

Grand Junction, Colorado

July 5, 1950

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

The minutes of the regular meeting held June 21st and the regular adjourned meeting held June 26th were approved as read.

SOUTHSIDE PLAYGROUND. Mr. Gene Hanson, Recreational Director, and a committee from the Elks Lodge appeared before the Council and stated that they had formed a plan whereby the Elks would invest up to \$2,000.00 for playground equipment if the City Council would guarantee that Lots 14 and 19 in Block 1 So. 5th St. Subdivision could be used for a number of years as a Southside playground. The Committee stated that they were willing to buy the equipment but wanted some assurance from the Council that they would either allow these lots to be used or provide others in that locality. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the City give the Elks a five-year agreement that Lots 14 and 19 Block 1, South 5th St., Subdivision be used as a playground and maintained as such and if within that time or later, the property becomes especially valuable as industrial property, other suitable ground should be provided to serve that locality. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

SHRINE CIRCUS REQUEST FOR REBATE. Dr. Gilmore appeared before the Council in regard to a rebate of fees for the Pollack Brothers Circus sponsored by the El Jebel Shrine which was held at Lincoln Park. He stated that the 10% of the gate was \$467.98 and that the cost of maintaining the park, etc., was \$321.42 or a total of \$789.40. He asked that the Council settle for \$500.00. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Carson that the City accept \$500.00 for total settlement for the Shrine Circus. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

DITCH ON ELM AVE. A property owner from 1547 No. 12th was present regarding the ditch on Elm Avenue. The matter of open ditches in the city had been referred to Mr. Banks, City Attorney, and he was not ready to report to the Council but stated that all ditches in the City would be treated alike.

ORDINANCE NO. 810 - VACATING NOLAND AVE. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance vacating a portion of Noland Avenue and a portion of the alley between Lot 19 and 20 of So. 5th St. Subdivision was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried. It was then moved by Councilman

Colescott and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried. The Ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper, was passed, adopted, numbered 810 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

GRANT JACOB SELL REQUEST TO EXTEND GARAGE INTO ALLEY. Mr. Jacob Sell, 953 Pitkin, has appealed from the decision of the Building Inspector and the City Manager for a permit to extend his garage and kitchen into the alley right-of-way at 953 Pitkin. His house is situated on the back of the lot and it would be impossible to build to the front so he, in order to make his garage large enough for his present car and to extend his kitchen so that an entry-way could be made for a basement, would need to extend out into the alley sixteen inches. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that a revocable permit be granted to Mr. Sell to permit him to extend his garage and house into the alley. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TO VACATE ALLEY NEAR ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL. St. Joseph's Parish is contemplating building a new elementary school building on its premises at the corner of 3rd and Grand. Because of the limited playground space, the Parish desires to have the City Council vary the present alley regulations and to authorize a limited use of the west portion of the alley which runs through the playground. They are willing to give a right-of-way for a dog-leg alley to come out on White Avenue. Mr. Chas. Traylor, attorney, and a committee from the St. Joseph's Parish appeared before the Council. Petitions also were filed signed by the property owners in this locality expressing their willingness for the alley to be closed. After some discussion, it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance vacating the west portion of the alley between White and Grand with the exception of using it for utilities, gas lines, sewer lines, etc. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." Motion carried.

LIQUOR APPLICATION FOR CAMPUS DRUG. Mr. W. H. Huber, proprietor of the Campus Drug Store at 1002 North Avenue, has made application for a drug store liquor license. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City Clerk advertise in regular form for a hearing on Aug. 2nd on this license. Motion carried.

TO CUT WEEDS. The matter of cutting weeds during the present year was discussed, and it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Police Department notify vacant lot owners and other property owners where there are excessive weeds to either cut the weeds or the City will cut them and assess the cost to their properties. It was the concensus of opinion that there were not sufficient funds to carry out an elaborate program of weed cutting. Motion carried.

BANKS REPORTS ON LEGALITY OF DELP'S PENSION REQUEST. City Attorney Banks reported on the legality of the proposal of Mr. Delp on his pension, and it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that when Mr. Delp requests retirement that he be given a leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1953 and that he be allowed to pay his pension on his present salary up to that date in a lump sum and that the city does not guarantee a pension but they will match whatever amount he puts into the fund at this time and that if the pension plan is adopted in 1953, he will be eligible for retirement at age 65. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

FILLING STATION AT 5th & UTE. Messrs. C. A. Walt and C. M. Brown are planning to build a filling station on the Sawtelle property at 5th & Ute and presented plans for driveways. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the driveway plan for this station be approved subject to the approval of the City Manager, City Engineer and Chief of Police. Motion carried.

BIDS FOR GRAVEL. The following bids were submitted at 10:00 o'clock A. M. Wednesday morning for 20,000 tons of base course gravel for Paving District No. 49:

Marlow & Jenkins	98¢ per ton	\$19,600.00
Northwestern Engr. Co. Denver, Colo.	\$1.29 per ton	25,800.00
Whitewater Sand & Gravel Co. (Douglas Gay, Ben Simpson, & Heywood Jones)	.74¢ per ton	14,800.00

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Dufford that a contract be entered into with Whitewater Sand & Gravel Co. for 20,000 tons of base course gravel for Pav. District No. 49. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President of the Council declared the motion carried.

RUDY SUSMAN GRANTED PERMISSION TO USE ROMEX. Rudy Susman addressed the Council requesting that they vote on the new electrical ordinance or at least on the part allowing the use of Romex in multiple or one-story buildings outside of business districts. A new electrical code has been drawn up by the Electrical Department in conference with various electrical contractors and has been submitted to the City Manager but as yet he has not made a study of it and presented it to the City Attorney for checking. In this electrical ordinance, Romex is permitted for all multiple dwelling construction in one-story buildings. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the request be granted and that Mr. Susman be allowed to use Romex in his building. Motion carried.

ADJUST WATER BILLS. The following water bills were presented for adjustment:

Address	Consumption	1950 Chg.	1949 Chg.	Adj. to	Remarks
1560 Ouray Ave.	43,200	11.89	9.65	9.65	Leaky faucets-repaired
1050 Hill Ave.	83,500	16.90	9.65	9.65	Service line-Repaired
533 Teller Ave.	139,000	25.81	10.70	10.70	Toilet leak-fixed
726 Teller Ave.	83,600	16.90	9.00(Approx.)	9.00	Toilet leak-fixed
634 Teller Ave. (2 houses)	99,800	22.93	19.30	19.30	Toilet leak-fixed
1015 Belford Ave.	64,400	13.82	9.65	9.65	Toilet leak-fixed
633 No. 16th St.	47,800	11.15	8.10	8.10	Toilet leak-fixed
25th & North, KEXO	144,100	62.14	15.00	15.00	Toilet leak-fixed
863 Elm	90,200.	17.97	9.65	9.65	Toilet leak-fixed
1002 Gunnison	61,600	15.48	9.65	9.65	Service line fixed
246 Hill Ave.	71,300	14.93	8.65	8.65	Toilet leak-fixed
431 Rockaway	176,300	43.25	9.65	12.30	Service line fixed

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the adjustments be made in accordance with the bills presented. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

SPRINKLING SYSTEM \* VETERANS HOSPITAL. The Veterans Administration presented a plan for putting in an underground sprinkling system for the twenty acres occupied by their hospital. They proposed to purchase thirty shares in the Grand Valley Irrigation Co. whose ditch runs adjacent to the hospital and which ditch is now supplying water to the pond in back of the hospital. They plan to divert irrigation water into the pond and pump the water into the underground sprinkling system. They would put in a pump house at one end and the pond would actually act more or less as a settling basin. Withdrawal of water from the pond will approximate the inflow of water from the irrigation ditch. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the request be granted subject to the approval of the City Manager, City Engineer, City Attorney and when approved then the proposed lease be signed by the City Manager. Motion carried.

