

Grand Junction, Colorado

February 1, 1950

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: Harper, Dufford, Colescott, Martin and President Hoisington. Councilmen Carson and Hansen were absent. Also present were City Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson. Acting City Manager Burton was absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 18th and the special meeting held January 27th were read and approved.

The Baseball Committee with Boots Kellogg as chairman appeared before the Council, having been invited by the Council to do so. Mr. Kellogg went back over the activities of the Baseball Committee and stated that they had paid \$6,130.25 for purchases and installations made for the lighting of the baseball field. There are outstanding at the present time the sum of \$1,003.74 to Hendrie & Bolthoff of which sum \$350.00 is owing by the City for eleven units which were transferred to the football field. They also owe the Public Service Company the sum of \$2,132.09. They offered to give all of the proceeds of three benefit games which they would try to hold this coming year. They suggested that the City might give part of the ten per cent of the gate for lights. The City Council felt that the Baseball Committee had really done a very commendable job in raising as much money as they had. It was moved by Councilman Dufford and seconded by Councilman Martin that the City Clerk be authorized to pay both Hendrie and Bolthoff and the Public Service Company accounts, and that the proceeds of the benefit games be applied to the advancement of funds. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Stocker appeared before the Council in regard to improvements at the Park. It was understood that the over-expenditure on the stadia would be approximately \$8,500 which will have to be absorbed by the Park Department. Mr. Stocker quoted prices for moving the baseball lights on the present poles of between \$1,200 to \$1,500. To put up steel towers, would cost around \$4,600 for the towers and \$10,500 for the wire and wiring. There is considerable work to be done on the out field before the baseball teams start their seasonal play. It was decided that Mr. Stocker should start going ahead and move the present light poles and put the playing field in good condition with the exception of the in field which would be completed after the season of 1950. It was moved by Councilman Dufford and seconded by Councilman Martin that the City Clerk be instructed to finish paying for the stadia out of budgeted park funds. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." President declared the motion carried.

The First Fruit Ridge Pipe Line Company requested that the City extend the six inch water main which ends on Walnut Ave. between Fifth and Sixth Streets to the

present City Limits, and that they construct a six inch line for the First Fruit Ridge Pipe Line Company to connect with their present three inch main in Hillcrest Manor. They also requested that they be permitted to install a regulation fire plug where the two mains connect. The cost of extending the main to the City Limits is to be born by the City and the cost of the main for the Pipe Line Company is to be paid for by the First Fruitridge Pipe Line Company and the maintenance and all expenses from date of installation will be born by the Pipe Line Company. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that the application be approved provided that the Pipe Line pay all expenses on the line outside of the City. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." President declared the motion carried.

Mr. David Hinkle had requested an electrical contractor's license from Mr. Anderson, the Electrical Inspector. He did not pass his examination and desired to appeal to the City Council for special consideration for a license for home wiring only. Mr. Hinkle was not present but Mr. Anderson, Electrical Inspector, and several electrical contractors appeared and protested the letting down of any regulations in connection with issuing electrical contractor's licenses. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the request of Mr. Hinkle for a limited contractor's license for electrical wiring be denied. Motion carried.

Jim Kyle appeared before the Council on behalf of the Jaycees and reported that there would be a School on Human Relationships conducted by Mr. Hob Ferguson, February 20th to 24th from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. He requested that the City Council request that Department Heads and City Office Personnel and any others interested take this course in Human Relationships. The tuition is \$15.00 per person and he suggested that arrangements could be made between the Council and the employees whereby the Council would pay a portion, at least, of this tuition. This matter was deferred to the next meeting when all members are present.

Joe Keith was present and told of the results of the traffic survey which he had had made at the request of the City Council at 7th & Grand. He stated that he did not believe that a traffic light on this intersection would help matters any. He suggested that through their training school they could train the school patrol to have all children cross 7th St. in the middle of the block between White and Grand and that crosswalks could be painted and portable stop signs be used by the children during rush hours. On So. 5th St. just below the viaduct, he suggested that a crosswalk be painted near Noland Avenue and that a flood light be placed so that it would clearly shine on this crosswalk. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the Acting City Manager be instructed to mark the crosswalks and provide the signs for the control of traffic in these two places in accordance with Mr. Keith's recommendations. Motion carried.

Howard McMullin had written a letter to Mr. Moore concerning the airport liability insurance which the City requires the fixed base operators to carry. There has been some controversy concerning the payment of this insurance for several years, and Mr.

McMullin did not want to renew the policy which comes due on February 23rd unless he was sure that it would be paid for. It was moved by Councilman Dufford and seconded by Councilman Martin that this matter be referred to Councilman Carson and Councilman Dufford who are endeavoring to get leases, etc., straightened out for the Pioneer Aviation and Valley Air Service. Motion carried.

The Mesa College requested that a street light be installed at the intersection of College Place and the driveway coming out of the Mesa College Campus which is actually a continuation of Glenwood Avenue. This light would serve the dormitory grounds and also the area back of the Episcopal Church. There is no other light between North Avenue and Bunting on College Place. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that the City Engineer be instructed to have the Public Service Company install this light. The College also requested that a crosswalk be marked at 11th & North and that signs be placed on each side of the street at this intersection. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that the request be granted. Motion carried.

Robert J. Groom, Jr. presented his application for a beer license at Doc's Drive-Inn, 402 White. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the license be advertised for hearing on March 1st. Motion carried.

A letter was read from Mr. E. R. Thomas, Trustee, for the estate of Agnes Kennedy. He stated that the water bill for 1350 No. 7th St. for the fall quarter of 1948 was \$52.64. Most of the time the house was vacant but that when a leak was discovered, it was repaired at once. The usual water bill is from \$11.60 to \$15.09 each quarter. He asked that some consideration be given due to the fact that Mrs. Kennedy is an elderly woman with limited finances and has been a long-time taxpayer in the City. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Martin that the water bill be reduced to \$15.09 for 1350 No. 7th St. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The president declared the motion carried.

Some discussion was had concerning the "Open House" to be held at the completion of the municipal administration building and a tentative date of February 25th was set for this occasion. It has been suggested that Mr. John Geoffrey Will, Secretary of the Upper Colorado Water Commission be requested to make an address in the evening in the new auditorium. Some requests had been made to the office employees to be allowed to use the building for various purposes before it is all completed. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Dufford that no one be allowed to use any portion of the Administration building or auditorium before it is dedicated. Motion carried.

Matters pertaining to the discontinuation of the Zoo were tabled.

City Attorney Banks stated that he had gone ahead with the condemnation proceedings for streets and alleys through the Gross property east of 25th St. and had

offered the amount of \$300.00 to Mrs. Gross before he instituted proceedings for Texas, half of Mesa Ave. and the Alley. Mrs. Gross had anticipated in the neighborhood of \$1,400.00 before condemnation suit was started. Last week, her son-in-law, Ed Patterick, spoke to Mr. Moore and stated that they would accept the sum of \$500.00 for the right-of-ways. It was moved by Councilman Martin and seconded by Councilman Colescott that Mr. Banks offer Mrs. Gross the sum of \$500.00 for the right-of-way for these streets and alleys. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." President declared motion carried.

President Hoisington appointed the following to serve on the Recreation Commission, the holdover members being President Hoisington, Acting City Manager Burton, Supt. Boltz and Mrs. Ela; re-appointed members are Dr. R. L. Gilmore, Mrs. Ila McCarrie, Fr. King, 2 years, Tim Campbell and one new member, Mr. H. B. Manuel.

It was moved by Councilman Dufford and seconded by Councilman Martin that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk