

Grand Junction, Colorado

October 3, 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, City Attorney Banks and Blanche Stringer Acting for City Clerk Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 19, 1951 be approved as written.

REMIT \$102 BUILDING PERMIT TO COUNCIL OF AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH. A representative of the Council of American Lutheran Church appeared before the Council and requested that the fee of \$102 which they paid for a building permit for their church at 1350 No. 7th be remitted back to them in accordance with the Council's policy in not charging St. Joseph's School and the Methodist Church any fees for their new buildings.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the fee of \$102 be remitted to the Council of the American Lutheran Church. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

ACCEPT AND FILE LEMAR PLATT. This was the date set for hearing on the plat for Lemar Heights Subdivision. This subdivision is located at 17th and Orchard on a tract of land owned by Father Leon King. There were no protests filed. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Lemar Heights Subdivision plat be accepted and approved and filed in the Office of the City Engineer and in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TO MAKE NEW LEASE WITH RIGG'S AVIATION SERVICE. The matter of the Rigg's Aviation Service lease on the airport was brought up and discussed. Attorney Jas. Dufford, Jas. Rigg, Jr., Jas. P. Rigg, Sr. and others representing the Rigg's Aviation Service appeared before the Council and requested that they be given a workable lease so that they could go ahead and move the old hangar building and construct a new shop and four T hangars, the plans of which had been submitted to the City Engineer and City Manager for their approval. Mr. Rigg asked for a lease of such term as to warrant the expenditure of approximately \$20,000 which he expects to spend in building his new buildings. He would prefer a lease of approximately thirty years with an option to renew for a further period of ten years or more.

The Council were of the opinion that it would not be wise to grant any operator a long-term lease that might interfere with future development of the airport and in case of

an emergency in an all-out war effort if it became necessary for the Govt. to take over the airport, permanent buildings such as were proposed by Mr. Rigg might be a hindrance. A good deal of discussion was had between both parties. It was finally moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Carson that the Rigg's Aviation Service with their Attorney Jas. Dufford meet with the City Attorney and Airport Committee, consisting of Councilmen Harper and Carson, to draft a lease based tentatively on fifteen years with the option of renewal. Motion carried. It was decided to hold the first meeting at 7:30 Friday, Oct. 5th.

MILL LEVY SET AT 25 1/2 MILLS. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Walt that the mill levy for the year 1952 be set at 25 1/2 mills; 24 mills for general purposes and 1 1/2 mills for library and retirement of library bonds; that the City Clerk be instructed to certify this levy to the County Commissioners and County Assessor. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. (a) Clyde Jewell, 611 Struthers Ave., requested an adjustment on his Oct. 1st water bill due to a service line leak. His bill for 23,100 gallons of water is \$15.48, and for the same period last year they used 13,100 gallons of water which would amount to \$10.44. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Walt that the Clyde Jewell water bill be adjusted at \$10.44. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

(b) Mrs. Leila M. Scarlett, 160 West Rood Avenue, requested an adjustment on her October 1st water bill due to a service line break. This bill is for 68,700 gallons of water, in the amount of \$16.31. A year ago 56,100 gallons of water was used, which amounts to \$14.17. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Leila M. Scarlett water bill be adjusted at \$14.17. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS ON SOCIAL SECURITY MEETING. City Manager Toyne reported that an evening meeting had been held on Sept. 24th of City employees. Mr. Leonard Smith of the local Social Security Office gave in detail the benefits of Social Security and answered questions. City Manager Toyne stated that in the near future a canvass of employees within the pension plan would be made giving them an opportunity to express their opinion and to vote on whether they prefer Social Security or wish to remain under the present City pension plan as it is now operating.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS ON MEETING ON ZONING FRINGE AREAS. City Manager Toyne reported that he had attended an all-day meeting with County Commissioners and others interested relative to the zoning of fringe areas especially along main highways and stated that he was a member of a committee to further develop this idea. The Council was of the opinion that fringe area zoning and county

zoning should be developed as it would eliminate many problems when fringe areas are annexed to the City.

COMMITTEE TO ATTEND PUBLIC UTILITIES HEARING AT MONTROSE. A letter was read from the Public Utilities Commission changing the date of hearing on the application of the D.&R.G.R.R. to discontinue passenger trains #319 and #320 between Grand Junction and Montrose from Oct. 1st to Monday, Oct. 29, 1951 at the Court House in Montrose. After discussion, it was agreed that some members of the Council should attend this hearing. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Ela that President Hanson appoint a committee to attend the hearing in Montrose. Motion carried. President Hanson then appointed Councilman Hoisington, Chairman, Councilman Carson and Councilman Walt on this committee.

CHIEF OF POLICE TO HANDLE PARKING PROBLEM. Councilman Walt asked City Manager Toyne if he was ready to make a report on the placing of parking meters in the 100 Block on Main St. and also in other fringe area territory of the business district. Chief of Police Joe Keith was present and explained his views on placing more meters in the business area, and also on the loading zones on Main St. Some members of the Council felt that meters should be installed in the 100 Block on Main St. and others that this should be left to the discretion of the City Manager and Chief of Police in accordance with the traffic ordinance.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORTS ON TEENAGE PROBLEM. In line with recent newspaper headlines, Councilman Walt asked the Chief of Police and other authorities how bad the teenage problem in Grand Junction has become. Mr. Banks as Assistant District Attorney and as City Attorney reported that he had two complaints against firms selling 3.2 beer to girls who are not 18, and that the owners of the Tex House and Colescott's had appeared before the Municipal Court and had been fined \$50 each for violation of the 3.2 beer law. Chief of Police Keith stated that, in his opinion, most of the trouble they have with teenagers is from the same few boys and girls and that he did not consider the teenage problem in Grand Junction to be serious. He reported that he had recently had an F.B.I. agent spot checking as a stool pigeon, and it had been impossible to buy any marijuana inside the city limits.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that Mr. H. E. Colescott dba as Colescott's and Mrs. Gertrude Henderson dba Tex House be ordered to appear before the Council at the next meeting to show cause why their 3.2 beer licenses should not be revoked. Motion carried. The Council also asked the Chief of Police to have the girls who purchased the beer appear before the Council so that they could determine whether or not a natural mistake could have been made as to the girls' claim that they were 18 years old.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS ON WATER BREAKS. Councilman Ela asked City Manager Toyne some questions about the numerous water breaks which had occurred in the vicinity of 7th and 12th between Main and White and what course of action should be taken. City Manager Toyne reported that spot checking was being done and records of the breaks being kept; that if the breaks do not occur too often in the same

vicinity, it is cheaper to replace the pipe as the leaks happen but in some cases it would be better to replace the whole block as some of the mains have been in use for many years and due to use and soil conditions are in bad shape.

PASS EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 844. An emergency ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SALARIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Walt that the ordinance be passed and adopted as an emergency ordinance, numbered 844 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The president declared the motion carried.

COUNCILMAN HOISINGTON ON PUBLICITY. Councilman Hoisington expressed himself as being of the opinion that it would be better if parents and citizens who have complaints on firms' selling liquor and beer to minors would make their protests to the proper authorities so that they could be investigated before uncalled for publicity is given which reflects unjustly and unfavorably on the Council and other authorities.

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

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