REJECT PARK TOILET FACILITIES PLANS. The City Manager presented the plans which had been drawn up sometime ago by H. Summerfield Day for toilet facilities in the small parks. These are rather elaborate plans and probably would cost in the neighborhood of \$3,500.00 for every installation. Mr. Toyne was advised to review the plans and see if less elaborate ones could not be drawn which the City could finance so that these facilities might be furnished within the next year or two.

PEDIGO TAX SALE OFFER. Mrs. Rose Pedigo offered \$35.00 for the tax sale certificates on Lots 40 and 41, Crawford Subdivision. The face value of the certificates is \$103.34 which represents the entire ten years for Pav. Dist. No. 44 which the City has paid out on the bonds. Penalties and interest add to the bill to total \$166.00. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the offer be rejected and that the matter be referred to the City Manager. He, to check with the County Commissioners to see on what basis they settled with Mrs. Pedigo, and to check into the value of the lots and to what purpose they might be used and to report back to the Council at the next meeting.

LETTER FROM MONTREAL, CANADA. A letter was read from the Mayor of Montreal, Canada, expressing their pleasure in entertaining the Seagram International Business Conference the week of July 3rd and especially at having Mr. Burrell Smith as a delegate. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Dufford that the letter be accepted and filed and acknowledged. Motion carried.

GARDEN CLUB LETTER. A letter was read from the Grand Junction Garden Club thanking the City for the use of their flags at their recent flower show.

LANDSCAPING AT CITY HALL. Mr. Tom Moore, Architect, appeared before the Council and stated that he still felt that he had something coming on account of having reduced his fees for the City Hall and he would like to see some exhibits brought in to be placed in the exhibit room at the entrance of the building. He also stated that he had hired a landscape architect from Denver to landscape the grounds and he was unhappy with the City for not following this plan especially in planting some evergreens at the

east end of the property instead of larger trees. The Council stated that they would go along with Mr. Moore's plans as prepared by his landscape architect and that he should go ahead and start proceedings to get in some exhibits from outside of the City. Mr. Moore complained about the screens in the exhibit room too. He was also asked his opinion about a fence around the pool and gave as his opinion that it was not necessary and certainly would not be attractive; that gravel could be put in the pool so that there could be no danger from children falling in. The Council decided that the fence would not be necessary.

HARTMAN REQUEST ON ZONING ON NORTH AVENUE. Mr. Hartman appeared before the Council regarding zoning between 12th and 15th on North Avenue. Mr. Burton explained to the Council that they have been unable to get the plat signed out there on either side of 15th St. and until the plats are signed that the property could not be zoned. Some of the property owners have refused to sign the plat and give the City ten feet for No. 15th St. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Dufford that Mr. Burton be instructed to try to get 15th St. straightened out and get the plats signed allowing for fifty foot right-of-way instead of sixty foot, and see if settlement cannot be made on that basis. Motion carried.

WATERING IN LINCOLN PARK. It was reported that water has been turned on in Lincoln Park during baseball games and has run into cars parked around the paths so that the patrons get wet. It was suggested that the hours of sprinkling be changed so that there will be no water running during baseball games.

BASEBALL FENCE AT LINCOLN PARK. The matter of building a fence around the baseball field was again brought up. President Martin having stated at the last meeting that there was a definite request for a board fence around the park and that he would see that it was built without any cost to the City and promised that it would be a good looking fence. He presented several plans which had been prepared by Architect Moore and was still of the opinion that he could get it built without any cost to the City. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Carson that President Martin go ahead on the construction of the board fence around the baseball field at Lincoln Park and that it be built without cost to the City. Motion carried, with Councilman Hoisington issuing a dissenting vote.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk