

Grand Junction, Colorado

September 19, 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 Ela, Carson, Harper, Colescott, Walt, Hoisington and President Hanson. Also present were City Manager Toyne, City Engineer Burton and B'anche Stringer Acting for City Clerk Tomlinson. City Clerk Tomlinson and City Attorney Banks were absent.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the minutes of the regular meeting held Sept. 5th be approved as written.

PASS ORDINANCE NO. 842, ZONING CHANGES. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 755 AND THE ZONING MAP INCORPORATED THEREIN," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Walt that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

The ordinance was then read. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the ordinance be passed, adopted, numbered 842 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

PASS ORDINANCE NO. 843, SAN. SEWER DIST. #15. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WHOLE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN AND FOR SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 15, IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 178, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 1910 AS AMENDED: APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST TO EACH LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT: ASSESSING THE SHARE OF SAID COST AGAINST EACH LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT: AND APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST: AND PRESCRIBING THE MANNER FOR THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF SAID ASSESSMENTS," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Ela and seconded by Councilman Harper that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

The ordinance was then read. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Walt that the ordinance be passed, adopted, numbered 843

and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TO PAY \$290.08 TO C.M.L. FOR TELEPHONE INVESTIGATION. At an informal meeting of the Council, it was agreed to pay the Colorado Municipal League the sum of \$290.08 as Grand Junction's share in hiring experts for investigation in the telephone rate increase hearings. There seems to be some question as to whether or not the proposed rate increases are justified, and in order for the Council to determine the facts to guide them in making a later decision, it was the Council's opinion that the City should participate with other cities of the state under the sponsorship of the Colo. Mun. League in hiring these experts to investigate the facts being presented by the Telephone Co. before the Public Utilities Commission. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City participate in the plan and pay the sum of \$290.08 as its share in the program. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

REFER JAS. RAGAN'S AUDIT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE. The report of Jas. Ragan on the audit of the City books for 1950 was presented. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the report be referred to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

WATER BILL REFUNDS. (a) W. C. Morgan, 934 Belford Ave., requested an adjustment of \$3.00 on his water bill. A service line break was responsible for the loss of 20,000 gallons of water. It was replaced with a copper line as soon as the break was discovered. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Walt that an adjustment of \$3.00 be allowed. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

(b) W. C. McBride, 1032 No. 6th, requested an adjustment on his water bill in the amount of \$9.00. This was due to a leak in the service line. A total of 162,400 gallons of water went through the meter as compared with 102,000 gallons in the same quarter of 1950. The leak was repaired as soon as it was discovered. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Ela that an adjustment of \$9.00 be granted Mr. McBride. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TO HOLD HEARING ON LEMAR HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION OCT. 3. A plat for Lemar Heights Subdivision was presented. This subdivision consists of the West 145.2 feet of Lot 9, Block 4, Fairmount Subdivision (17th and Orchard Ave.) which is owned by Leon King. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Carson that a hearing be held in the Civic Auditorium on Oct. 3, 1951 at 7:30 P. M. upon the question of whether or not the City of Grand Junction should accept and approve the said plat. Motion carried.

TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS ON PAV. DIST. NO. 50. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for Pav. Dist. #50 bonds, and that City Engineer Burton be authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of the district. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

GRANT GAY JOHNSON'S REQUEST FOR NON-CONFORMING BUILDING. A letter from Gay Johnson, 410 North Ave., was read in which he requested permission to construct an all steel quonset type building at the rear of his property which is to be used for storage purposes only. This building would be constructed on a 40 inch high concrete foundation wall, 40 ft. wide and 100 ft. long. North Avenue is in the fire zone and this building would not conform to the building code restrictions. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that this request be granted with the understanding that this building will not be placed too close to any existing building or property line to create a fire hazard. Motion carried.

GRANT MESA COLLEGE ATHLETIC ASSN. REQUEST FOR USE OF FILED. Mr. Craig Harris appeared before the Council and requested that the Mesa College Athletic Association be granted free use of the football field on Sept. 29 for a game, the benefits to go to the Mesa College Training Table. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the request be granted. The Association will pay for lights and other actual expense. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." President declared the motion carried.

REFER MITCHELL REQUEST TO CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY. Mr. J. D. Mitchell of 1920 No. 7th appeared before the Council and requested that the City fix his parking which he complains is an eyesore in that area. There is an open ditch running through his parking which is full of chuck holes, water and bull frogs. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Walt that this matter be referred to the City Manager and City Attorney for action and to see that the ordinance is complied with. Motion carried.

GRANT LAYBACK CURB TO SOCONY VACUUM OIL DISTRIBUTORS. Engineer John Burton presented blueprints and plans for a filling station at 6th and Grand requested by Socony Vacuum Oil Distributors. They are asking for a lay-back curb 150 feet on 6th St. with two driveways on Grand Ave. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that this request be granted subject to the approval of the City Manager, Chief of Police and City Engineer. Motion carried.

A. J. LOWE APPEARS PROTESTING RIDING BICYCLES IN BUSINESS DISTRICT. Mr. A. J. Lowe again appeared before the Council asking what action had been taken with reference to bicycles being ridden on the sidewalks in the Business District. Chief of Police Joe Keith reported that all offenders apprehended were given tickets and their bicycles impounded in compliance with the Ordinance.

MILL LEVY MEETING TO BE HELD. City Manager Toyne reported that the outlook for income from all other sources other than the tax levy for 1952 would be very much the same as for 1951 which so far is running very close to budget estimates this year; that if the same amount of work were to be done next year as done this year, it would cost more due to increases in materials; also, that he had been handed a letter from Mr. Stucker requesting a ten cent per hour increase for the union or 44 hours per week pay for a 40 hour week.

City Manager Toyne was instructed to make a preliminary budget estimate on the basis of work done this year and an estimate of the known extra activities to be taken care of such as the Health Dept. and Civil Defense. When he has completed this, a special meeting of the Council will be called for the purpose of setting the mill levy.

SURVEY FOR MORE PARKING METERS TO BE PRESENTED WHEN COMPLETED. City Manager Toyne was asked about the status of the survey being made to put in more parking meters in the fringe territory. He reported that a letter from the Parking Meter Company stated that due to the steel shortage, an order placed now for additional parking meters would not be filled until sometime in February. He stated that the survey is being made and report back to the Council would be made as soon as possible.

RENEW SOUTH SIDE GROCERY 3.2 BEER LICENSE. An application for the renewal of the 3.2 beer license for Kenneth G. and Frances H. Mark dba Southside Grocery, 811 So. 7th, was presented. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the License be granted. Motion carried.

PRES. HANSON APPOINTS "EMPLOY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED" COMMITTEE. Pres Hanson reported that he had appointed the following to act as a Committee to serve this year on the "Employ the Physically Handicapped" Program with Mr. Wm. Ratekin as Chairman:

Mr. Lew Wallace, County Welfare Dept.

Dr. Robert Hall, 2232 No. 7th St.

Dr. G. P. Smith, 1163 Ouray Ave.

Mr. Preston Walker, c/o Daily Sentinel

Mr. Herbert L. Benson, 848 Hall Ave.

Mr. Wm. W. Wallace, Labor Temple

Mr. Flyod Kelly, 123 No. 4th

Mr. Tom Brownson, 401 Main

This committee held its first meeting Sept. 19th and he felt it would accomplish a great deal as it has been decided to handle each case individually with personal attention. A Proclamation had been requested to be issued by the Mayor in connection with this program. The Council reiterated their stand on Proclamations leaving it up to the judgment of the President to sign any he wished to but the City would not pay for printing or publishing same.

U. N. DAY. A letter was read from the National Citizens Committee designating Oct. 24 as U. N. Day. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the letter be turned over to President Hanson for action. Motion carried.

CIVIL DEFENSE. A letter dated Sept. 14 was read from Mr. Rex Rankin, Director of Civil Defense, in which he outlined a program to be followed. He agreed to act as Director of Civil Defense on a part-time basis at \$150 per month for four months, July, August, Sept. and October. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Carson that the Council go along with the program as outlined in Mr. Rankin's letter until Nov. 1, and that he stay within the budget allowed him. On Nov. 1, the Civil Defense Program would be reviewed and the need for such a program determined with arrangements made at that time for carrying on the program longer. Motion carried.

RATIFY AGREEMENT WITH CITY EMPLOYEES ON PAY RAISES, JAN. 1, 1951. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Agreement with City Employees for a raise as of Jan. 1, 1951 be ratified, and that City Manager Toyne be granted a 10% increase in pay retroactive to July 1, 1951. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TO CANCEL RIGG AGREEMENT AT AIRPORT. Considerable discussion was had pertaining to the Rigg Agreement at the Airport. It was the opinion of the Council that Mr. Rigg had had ample time and leniency to fulfill his part of the agreement but had not done so. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that City Manager Toyne send a written notice to Mr. Rigg in accordance with the terms of the agreement cancelling this agreement effective as soon as possible. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Blanche Stringer
Acting for
Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk