

Grand Junction, Colorado

February 15, 1950

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Harper, Carson, Dufford, Colescott, Hanson and President Hoisington. Councilman Martin was absent. Also present were Acting City Manager Burton, City Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson.

The minutes of the regular meeting held February 1st and the special meeting held Feb. 4th were read and approved.

Leo Prinster was present and requested that he be allowed to build on the property line at 9th & North Ave. The Zoning Ordinance provides that isolated businesses should build back ten feet from the property line. The City Attorney ruled that the Council could grant variances to the zoning ordinance on cases such as this if they so desired. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that Mr. Prinster's request be granted. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The president declared the motion carried.

Dr. G. A. Rupp, 727 Main St., came before the Council in regard to a water bill which, he stated, at the time his meter was transferred from the basement to the curb, his service line was broken but that until the meter was read, there was no indication of a leak. His bill is about three times the usual amount, and he requested an adjustment on the bill. It was agreed that Dr. Rupp could wait to pay his bill until another reading of the meter had been taken at which time, he could bring both bills to the Council and if adjustment was indicated, one would be made. He also told the story of the bricks from the old Lowell School which were taken to his property for cleaning and back to the City Administration building. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the matter be referred to Acting City Manager Burton to make a check on the use of the bricks. Motion carried.

Mr. Andre of the Motor Accessories, 735 Rood, requested some relief from the parking situation in front of his place of business. He stated that there never was an opportunity to park there as the business people from downtown use all of the available parking space. It was decided that Chief of Police Keith should make a survey of the fifteen-minute and special parking signs and take them down if he thinks it advisable. The Council did not think it right for some to enjoy parking privileges denied others. He was also to look into the matter of putting parking meters on both sides of Rood between 7th & 8th.

Mr. Chas. Holmes and James Gormley, representing School Dist. No. 1, appeared before the Council in regard to some special assessments on Lots 25 to 32, inclusive, Block 10 on which there are some special assessments still due for Sidewalk

District No. 10. Several years ago, the School District applied to the Council for a rebate on taxes and at this time thought they had taken up all of the taxes on these lots but through some oversight in the County office in billing, Sidewalk District No. 10 was missed. About 20% of face value, was the basis for settlement on the taxes sold previously. They offered \$50.00 for Sidewalk Dist. No. 10 assessments which was about the same proportion as before. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the offer be accepted and the School District be allowed to purchase Tax Certificates Numbers, 33737, 33738, 33739, 33740, 33741, 33742, 33743, 33744, for the sum of \$50.00 and that they be transferred, and assigned to School District No. 1. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the council present voting "AYE." President declared the motion carried.

A letter from Mr. Perry Olsen was read, and also a letter from Mr. T. I. Moore, former city manager, regarding some sewer taps on the Olsen property at approximately 5th & Orchard. At the time the St. Mary's Hospital sewer was built, Mr. Moore promised Mr. Olsen eight sewer taps on his property in exchange for a Right-Of-Way for the St. Mary's Hospital sewer. The Council felt that they would rather buy the Right-of-way from Mr. Olsen as for many years they had refused to grant permits for sewers on property outside the city limits. When a property has sewer and water there is no incentive for them to come into the City. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the request be rejected. Motion carried.

The matter of the Human Relations School was discussed. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the City pay five memberships of \$15.00 each for five City employees. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting "AYE": Carson & Dufford

Councilmen voting "NAY": Harper, Colescott, Hanson and Hoisington

A majority of the Councilmen voting "NAY", the motion was declared lost. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the City pay half of the fee for up to ten people. Roll was called on this motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting "AYE": Harper, Colescott, Hanson and Hoisington

Councilmen voting "NAY": Carson and Dufford

A majority of the Councilmen present voting "AYE," the President declared the motion carried.

It was suggested that the distribution of cemetery costs be changed and make the cost for the lot, \$40.00 and the perpetual care, \$20.00. It was moved by Councilman Dufford and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the matter be tabled and that Mr.

Stoker be requested to attend the next Council meeting and take this matter under consideration. Motion carried.

The matter of the rental of the new City Administration Building Auditorium was referred to the Acting City Manager for a report on estimated costs of operation - he to report at the next meeting.

Rex Howell appeared before the Council and turned over the letters concerning the Zoo. It was moved by Councilman Dufford and seconded by Councilman Hanson that these be referred to the City Clerk for a survey as soon as practicable. Motion carried.

The matter of granting outside water taps was discussed and the Council were not sure just how many outside water taps should be granted at the present time and thought for large companies, it would be six months before definite information could be given on the number they could have.

An application for a liquor store license was made by Emil and Elmer Hose who are purchasing Pete's Liquor Store at 101 No. 1st. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the license be advertised in accordance with law and hearing be held on March 15th, 1950. Motion carried.

An application for a 3.2 beer license was made by Robt. E. Wieker and Geo. who are purchasing Moslander's at 541 Main St. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the license be advertised in accordance with law and hearing held on March 15, 1950. Motion carried.

The matter of the dedication of the new City Administration Building was brought up. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Carson that President Hoisington make a dedication speech at 1:30 o'clock P. M. on February 25th, and that open house be held from 1:30 to 8:00 P.M. Motion carried. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Dufford that open house be advertised in the Daily Sentinel and on both radio stations, the extent to be decided by the City Clerk and Acting City Manager Burton. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the American Cancer Society be given permission to have "Cancer Tag Day" on April 29th. Motion carried.

The matter of Mr. Crosby's paying licenses for his busses was discussed, and it was decided that he should pay his licenses or discontinue operation.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk