs. Helen Tomlinson, City Clerk.

It was moved and seconded that reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be waived. Motion carried.

The matter of the proposed taxi ordinance was brought up and discussed by members of the Council together with Mr. Gus Muckenthaler, operator of the Hasty Cab Company, and Mr. Wesley Hayden, operator of the Uintah Stage Line - operating "57" cabs.

Mr. Muckenthaler objected to the provisions of Section 15 wherein a flat fee was to be charged for each cab and stated that in order to keep as many as eight cabs in operation, it was necessary to have ten cabs under license. Both Mr. Muckenthaler and Mr. Hayden pointed out that when cabs were laid up for repairs it would work quite a hardship on them to buy licenses for other cabs to run for a short time and requested that the ordinance be amended to allow transfer of license plates from one cab to another in the event the cab was laid up because of repairs or for other reasons. It was agreed by the members of the Council that among the rules and regulations to be made a part of the taxi ordinance that provision would be made for this transfer.

Mr. Muckenthaler objected to Section 22 providing for taking of only one passenger at a time and Mr. Muckenthaler and Mr. Hayden both stated that if they were confined to only one passenger per trip that operation of taxi cabs would be most unprofitable. It was suggested by City Manager Moore that this section be amended to provide that in the event the first passenger had no objection that a second or third passenger might be taken on the same trip and this the Council agreed to.

It was directed that Section 30 of this ordinance be deleted from the final draft. It was further agreed by the members of the Council that the fees provided for in the ordinance would not be collectible until January 1, 1949. Councilman Carson moved adoption of the ordinance for publication, which was seconded by Councilman Martin and all members of the Council voted aye. President Harper declared the motion carried and directed that the taxi ordinance be presented for publication.

A Mr. Walraven complained to the Council that at the sewage disposal plant there was no fence around this plant and most particularly there was no fence around the sludge bed. He stated

that a couple of weeks ago a small boy fell into one of these sludge beds and would have drowned had it not been for a larger boy pulling him out. Mr. Bennett stated that this was the first knowledge he had that the sewage disposal plant was not properly fenced and that the matter would be taken care of immediately. In answer to criticism from Mr. Walraven concerning odor from the disposal plant, Mr. Bennett stated that this plant was being operated as well as possible and that all odors were kept down as much as it was possible to do so without going into extremely heavy expenditures for prevention of offensive odor. Mr. Bennett is of the opinion that the majority of the offensive odors come not from the disposal plant itself but from the west side sewer line which comes into the plant eight feet lower than the main sewer lines. Mr. Walraven further stated that there was no fence around the old dumping ground and Mr. Bennett was instructed by the Council to see that this fence was repaired immediately to prevent indiscriminate dumping in this area.

Mr. Frank J. Jonick and a delegation of property owners from North Second Street complained to the Council about the condition of Second Street from Gunnison to North Avenue stating that the street was full of chuck holes which were very deep and which caused serious impairment of traffic on that street and that a car had in the last few days broken a spring when it hit one of the holes. City Manager Moore stated that resurfacing of Second Street was not on the 1948 program but was in the 1949 budget. He stated, and Mr. Bennett agreed, that Third Street had been placed ahead of Second Street for resurfacing this year and that lack of sufficient men and equipment was the reason the street was in its present condition. City Manager Moore was instructed by the Council to make whatever temporary repairs to Second Street as were indicated to fill the holes in the street and eliminate the hazards resulting therefrom.

The matter of chlorine cylinders was brought up and it was noted by Mr. Bennett that the government-owned chlorine cylinders were in one-ton rather than two-ton size. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Martin that these cylinders be used and that City Manager Moore be authorized to enter into contract for such cylinders. President Harper declared the motion carried. In answer to inquiries, Mr. Bennett stated that by a double rate of feed of chlorine the noticeable taste of the chlorine in the City water would be eliminated and that it was desired by the City to double the rate of chlorine feed in the water system which would more thoroughly sterilize the water and eliminate offensive taste and odor.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that approval of plans by R. J. Tipton and Associates on the Plateau Creek Project be withheld pending further study by the Councilmen. All members of the Council agreed.

City Manager Moore presented plans for the proposed new terminal building at Walker Field which plans were studied by

members of the Council who generally expressed approval of same.

There being no further business to transact, it was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Martin that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

/s/D. E. Lobach
D. E. Lobach, City Bookkeeper
acting for City Clerk