

Grand Junction, Colorado

September 20, 1950

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 P. M. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Hoisington, Walt, Colescott, Harper, Carson, 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 Hoisington that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 6, 1950, be approved as read. Motion carried.

RESIDENTS PROTEST POOR SEWER DRAINAGE - NORTH PART OF TOWN. Mr. Tom Younge who lives on the corner of College Place and Bunting appeared before the Council representing the people in that neighborhood and complained that water had backed into basements and bathrooms during the recent rains. The sewer system in the north part of town has become over-crowded and will not take care of the sanitary and storm drainage both. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the City Manager be instructed to check into this matter and see what is necessary for sufficient sewers in the new areas and to determine whether a new storm sewage district should be constructed. Motion carried.

TABLE PROPOSED DOG ORDINANCE. A proposed ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF DOGS AND FOR THE REGULATION OF ALL DOGS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION; PROHIBITING DOGS FROM RUNNING AT LARGE; AUTHORIZING THE IMPOUNDING AND DESTRUCTION OF UNLICENSED AND VICIOUS DOGS AND DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH," was introduced and read. A great deal of argument and discussion was had concerning this ordinance inasmuch as Section 5 provides that "No owner or keeper of any dog shall permit such dog to run at large at any time, whether such dog is licensed or unlicensed." It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the ordinance be tabled until the proposed plan of 100% dog license collection under a full-time dog catcher is thoroughly tried out. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting "AYE:" Hoisington, Harper, Carson, Hanson and Martin

Councilmen voting "NO:" Walt and Colescott

A majority of the Councilmen voting "AYE," the President declared the motion carried, and the ordinance duly tabled.

PASS ELECTRICAL ORDINANCE. A proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 479, AS AMENDED, CONCERNING THE ELECTRICAL CODE," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

PASS SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE. A proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS," was introduced and read. This proposed ordinance provided that the Recreation Department be granted \$4,400 out of General Funds and that Moyer Pool be given \$2,000 out of their surplus in the Moyer Pool Fund. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Walt that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

PASS SHERWOOD ADDITION ANNEXATION ORDINANCE. A proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION," was introduced and read. This ordinance pertains to Sherwood Addition. There were no protests filed concerning the annexing of this territory. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

ACCEPT AUDIT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF JAS. E. RAGAN. The Audit of the books to Dec. 31, 1949, had been presented to the Council by Mr. Ragan, Auditor, at a meeting on finances which was held September 13th. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the audit of Jas. E. Ragan be accepted. Motion carried.

The following letter had been presented to the Council by Mr. Ragan:

"JAMES E. RAGAN
REGISTERED ACCOUNTANT
FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX SERVICE
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

September 11, 1950

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Grand Junction
Grand Junction, Colorado

Gentlemen:

At a recent meeting of your finance committee I made certain recommendations regarding the revision of the accounting system of the City of Grand Junction and now wish to put these recommendations in writing.

It has been suggested and recommended to your finance committee that the accounting system of the city be so revised as to give adequate control on all phases of the city accounting and bookkeeping and to centralize these controls in the chief accounting office of the city, which is that of the City Clerk. It has been recommended, also, that the accounting system be set up in accordance with standard municipal procedure, that it should be on a double entry basis rather than the single entry basis now in use, and that methods be worked out and installed whereby complete controls can be had on all receipts as well as all expenditures of the city.

In past years the accounting procedure of the city, in so far as the details are concerned, has not been bad, but has been gradually working away from standard procedure rather than toward a unified and well controlled system.

In this connection I would like to be authorized by the Council to continue with the audit for the year 1950 and to bring the same down to date before the close of the year and to prepare the proper forms for the installation of a new accounting system beginning January 1, 1951. I would like to suggest further that the Council authorize me to continue the audit for the year 1951 and to closely supervise the accounting of the city throughout the year 1951 until the new system is completely understood and is operating smoothly.

I wish to suggest further that during the year 1951 an audit report be prepared covering the first half of the year, to be furnished as soon as the books can be closed after June 30th, and again a tentative audit report be submitted in December covering operations to that time before the close of the year, so that any necessary adjustments can be made in the year in which they belong.

As to cost of this revision of the accounting system and the continuation of the audit for the years 1950 and 1951, it would be impossible for me to give you an accurate estimate, however, I can assure you that if you will leave this to me to charge the city in accordance with the time required for supervision and furnishing a complete audit report, you will have no reason to complain of the charges. In past years it has been left entirely to me as to my charges for city work, and I feel, and I am sure also you will feel after investigation, that the charges have been very meager in comparison with the amount of work necessary in making the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. E. Ragan

JER:d

CC - Oscar Hanson, Chairman, Finance Committee"

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Walt that the City go along with Mr. Ragan's recommendations and that a new bookkeeping system be set up by Mr. Ragan in accordance with the above letter. Motion carried.

ZONING CHANGES. Zoning matters were presented as follows having been advertised for hearing at this time.

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the north and south sides of Main Street between 17th and 19th be changed from Residence C to Business A. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that the following subdivisions be zoned as Residence A:

Glenwood Subdivision
East Elm Ave. Heights
Delmar Park
North Sunnyvale Acres
East-holme-in-Grandview

Motion carried.

The zoning on North 1st St. from Grand Ave. to North excepting Brown's Addition was considered and a resident of that district requested that instead of Business B zoning that it be Industrial A. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hanson that this district be checked by the City Engineer and City Manager and if necessary referred back to the Zoning Board and report made to the Council on whether or not it is advisable to zone this district as Industrial A. Motion carried.

In Avalon Gardens a letter was filed by Mr. Bruce Kane stating that he had a store on 15th St. which he expected to operate again and would like to have these particular lots zoned as Business AR. It was decided by the Council that Avalon Gardens should be zoned as Residence A and that this particular store be operated as a non-conforming use.

The zoning in College Subdivision was considered and a request was made that the property at .826 Orchard, being a bicycle repair shop, be zoned as Business A. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that the matter be referred to City Engineer and City Manager for investigation and report back to the Council. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that Lots 1 to 11 Exposition Arcade be zoned as Residence C and that Lots 12 to 22 Exposition Arcade be zoned as Business A. Motion carried.

An ordinance to take care of all of these changes in zoning will be drawn up and presented to the Council for adoption.

The Board of Adjustment had recommended to the Council a change of zoning on Lots 5 to 11 Block 4 and 13 to 19 Block 3 East Main St. Subdivision (White between 17th and 19th) from Residence B to Residence C. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the zoning be advertised and property owners notified that hearing will be held on Oct. 4, 1950. Motion carried.

RENEW 3.2 BEER LICENSE FOR MONEY SAVER. An application for the renewal of a 3.2 beer license for L. D. Harper and J. C. Seaman for the Moneysaver Grocery at 616 North Avenue was presented. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the application be granted. Motion carried.

ADVERTISE EASTSIDE GROCERY APPLICATION 3.2 BEER LICENSE (FRANK L. GRIFFEE AND WALTER E. BARRETT) Frank L. Griffiee and Walter E. Barrett have purchased the Eastside Grocery and are requesting a 3.2 beer license. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the application be advertised in accordance with law and hearing be held on Oct. 18, 1950. Motion carried.

CITY MANAGER AND CITY ENGINEER TO INVESTIGATE JOHNSON'S HOUSE OF FLOWERS SEWER RENTAL REQUEST. A letter was read from Stephen B. Johnson asking for a special sewer rental rate. He states that the House of Flowers used 3,319,000 gallons, 99 1/2% which was actually consumed in the production and growing of plants and did not enter the sewer system.

The ordinance controlling sewer rentals states that the "City Council may grant an adjusted sewer rental rate to manufacturing businesses or industrial plants if in the opinion of the City Manager more than 20 per cent of their metered water is used for purposes whereby such water does not enter the City sewer system." Since such adjusted rate shall be based on the proportion of water entering the City sewer system, it was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the matter be referred to the City Manager and City Engineer for an adjustment. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE."

CITY MANAGER TO CONTACT OTHER CITIES REGARDING UNITED AIR LINES AGREEMENT. The City Manager presented leases from United Air Lines and Frontier Air Lines. It was moved by Councilman Harper and Councilman Colescott that the City Manager be instructed to find out the amounts charged air lines in other cities of comparable size to Grand Junction. Motion carried.

President Martin stated that a meeting had been held Tuesday noon at which a number of businessmen, councilmen, United Air officials, and C.A.A. officials were present. It was decided to ask the Council to appoint a committee to investigate matters pertaining to the airport, whether or not the City should go along and rebuild the runways at Walker Field, and to make a report back to the Council. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that the committee be

appointed by the President. Motion carried. President Martin then appointed the following to act:

Preston Walker
Tom Golden
W. W. Wallace
R. B. Williams
W. N. Cox

COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INSTITUTE. The Colorado Municipal League is holding roundtable institutes for municipal officials in Montrose on Monday, Sept. 25th, and in Rifle on Wednesday, Sept. 27th. These meetings are dinner meetings and if any Councilmen can go, reservations should be made with the City Clerks of these respective cities.

WATER ADJUSTMENTS - VISUAL LEAKS. The bookkeeper wrote a letter asking the Council what adjustments should be made on excessive water bills where there is a visual plumbing leak of which the household must be aware. It was discussed but no definite action taken.

PROCLAMATION - "EMERGENCIES DON'T WAIT WEEK." A proclamation was read by President Martin designating the week of Sept. 25th through Sept. 30th as "Emergencies don't wait week." It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the President of the Council be authorized to sign this proclamation, and that same be published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." Motion carried.

BOND REQUEST TO BUILD WITH WOOD IN 200 BLOCK ON COLO. La Vern Bond who lives in the 200 block on Colo. which is in the fire limits requested that he be given permission to complete a room in his house with lumber. This is against the building code as all buildings in the fire limits are required to be built of fire resistive materials. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the matter be referred to the City Manager and City Engineer to work out a solution, and if there is no increase in the fire hazard and if it can be done, a permit should be given him to build his room. Motion carried.

GRANT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB'S REQUEST TO USE ROOMS AT AIRPORT. A representative of the Amateur Radio Operators Club requested that they be given the old weather bureau building at the airport for operations in case of an emergency. This club wants to get set up so that in case of emergency or for defense, they would be ready to assist with any emergency development that might be necessary. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the Amateur Radio Club be granted the use of two rooms in this building if it does not interfere with any development at the airport. Motion carried. They have agreed to pay for the electricity.

COMPLY WITH FRONTIER AIR LINE'S REQUEST. A representative of Frontier Air Lines has asked the Council to write to their representatives in Washington, D. C., asking that hearing on Frontier's application be heard in Salt Lake City instead of Washington, D. C. as is now contemplated. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that a wire be sent to the proper authorities requesting this change of location. Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF POPLAR AVENUE IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION. A proposed ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF POPLAR AVENUE IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

C. M. TOYNE REPORTS ON MEETING WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING DOG LICENSING. City Manager Toyne reported that he had met with the County Commissioners concerning the county licensing of dogs, and that the Commissioners did not feel that they were interested in any county project until the people of Mesa County expressed themselves as being in favor of it and press for regulatory licenses.

COUNCIL-CITY MANAGER POLICY. Councilman Carson stated that after the meeting on Wednesday, the 13th, he had felt willing to go along with the City Manager as the rest of the Council had agreed, but that he still was not satisfied with the work done by Mr. Toyne; that he felt the city organizations were not functioning, and that he understood Mr. Toyne had made the remark that "Grand Junction was not big enough for both he and Mr. Carson," and that if the Council felt such to be the case, he would like to retire from the Council. President Martin stated that he had talked with Mr. Toyne. Mr. Toyne had told him that he was planning to resign at this meeting; that it would be hard to work with anyone unfriendly to him, and that he did not feel Mr. Carson should resign.

Councilman Hanson stated that he felt that Mr. Carson was elected by the people of Grand Junction for a term of four years; that he was duty-bound to serve this term and that if Mr. Toyne was presenting his resignation because he could not work with Mr. Carson, that he would be forced to accept it. He furthermore stated that at the time Mr. Toyne came to Grand Junction, the City Council had definitely told him and had told Mr. Burton previously that a very strict economy program would have to be carried out in the year 1950 in order to live within the income that would be provided from the 1950 receipts and pay all of the outstanding bills on the City Hall, Lincoln Park Stadium and Airport which had been contracted by the previous City Manager. He felt that the Council should not blame Mr. Toyne for not going out and fixing the streets and doing lots of other improvements in the face of these instructions. As to the actual management of city employees and other city affairs, he was not in a position to say whether Mr. Toyne was doing a good job or not but that he thought that the plan

formulated at the previous meeting should be carried through for six months and everyone work together to try and get things on a harmonious basis.

Mr. Martin asked Mr. Toyne if he had said that he could not work with Mr. Carson, and Mr. Toyne replied that he had said "it would be very difficult under the circumstances to work around the same table with Mr. Carson."

Councilman Harper spoke along the same lines thinking that Mr. Carson should very definitely not resign. Councilman Carson finally stated that if Mr. Toyne would retract the statement, he had made and would be willing to go on and manage the City in a creditable manner that he would be willing to go along with him for six months. Mr. Toyne stated that he had been under a mental strain and had said things that he regretted; that he would be very happy to retract his statement and say that he was sorry and go along and do the very best job that he could.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk