

Grand Junction, Colorado

April 20, 1949

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: Carson, Hoisington, Colescott, Martin, Harris and President Harper. Also present were City Manager Moore, City Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson.

The minutes of the regular meeting held April 6th were read and approved.

City Manager Moore reported that all property owners within 100 feet of proposed zoning changes had been notified of hearings set for this Council meeting. A number of residents interested in the changing of the north half of Block 8 from Residence "B" District to Business "A" District were present and filed a petition protesting the change. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harris that the proposed change in zoning of the north half of Block 8 be disallowed. Motion carried.

Mr. Burgess, owner of the Lot 3, Block 18, immediately north of the Black & White Grocery, which Mr. Burgess had requested be changed from Residence "B" to Business "AR", appeared before the Council. There were no protests filed in connection with this change. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance making this change. Motion carried.

On account of the fact that one property owner had not been notified of the proposed change in Lots 27 and 28, Block 134, from Residence "C" to Business "B", it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the matter be tabled until the next regular meeting of the Council. Motion carried.

This was the date set for the hearing on the application of Hugh's Grocery for a license to sell 3.2 beer. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Martin that the application be granted. Motion carried.

Mr. Rudolph Susman appeared before the Council and stated that there would be a carnival in Grand Junction for band tournament week, and requested that the Council remit the fees for the rides and concessions to the Band Mothers. It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the request be granted. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

In the condemnation suit of the City against Hugh J. Pinger, the Judgment and Decree costs to the City amount to \$108.00 in fees and \$650.00 for land damage. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Martin that the City

Attorney be instructed to draw up an appropriation ordinance appropriating this sum of money, so that Mr. Pinger can be paid.

A proposed ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Annexing Territory to the City of Grand Junction", was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

City Manager Moore reported that he had been making a study of ways and means to house the Mesa County Library so that the old Lowell School building could be torn down. He had come to the conclusion that there would be room for this library in the City Library building, at least until the growth of that library would require the entire building.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Martin that the Council go on record as being in favor of moving the County Library into the City Library Building and the City Manager be authorized to take the matter up with the Library Board and work out the details of getting the County Library moved. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance amending the Library ordinance so that all City taxpayers and their families will be allowed to use Library facilities free of charge. Motion carried.

Bids had been opened at 10 A. M. Wednesday April 20th for labor excavation and backfill on extensions to water distribution system with the following bids being tabulated:

Schmidt Construction Co.	\$4,108.06
Rippy Construction Co.	4,371.35
Wallace Corn	4,911.36

Engineer's Estimate 4,488.87

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harris that the City Manager be authorized to sign a contract with Schmidt Construction Co. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Messrs. J. B. Carpenter, Roger B. Taylor and Frank L. Griffee have purchased the East Side Grocery from Mr. J. D. Moser and made application for a 3.2 beer license. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Martin that the application be received and that the date of May 18th be set for date of hearing. Motion carried.

Councilman Harris announced that the Veterans Memorial Park Assn. own approximately 68 acres of land on the north side of Highway No. 50 at Vets. Memorial Park and that they are contemplating opening it up, available for building sites, and are wondering about a policy to furnish City water for homes built there. The Council felt that they could not establish any permanent policy for furnishing water, but that if there was sufficient water for all City uses, homes in this area could secure City water also.

The Council endorsed the action of the Water Board in fighting for water for the Western Slope and instructed City Attorney Banks to draw up a resolution endorsing the actions of Mr. Silmon Smith, Mr. Clifford Stone, and the Water Board. The Resolution as drawn up by Mr. Banks was as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Grand Junction believes that there are many acres of irrigable land in Western Colorado which could be placed under cultivation if water were available, and that there are many natural resources in Western Colorado, such as oil shale and coal, which will require the use of water in their development; and

WHEREAS the City Council believes that Western Colorado does not have more water than it can use, and knows that an adequate future supply of water is necessary for the growth of industries in Western Colorado as well as the future growth of the City of Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS the City Council is of the opinion that an adequate water supply is of utmost importance to the future development of this region and that the water which originates in Western Colorado should be used in Western Colorado and should be protected from being lost to other states as well as being lost by diversion to other parts of this state; and

WHEREAS the City Council appreciates the efforts which have been and are being made by the Colorado Water Conservation Board and by Judge Clifford S. Stone, Silmon Smith, and others to guard and protect the water resources of Western Colorado;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

That this City Council go on record as believing that the protection of the water resources of Western Colorado is of vital importance to this region and that the Council is willing and anxious to do anything it can to develop and protect these resources; that the sincere thanks and appreciation of the City be expressed to the Colorado Water Conservation Board, to Judge Clifford S. Stone, to Silmon Smith, and to the others who are working for the protection of these resources; and that copies of this resolution shall

be sent to those parties who are working to guard and develop the water of Western Colorado.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Martin that the resolution be passed and adopted as read. 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 that there had been a request for a building permit for a church to be built at the corner of 12th and Elm Ave. This property is unzoned and in accordance with the ordinances, building permits may not be issued in an unzoned locality. The Council indicated they were not in favor of granting any special dispensation in this instance.

City Manager Moore reported that paving on North 4th Street is being relaid, and that the new dog pound is completed and will be in use. It was built near the Hog farm. Work is progressing on the new golf course with water lines about 70 per cent complete and trees and grass are being planted.

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction is the owner of the real estate hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, the said real estate is not used or held for park purposes or for any governmental purpose, and the city desires to sell and dispose of the same; and

WHEREAS, the City has advertised the said property for sale and has accepted bids thereon; and

WHEREAS, in response to said request for bids The Sterling Co., a Colorado corporation, has offered the sum of Thirty-five Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$3,500.00) for the said described property, to-wit:

All of Lot 22, and all of Lot 21 except the South 129.5 feet thereof, in Block 1 of the South Fifth Street Subdivision, in the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado;

AND WHEREAS, the aforesaid bid is the best and only bid received by the City for the said described property, and a conveyance of the said property to The Sterling Co., a Colorado corporation, will be for the benefit of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

That the above-described property shall be sold and conveyed to The Sterling Co., a Colorado corporation, subject to an easement for the maintenance and operation of the present water lines across the said described property; that T. I. Moore, the City Manager, shall be and he is hereby authorized, empowered and instructed to execute and deliver on behalf of the City of Grand Junction a special warranty deed to convey such property and to affix thereto the seal of this City.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Martin, and duly carried, that the meeting adjourn until Monday, May 2nd at 10 o'clock A. M.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk