

Grand Junction, Colorado

August 16, 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 Carson, Harper, Colescott, Hoisington, Hanson, and President Martin. Also present were City Manager Toyne, City Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Harper that the minutes of the regular meeting August 2nd be approved as written. Motion carried.

COCHRAN HIGHWAY SIGNS. The matter of signs at the edge of Grand Junction was brought up and it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the following contract with Mr. Cochran be referred to the City Attorney:

"ORDER FOR PAINTED BULLETINS

Date September 1, 1948

ADDRESS: Grand Junction, Colorado

ADVERTISER: CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

You are hereby authorized and instructed to paint in a good and workmanlike manner and maintain in good condition 3 Outdoor Advertising Displays as described below, for a period of THIRTY SIX Months.

DESCRIPTION	SIZE	PRICE PER MONTH
One (1) Bulletin on U.S. Highway 6 & 24 East <input type="checkbox"/>	8' x 20' <input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
One (1) Bulletin on U.S. Highway 50 South <input type="checkbox"/>	8' x 20' <input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
One (1) Bulletin on U.S. Highway 6 & 50 West	8' x 20'	\$15.00

Bulletins are to have White Background with all lettering in SCOTCHLITE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION IS TO FURNISH LOCATION FOR BULLETINS.

In consideration of the herein described service we hereby promise and agree to pay COCHRAN OUTDOOR ADV. CO. \$45.00 Per Month for 36 months beginning on or before thirty (30) days after the commencement of such service. This order is signed and accepted subject to the conditions stipulated on both sides of this order.

Accepted: CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

Signed: COCHRAN OUTDOOR ADV. CO.

By (Signed in ink) T. I. Moore

By (Signed in pencil) Pat H. Cochran

Title (Signed in pencil) City Mgr.

Date (Signed in pencil) October 29, 1948

Date _____"

C. A. WALT APPOINTED AS COUNCILMAN FROM DIST. "B". President Martin stated that nominations would be accepted for Councilman from District "B" to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Philip G. Dufford. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that Mr. C. A. Walt be appointed as Councilman from District B. Motion carried. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Harper that Mr. John Burkey be appointed as Councilman. Motion carried. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. A written ballot was taken with the following results:

C. A. Walt	4
John Burkey <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Harper that C. A. Walt be appointed as Councilman from District B by the unanimous vote of the Council. Motion carried.

ACCEPT MAYOR'S COMMITTEE REPORT ON HEALTH DEPT. Mr. E. H. Blackwell, Chairman of the Mayor's Committee to investigate the Public Health Department, made a report on the findings of the Committee and the following report was read by the Clerk:

TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRAND JUNCTION:

This Committee was appointed by the Mayor of Grand Junction for the purpose of investigating charges against the Mesa County Department of Public Health with instructions to investigate and report upon the following items listed herein below.

We respectfully submit our findings. Whether due to the publicity attendant to the appointment of this Committee or for other reasons it has been difficult to secure legitimate complaints or criticisms.

1. Whether the Department was functioning at a reasonable speed?

The Committee feels that in view of existing deficiencies as discussed later in the report that the Department is functioning as speedily as can be expected until these deficiencies are corrected. As a specific example, in the matter of Health Cards for food handlers, the several week lag in their issuance after the examination works a hardship on both employer and employee. Special emphasis should be given to speeding this process.

2. Whether it is efficiently directed and getting a dollar for each dollar spent?

The administration of the unit is open to criticism. This may perhaps be due to too much attention to Federal and State Directives with a dereliction of attention to immediate local problems of concern to Mesa County taxpayers.

Whether value is being received for the money expended for the health unit is nearly impossible to determine. With the exception of the Laboratory and Inspection functions of the Department, the balance of the personnel is engaged in what is largely an educational program. The value and benefits of such a program so early in its life are of an intangible rather than a concrete nature and as such are impossible to evaluate.

In making its contribution to the Department of Public Health the Grand Junction City Council should be mindful of the fact that the taxpayers of Grand Junction are making a double contribution to the support of the organization. The first being their direct contribution from the City General Fund and the second being the .962 mill levy in the county taxes which are also collected on city property. For example, during 1949 the city directly contributed \$14,660.00 and through the mill levy approximately \$12,000.00, using even figures since taxes are not usually 100% collected. This makes a total contribution from Grand Junction of \$26,860.00. Converting this into mill levy figures the \$14,660.00 would be the equivalent of a 1.155 levy which added to the Health Department levy would be a true levy on the Grand Junction taxpayer of 2.117 mills, as compared with the .962 levy in the rest of the county. The Committee feels that this is an inequitable burden on the taxpayers of the City of Grand Junction.

3. That the Health Department is not doing a good job.

Considering the fact that the Health Department was organized in 1948. requiring various divisions to be organized, such as sanitation, nursing, veterinarian, laboratory, and clerical sections, which naturally require some time and effort, the Committee feels that the Department has been doing a reasonably good job. However,

much is to be desired in the followup of corrective measures and complaints brought to the attention of the Department.

4. That the Department would say one thing one day and another the next.

Unable to find any evidence that such are facts.

5. That Inspectors would issue verbal orders and that later the Director would say that verbal orders are no good and that all orders should be in writing.

There is some evidence this may have happened in some cases due to misunderstanding on the part of both the Department and the parties involved. However, the Committee finds that inspection reports are written and a copy of such reports given to the plants and inspected parties which show the findings of the inspection and instructions for correction of defective conditions are written on the back of the report with a copy retained by both parties.

6. That the Department has been dictatorial and anyone approaching the Director was brushed off.

The Committee feels that much of this criticism has been due to the lack of an appreciation of good public relations by a governmental agency. Attitudes less dogmatic and more friendly will bring better cooperation and understanding.

7. That inspections have not been made, not when they should be, and not often enough.

Find no record of inspections not made and from all evidence examined, while there is no routine inspection schedule this system would seem much more desirable than having inspections always made on a certain day, week or month. Some of the firms subject to inspection, interviewed by the Committee, expressed the opinion that more frequent inspections would not only be welcomed but would be desirable for the general public welfare.

8. Too much mileage charged and some of the work has been done outside the County.

It would appear that the allocation of 10% of the total budget for travel purposes is excessive. The Committee feels that if the Director required a strict scheduling of trips and accurate mileage reports that some saving could be made. We understand that the work done outside the County was clarified to the Council by Mr. Harper.

9. That the Department is costing too much for what benefit the City and County receive.

The benefit derived by the City and County cannot be definitely determined as no one knows what the Department prevents through their tests and inspections. These measures may have prevented a typhoid or other contagious disease epidemic. It is reasonable to have an efficient Health Department. Furthermore, this is a potential city of 25,000 to 30,000 and if one life could be saved through the efforts of the Health Department, we are sure every one of our citizens would consider the money well spent. We contribute generously to the Red Cross, Cancer Fund, Tuberculosis Fund, and other worthwhile movements to save lives. Therefore, the Committee feels that it would be foolish to cut the Health Department to where it could not function properly.

10. That too much laboratory work is being done.

The Committee feels that the Laboratory is one of the more essential functions of the Health Department. We do not feel that too much laboratory work is being done and if anything it's work should be more comprehensive and include certain types of tests now being sent to Denver. We do not feel the laboratory is being properly operated at the present time. If satisfactory operation requires new or additional personnel, then the Director should give priority in the budget to securing the needed changes.

11. That the Director is overpaid.

We do not feel that the Director is overpaid and that the salary is ample for the duties and responsibilities of the position. We do not see why a Public Health Officer should expect a salary comparable to a private practicing physician.

12. One packer forced to spend \$1500.00 to dispose of blood and later the Health Department said it was not necessary.

From all the information we could gather, this charge appears as one word against another. The law does require the elimination of stream pollution. It seems that if one firm can be required to find a means of blood disposal that prevents stream pollution then many of the other pollutions which are apparently openly condoned should also be eliminated.

In addition to the above charges presented to the Committee by the Mayor we wish to make the following recommendations.

1. In order to effect some savings that the Veterinarian could be eliminated from the payroll and the present layman be required to do all the inspecting at the packing plants at Fruita and Grand Junction. When necessary for a veterinarian to be called in for some out of line condition of which the layman is not familiar or that requires a licensed veterinarian that the layman be permitted to call any practicing in the county and that he be paid the regular fee for such calls. If by law a veterinarian must be employed, then he should be a full time employee and dispense with the services of the layman.

2. The expenses of the Health Department should be handled at the County Commissioners' meetings and be published monthly with the other County Department expenses. This Department is for the most part supported by City and County taxes and as such the disbursement of its funds should be in the hands of elected officials who are responsible to the people. It is realized that this may cause some additional paper work but the public is entitled to know how and where its money is being spent.

3. The Director should emphasize the education of the staff in public relations and also take steps to educate the public as to the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Health Department. Many of the criticisms brought to the attention of the Committee have resulted from a lack of knowledge by the public of the scope of work properly covered under the law by the Health Department.

4. If the City Council feels that it should continue making a direct contribution from the General Fund for the support of the Health Department it should be a direct contribution and not earmarked for any specific purpose.

5. There should be no interference on the part of the City Council or County Commissioners with the Director's prerogative of choosing the staff of the Department. The Director should have the authority to select or reject such members of the staff as deemed advisable for the good of the Department.

6. The Committee does not feel it advisable to have a member on the Mesa County Board of Health who is in a business which comes under the direct inspection of the Health Department. Furthermore, if the City Council feels that it must have representation on the Board, then by the same reasoning the Board of County Commissioners should also be represented.

7. The majority of the persons and firms interviewed expressed a desire for the continuation of the Health Department at the same time voicing concern over its cost.

In concluding this report the Committee desires to thank Mrs. Helen Tomlinson, City Clerk, for generously allowing the use of her office after hours for its meetings and for other assistance and cooperation. The Committee also wishes to express its appreciation to the business people, the Health Department, and individuals for their assistance and cooperation.

E. H. BLACKWELL,
Chairman

Mrs. Charles Willsea
Member

H. Summerfield Day
Member

Charles E. McCormick
Member

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that this splendid report be received, filed and copies made for all interested parties, and that the City Clerk write a letter to the committee thanking them for a job well done. Motion carried.

OPEN IRRIGATION DITCHES REQUESTED BY NORTHEAST SECTION. Mr. W. D. Ela, Attorney, and a number of the residents in the vicinity of 15th St. and to the northeast appeared before the Council protesting the covering of irrigation ditches in that locality and presented a petition. Mr. Ela represented the owners of Lateral No. 239 Co. ditch which serves No. 15th St. They protested on the ground that covering ditches is impractical, inconvenient and expensive and asked the Council to reconsider orders given to Attorney Banks to serve notices on all property owners who water with open ditches to cover same. Attorney Banks suggested that the City go along in the same slow manner which has prevailed over the past many years; that the more pressing cases be taken care of first and those where there are the most complaints. It was suggested that Lateral #239 Co. take such good care of their ditch that there will be no complaints and likely they could keep it there as many years as they might want. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the petition be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

ANNEX SHERWOOD ADDITION. A petition was presented asking the City of Grand Junction to annex Sherwood addition located in the SW Quarter of Section Eleven, Township One South, Range One West of the Ute Meridian, Mesa County, Colorado, and the following Resolution was presented and read:

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Public notice is hereby given that a petition signed by ten land owners was filed with the City Clerk of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, on August 10, 1950, requesting that the following described real estate be annexed to the City of Grand Junction, to-wit:

Sherwood Addition, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section Eleven, Township One South, Range One West of the Ute Meridian, Mesa County, Colorado.

Notice is further given that owners of land within the said described area may express their opposition to the annexation and secure an election by filing a written counter-petition with the City Clerk of the City of Grand Junction within thirty days after the first publication of this notice. Such counter-petition must be executed by land owners who would have been qualified to sign the petition for annexation, in a number

of not less than two-thirds of the number of signatures on the petition for annexation, and the said counter-petition shall also contain the other information required by law.

If no qualified counter-petition has been filed within the said thirty day period, then the annexation of the said described territory shall be approved by ordinance.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL

First publication _____

Last publication _____

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, a petition to annex Sherwood Addition, located in the Southwest Quarter of Section Eleven, Township One South, Range One West of the Ute Meridian, Mesa County, Colorado, to the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, has been filed with the City Clerk and is now presented to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, upon examination of the said petition and hearing the testimony presented the City Council does hereby Find: that the said territory is eligible for annexation to the City of Grand Junction; that the petition is signed by the owners of more than fifty per cent of the area of the territory sought to be annexed, which signers also comprise a majority of the land owners residing in the said territory at the time the petition was filed; that there is attached to the said petition four copies of a map or plat of such territory which is suitable for filing; and that the said petition and maps are sufficient and substantially meet the requirements of Section 2 of Chapter 314, Session Laws of Colorado, 1947;

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

That the said petition for annexation shall be and the same is hereby accepted and approved, and that notice of the filing of the said petition shall be published once each week for four publications in the Daily Sentinel, the official newspaper of the City,

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read and that notice be published in accordance with law. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

WITHDRAW CAMPUS DRUG LIQUOR LICENSE. Mr. W. H. Huber presented a letter requesting that his application for a drug store liquor license be withdrawn. He stated that in view of the opposition of a number of citizens in the vicinity and to protect the officials of Mesa College in their efforts to maintain the best possible environment for the students, he was withdrawing his application. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City Clerk be instructed to

write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Huber for his attitude in withdrawing his application. Motion carried.

CITY MARKET NO. 2 APPLICATION FOR 3.2 BEER LICENSE. Prinster Bros. are making application for a 3.2 beer license for their new store at North Ave. and Ninth St. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City Market's application for a beer license be advertised for hearing on Sept. 6th. Motion carried.

NO BIDS RECEIVED ON WEST ROOD AND WEST AVE. PROPERTY. There were no bids received on the property on West Rood and West Avenue, and it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the matter be tabled. Motion carried.

PASS ORDINANCE VACATING ALLEY BLOCK 80 - NO. 811. The Proof of Publication to the Proposed Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE ALLEY IN BLOCK 80 IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Carson that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried. It was then moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the Ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried. The Ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Hoisington and second by Councilman Hanson, was ordered passed, adopted, numbered 811 and published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

ADJUST WATER BILLS. The following residents have asked for adjustments on their water bills caused by underground service leaks. The recommended adjusted charges are those recommended by the billing department after an investigation of each individual case.

<u>Address</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>1950 Charge</u>	<u>1949 Charge</u>	<u>Adjust to</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1261 Ouray□	164,800□	23.20□	10.76□	10.76□	Service line repaired □
930 Main□	128,000□	20.54□	11.70□	11.70□	Service line repaired □
959 Ouray□	100,600□	16.06□	9.65□	9.65□	Service line repaired □
945 Chipeta□	60,900□	12.06□	10.70□	10.70□	Service line repaired

320 Gunnison□	115,100□	18.90□	13.13□	13.13□	Service line repaired □
215 Chipeta□	162,600□	24.72□	9.65□	9.65□	Service line repaired □
344 Gunnison□	83,100□	14.90□	10.70□	10.70□	Service line repaired □
1346 Rood□	143,900□	22.59□	9.65	10.71	Service line repaired

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Harper that the adjustment be made in accordance with the recommendations by the billing department, and that the City Manager notify these subscribers by letter that this is the only time that their water bills will be adjusted. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVE WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS. The Engineering Department requested permission to put in water main extensions at the following locations:

19th Street, Elm Avenue north	660 feet
Mesa Avenue, 12th Street east□	600 feet □
Texas Avenue, 25th Street east□	620 feet □

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the water mains be constructed. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

GRANT STOCKER PERMISSION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. The Annual Conference of the American Institute of Park Executives will be held in Dallas, Texas, Sept. 25 to 28. Mr. Ralph Stocker, Superintendent of Parks and Cemeteries, would like permission to attend this conference. The cost will be approximately \$175.00. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the request be granted and Mr. Stocker authorized to attend the conference with expenses paid. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

DALEY-BRIGGS REQUEST TO TRANSFER GOLDEN PHEASANT LIQUOR LICENSE. Harlan G. Daley and Helene C. Briggs, owners of the Golden Pheasant Cafe, request permission to transfer their restaurant liquor license from 354 Main St. to

135 Colo. Ave. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that this license be advertised for hearing on Sept. 6th. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATE 5th ST. VIADUCT AREA. City Manager Toyne was instructed to investigate the area near the 5th St. viaduct where the one way streets go under the viaduct to see if the signs are still up directing traffic as one way streets and also to note if the stop signs are still there.

COUNCILMAN HOISINGTON APPOINTED ON HEALTH DEPT. COMMITTEE. President Martin appointed Councilman Hoisington to serve on the Health Committee of the Council in place of Councilman Dufford. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Carson that the Mayor's Committee to investigate the Public Health Dept. be released but that they be asked to cooperate with the health committee of the City Council in determining the policy for the next years. Motion carried.

COUNCILMAN HARPER ASKS COUNCIL TO ATTEND MESA CO. HEALTH UNIT BOARD MEETING AUG. 21. Councilman Harper, who is President of the Public Health Board, stated that they were having a meeting Monday night, Aug. 21, to work on the budget for the Mesa Co. Health Unit and would like to have the Council meet with them as they need to know by the 1st of Sept. whether or not the Council are participating in the budget for 1951. It was agreed that the health committee of the Council should meet with the Health Department Board. Mrs. Oberto, a member of the Health Department Board, also asked the cooperation of the Council and invited the members of the Council to be present at their meeting on Monday, Aug. 21st.

CITY ATTORNEY BANKS TO REWRITE LABOR CONTRACT. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that City Attorney Banks be instructed to rewrite the contract with Local No. 6, Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen & Helpers Union, in accordance with the letter he recently wrote to Council Members, after studying the contract as presented by Union Officials. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the meeting adjourn until Aug. 23rd at 7:30 o'clock. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk