

Grand Junction, Colorado

July 11, 1951

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

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the minutes of the regular meetings held June 20th and July 4th be approved as written. Motion carried.

PASS ORDINANCE NO. 839 -- Zoning on Grand Ave. from 5th to 6th. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 755 AND THE ZONING MAP INCORPORATED THEREIN," 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 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 Walt and seconded by Councilman Hoisington was passed, adopted and numbered 839 and ordered published, Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

EAST-WEST EXPRESSWAY AGREEMENT APPROVED. The proposed agreement with the State Highway Department for the East-West Expressway was presented. A petition signed by about one-third of the property owners along Ute Avenue from 1st St. to 12th St. protesting the construction of the East-West Expressway and making Ute a one-way street was presented and given consideration. There were one or two property owners who were present, also protesting the construction of the highway along Ute Ave.

The Council felt that cooperation with the State Highway Department in their long-range highway planning program is very necessary and that some streets must be designated as through highway streets. While they recognize that no matter which street is designated, some inconvenience will be experienced by the adjoining property owners, it is nevertheless necessary for the highway to be constructed in order that through traffic may be taken care of. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Carson that the agreement with the State Highway Department for the East-West Expressway be approved and that the City Manager be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City and the City Clerk be instructed to attest same. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting "AYE:" Ela, Carson, Harper, Walt, Hoisington and Hanson.

Councilman Colescott was not in favor of the through highway being constructed at this time.

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

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY ON NORTH AVE. WIDENING. The agreement with the State of Colorado on establishing the width of North Avenue and the parking regulations was presented. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Carson that the agreement be approved and the City Manager and City Clerk be instructed to sign same. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

GRANT BEER LICENSE TO MARY ANDERSON DBA ANDERSON'S GROCERY. This was the date set for hearing on the application of Mary Anderson dba Anderson's Grocery, 524 No. 1st. There were no protests filed, and it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Ela that the license be approved. Motion carried.

RENEW COLESCOTT BEER LICENSE. H. E. Colescott, 551 South Avenue, applied for a renewal of his beer license. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Walt that the application be approved. Motion carried.

RENEW B. V. WARREN DBA SAM'S FOOD MART BEER LICENSE. B. V. Warren, dba Sam's Food Mart at 727 Third Avenue, presented an application for renewal of his beer license. He also applied for a dance license for dances for the residents in that area. He proposed to build an outdoor platform with a dancing area and tables around this area. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the application for the beer license for Mr. B. V. Warren be approved and that the application for the dance hall license be tabled until the Chief of Police and City Manager can make a thorough study and find out whether the surrounding neighborhood would approve of such a license and other particulars in connection with operating a dance hall in this location. Motion carried.

CALL FOR BIDS ON NOLAND AVE. PROPERTY. At the time the South Fifth Street Subdivision was replatted and Noland Avenue designated and opened, some property which the City owned was divided so that a plat 63 feet deep was left along the South side of Noland. This tract of land was sold to the owners of the adjoining property with the exception of the east 73.7 feet. Roy H. and Florence Gearhart who own the property which fronts on Struthers Ave. would now like to purchase the 63 feet between their property and Noland Ave. and would pay \$1.00 per foot, the same amount as the others paid when the property was originally replatted.

The Council were of the opinion that this property had increased a good deal in value since it was platted in 1947-48, and it was, therefore, moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the bid of Roy H. and Florence Gearhart be rejected and that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for this plot of ground. Motion carried.

APPROVE BONDS. Bonds for the following were presented, having been approved as to form by City Attorney Banks:

J. A. Ambrose,	Plumbing Contractor
R. E. Grogan	Cement Contractor
Gene Maupin	Auctioneer

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the bonds be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION HEARING ON TELEPHONE RATES - Sept. 4. The Public Utilities Commission has set the date of Tuesday, September 4, 1951, at 10:00 A. M. at 330 State Office Building, Denver, Colorado, to hear the application of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. on rate changes.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that the President of the Council appoint a member to attend this meeting on behalf of the City. President Hanson appointed Councilman Hoisington to go to Denver to attend this Public Utilities Commission hearing, his expenses to be paid by the City.

BURTON REPORTS ON AIR FAIR. It was announced that the Air Fair at Walker Field had been set as August 5th. City Engineer Burton was asked if everything would be ready. He replied that it would be if the air fair was to be held but he understood that it had been cancelled.

