

Grand Junction, Colorado

December 7, 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: Harper, Carson, Dufford, Colescott, Martin, Hansen and President Hoisington. Also present were City Manager Moore, City Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson.

The minutes of the regular meeting held November 16th were read and approved.

This was the date set for hearing on the application of C. V. Williams for a license for a liquor store at 119 So. 6th, now owned and operated by Henry Post. No protests were filed against the issuance of this license, and it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the license be granted. Motion carried.

City Manager Moore reported that a letter had been received from Miss Rachel Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harlan objecting to the large assessment against their property for sidewalks constructed under Sidewalk District No. 13. They own property on No. 18th and North Plaza Court and complain that because of being on the corner their assessment was a great deal more than that of their neighbors who were on the inner turn of the circle. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that the City Manager be instructed to contact the other property owners in this area and also Mr. Hanks who was the original owner of the whole area, and request that they come to the next Council meeting and try to work out some equitable settlement of the cost. That there is nothing the Council can do as long as the final assessment ordinance has been passed unless the other property owners or Mr. Hanks would be willing to share in the cost.

Mr. Colliton appeared before the Council in connection with the football game on Armistice Day. He asked that the Council give them a rebate on the 10% which was due from the total gate receipts which were \$157.48. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Martin that the City deduct \$100.00 from the bill and the Kiwanis Club pay \$57.48. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President of the Council declared the motion carried.

Mr. W. R. Hall appeared before the Council in connection with the trade of a property for his warehouse. There is property in which he was interested in and which the City owns on 5th & Noland for which he would be willing to trade his lots on 2nd & Pitkin which will be used by the State Highway for right-of-way for a truck highway. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Dufford that Mr. Moore have an appraisal made on both pieces of property and a report be made back to the Council at the next meeting. Motion carried.

Mrs. E. Genevieve Lang told the Council that the sidewalks in Grand Junction were in a deplorable condition and needed to be fixed. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the City Manager have an inspection made of all sidewalks in town and to issue notices to property owners to repair same wherever needed most.

An emergency ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1950, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1950, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Martin that the ordinance be passed and adopted as an emergency ordinance and numbered No. 799 and published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." Motion carried.

The following entitled emergency ordinance, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS AND CREATING AN EMERGENCY," was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Martin that this ordinance be passed and adopted as an emergency ordinance, numbered No. 800 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE."

Mr. Crosby, owner of the Grand Junction Rapid Transit Company, was present and stated that he would be unable to continue bus operations over the City as he has been losing money and he does not feel that he can put more money for insurance and other expenses and continue to operate at a loss. The Council all expressed themselves as regretting the circumstances making it necessary for Mr. Crosby to discontinue operations but all felt that he had done a very good job and tried to give good service. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City Manager be instructed to try to interest some Bus Company in furnishing transportation services in Grand Junction. Motion carried.

Mr. E. S. McConkie and Mr. C. E. Roper filed an application for a restaurant-liquor license for the Globe Cafe, 121 So. 4th St. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Colescott that January 4th be set as the date for hearing on this liquor license application, and the City Clerk was instructed to advertise for that date. Motion carried.

The Proof of Publication to the Proposed Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP ACCOMPANYING ORDINANCE NO. 755 AND BEING A PART THEREOF," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried. It was then moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried. The ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Carson and second by Councilman Martin, passed and adopted and numbered No. 803 and ordered

published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

A letter was read from Mr. A. A. Weinberg, Chairman of the Committee on Public Employee Retirement Administration of the Municipal Finance Officers Association. He had analyzed the pension plan as drawn up by Mr. Hagie and while he thought 4% would be safer and 5% would be good business practice, he was of the opinion that the 3% might be satisfactory on a pension plan for City Employees. All of the Councilmen felt that it would be worthwhile to get started on a pension plan, and as there were no employees to be retired for two or three years, to have an audit made at that time and have the contract drawn up with the employees and if it is not working out and enough money accumulated at that time, from the percentage paid into the fund, could be either raised or the plan dropped by paying back to each employee the amount which had been deducted. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance and submit it as soon as possible to the Council allowing a pension plan and entering into a contract with employees for same. Motion carried.

Mr. Ernie Green of the State Highway Department was present and showed a map of the intersection at 1st & North Ave. and also a survey which the State Highway Department had made concerning traffic and including speed, number of cars, etc. He asked that the Council go along with the Highway Department in putting up signs for reduced speed, non-passing zones, etc. At the present time, the State Highway does not approve a traffic light on this corner and would prefer other measures to control traffic there so that the children going to school would be protected. It was agreed by the members of the Council that the City Manager should have his highway employees go along with the State Highway Department in accordance with the plan submitted.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Martin that the water bill for Mr. Florence Starr be credited with one-half the payment as a considerable amount of water went through the meter on Mr. Starr's premises while he was in the hospital and that he uses very little water as he only has one outside tap. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

Councilman Harper stated that the Health Department, Mesa Co. Health Unit, needed more room and that they had investigated the present Police Station and Judge's Office with a view of having it remodeled for the use of the Health Unit when the Police Department moves into the present City Hall offices. A new jail would have to be built where the present court is now located. The State would possibly pay a portion of the remodeling costs and the Health Department pay rental on the whole building. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Carson that the City Manager be instructed to get plans and figures on the costs of remodeling the present City Hall for the Health Department and present them to the Council for consideration. Motion carried.

City Manager Moore reported that the Rotary Club had asked Oscar Chapman, Secretary of the interior, to come to Grand Junction the latter part of January or 1st part of February and speak before one of their meetings, and it had been suggested that he be asked to dedicate the new City Hall at the same time. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Carson that the City Manager go ahead and write to Mr. Chapman requesting him to dedicate the new building. Motion carried.

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

City Clerk