JUDGES FOR RODEO PARADE TO BE APPOINTED LATER. President Hanson had been asked to appoint two members of the Council to act as Judges for the Rodeo Parade on July 18th and stated that he would make his announcement later in the week.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. (a) T. E. Smith, 759 Kimball Avenue, discovered a leak in the service line at his property after 70,600 gallons of water had gone through the meter. This was billed at \$16.64. A year ago at this same time 34,200 gallons of

water were used at the amount of \$10.83. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that Mr. Smith's water bill be adjusted on the amount of water used a year ago but at the new rate. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

(b) Mrs. Pearl Burgman is the secretary for a four-user line on Orchard Mesa. A leak on their main line was discovered and repaired, but 113,700 gallons of water had been used with a total billing of \$71.74. According to Mrs. Burgman's individual meter readings, their line actually used 35,810 gallons of water, amounting to \$36.00. She is asking an adjustment to that amount on their bill. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that Mrs. Burgman's request be granted and that her account be settled for \$36.00. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

COLLBRAN PROJECT. City Manager Toyne reported that Mr. Will, Secretary of the Upper Colorado River Commission, had received word from Washington that the Collbran project is ready to be presented to the Committee of the House of Representatives on July 19th and 20th, and that meetings had been held with members of the Chamber of Commerce, Plateau Valley, Bureau of Reclamation and others interested, to get a plan lined up for presentation to Congress. He and Councilman Carson had been the two who were selected to go to Washington and present facts and figures to this house committee.

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

OF THE

CITY COUNCIL

OF THE

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

COLORADO

WHEREAS, for a number of years, the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, and its environs have been in need of additional water for domestic and industrial purposes; and

WHEREAS, investigations which have been under way during the last ten years indicate that the best supply, from the point of view of quality as well as quantity, is obtainable from the Collbran area as proposed in the Department of the Interior's report on the Collbran Project, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the need for an additional supply of water for municipal purposes has become even more acute than it was when said investigations were commenced; and

WHEREAS, in view of its status as the principal incorporated municipality in an area that contains vast resources of strategic materials, industries important to the national defense and potential industries important to the national defense, the provision of additional municipal water supplies is essential; and

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior's report on the Collbran project and the Bureau of the Budget comments thereon have been reviewed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO,

1. That the Congress of the United States of America be and it is hereby urged promptly to authorize the construction, operation and maintenance of the Collbran project, Colorado, as nearly as may be in accordance with the recommendations contained in the Department of the Interior's report thereon and with the provisions of H. R. 2813 and S. 943.

2. That Mr. W. D. Toyne, City Manager, and Mr. Porter Carson, Member of the City Council, be and they are hereby authorized to present to Committees of the Congress testimony reflecting the City of Grand Junction's urgent need for the additional municipal water supply that would be provided by the Collbran project, Colorado and to urge the prompt authorization and construction of such project.

CERTIFICATE OF CITY CLERK

I, _____, City Clerk of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, on the _____ day of _____, 1951.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand the seal of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 1951.

/s/

City Clerk.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Ela that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

GRANT FREE PARKING JULY 25 & 26 FOR DOLLAR DAYS. Jas. Colliton and B. A. Kellogg representing the Retail Committee of the Chamber of Commerce

appeared before the Council and explained that July 25th and 26th would be \$1.00 days in Grand Junction and that the Retail Committee was trying to promote days of goodwill for the whole community. They asked that the Council authorize the parking meters to be hooded on those days so that anyone who cared to come into town to shop would not have to worry about parking time. They stated that the merchants were furnishing free bus transportation downtown and that Mr. Grosby would furnish the transportation home. This matter was thoroughly discussed, and it was the opinion of most of the members of the Council that to have free parking would be a mistake but some of them felt that if it was what the merchants wanted, they would be willing to go along on these days. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Walt that the request be granted. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting "AYE": Carson, Harper, Colescott and Walt

Councilmen voting "NAY": Ela, Hoisington and Hanson

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

COUNCILMAN CARSON TO WRITE A LETTER TO ENGLEWOOD ON CITY MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT. A letter from Englewood asking that a letter be written telling what the Council thinks of the City Manager plan was presented. Englewood is voting on a similar plan on August 7th and are asking for this information for publicity purposes. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that Councilman Carson be requested to write a letter to Englewood expressing their favorable opinion to the City Manager Form of Government. Motion carried.

COLO. MUN. LEAGUE CONFERENCE TO BE IN GRAND JCT. IN 1952. A letter from Mr. William Grelle, Executive Director of the Colo. Municipal League, to President Hanson informed him that the officers of the Colo. Municipal League had accepted the invitation of the City of Grand Junction to hold the 1952 conference of the League in Grand Junction.

TO PAVE ALLEY BACK OF SAFEWAY, 5th & OURAY. City Manager Toyne reported that the alley back of the new Safeway Store on Ouray would be paved very soon; that Lybarger has the contract for paving it and it would possibly be fixed this month.

GRANT VETERANS HOSPITAL REQUEST FOR FLOATING PIER. Mr. John B. Therrell, Manager of the Veterans Hospital, requested permission to construct a floating pier on the lake so that ambulatory patients could be wheeled out there to fish. City Manager Toyne thought it would be all right excepting that they were not planning on having it large enough. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the request be granted. Motion carried.

COUNCILMAN WALT SUGGESTS REMOVING CENTER PARKINGS ON 7TH STREET. Councilman Walt suggested that center parkings on 7th Street be removed so that the street would be wider and the inconvenience of having the parkings watered could be avoided.

CITY MANAGER TO CONTACT MR. YETTER REGARDING NATURAL GAS. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the City Manager be instructed to contact Mr. Yetter of the Public Service Company and get all the information possible from him on the natural gas situation, and report back to the Council at a later meeting.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk