

Grand Junction, Colorado

November 7, 1951

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

It was moved by Councilman Ela and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the minutes of the regular meeting held Oct. 17th and the minutes of the special meeting held Oct. 24th be approved as written. Motion carried.

DISCUSS RECREATIONAL PROGRAM. Mr. Gene Hanson and Dr. Gilmore representing the Recreation Department were present and a report was presented to the Council showing that if recreational activities are continued until the end of 1951, there will be a cash deficit of approximately \$1,500 in the recreation fund. Mr. Hanson stated that there could one of two things be done, either the program discontinued as of now and all of the trained personnel in that department would be lost or they could go ahead and operate as economically as possible and carry the deficit over into 1952 with the idea of curtailing activities next year which don't bring in any revenue such as the park and playground, Westside Center and Elks Center. It was shown that the activities as conducted now required a budget of approximately \$30,000 per year. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Council agree to give \$800 additional cash to keep the Recreational Program operating the balance of the year if the School Board would participate in a like amount. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

The City Manager was then requested to get the Council and the School Board together with Mr. Hanson and discuss the recreation budget to see whether additional money should be given them or whether the department should be curtailed.

GRANT CURB CUT TO JOHN CADEZ. Mr. John Cadez asked permission to construct a thirty foot curb cut along the south side of South Ave. near the intersection of 2nd St. and near the old Mutual Creamery building. He intends to construct a one-story masonry building for warehouse purposes at this location and needs additional driveway space for entrance to his building. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Ela that the request be granted. Motion carried.

C. M. AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO CHECK MRS. SCHMIDT'S REQUEST. Mrs. Chas. Schmidt asked to have a "No Parking" place marked off in front of her rooming house at 628 Colo. She stated that cars parked all day in front of her house so that they have no opportunity to get in and Out. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that this matter be referred to the City Manager and Chief of Police for checking. Motion carried.

LETTER FROM DAVE LAWRENCE. A letter was read from Mr. Dave Lawrence of Boettcher and Co. confirming the purchase of \$122,000 Grand Junction Paving and Sidewalk District No. 50 bonds at approximately 4% interest in accordance with an agreement signed by the Council at the special meeting Oct. 24th.

TO ADVERTISE DINKINS LIQUOR LICENSE. Roy E. and Bernadine Dinkins have applied for a restaurant license for the Globe Cafe and Lounge at 121 South 4th Street. They are purchasing this restaurant from McConkie and Roper and want the license for 1952. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that this application for license be advertised for hearing on Dec. 5th in accordance with the State Law. Motion carried.

DISCUSS RAISING OCCUPATION LIQUOR TAX. Discussion was had on liquor license fees now paid, and it was decided to consider raising the occupational license fees at the next meeting of the Council.

VETERANS CEMETERY. Some years ago a tract of land was given to the Veterans for cemetery purposes and a deed issued to them. Apparently there is a discrepancy in the description which the Veterans would like to have corrected. The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the City of Grand Junction has heretofore conveyed a tract of real estate to the Mesa County Veterans Cemetery Association, a Colorado corporation, for use as a cemetery; and

WHEREAS the real estate which was intended to be conveyed was not accurately described and a proper conveyance was therefore not made; and

WHEREAS the said Mesa County Veterans Cemetery Association has executed and delivered to the City of Grand Junction a special warranty deed reconveying the said real estate back to the City; and

WHEREAS the City now desires to convey the real estate which was heretofore intended to be conveyed;

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

That the City of Grand Junction shall convey to the Mesa County Veterans Cemetery Association, a Colorado corporation, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 870.22 feet West and 268 feet South of the Center of the Northwest Quarter, Section 26, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Ute Meridian, thence

North 268 feet, thence West 39.6 feet to a point on a circular curve (which left curve, radius 232 feet, starts from a point 853.2 feet West and 8 feet North of the center of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 26, and whose tangent bears west), thence Southwesterly along said curve to a point 210.5 feet West of the point of beginning, thence East 210.5 feet to the point of beginning;

and that W. D. Toyne, City Manager, shall and he is hereby appointed Commissioner to convey the land and to execute the deed on behalf of the City and that the City Clerk shall be and she is hereby authorized to attach thereto the Seal of the said City.

Passed and approved this 7th day of November, 1951.

/s/

President of the Council

ATTEST:

/s/

City Clerk

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

C. A. TO DRAW UP ORDINANCE LICENSING GASOLINE PUMPS. The City Manager made a report in writing concerning the licensing of gasoline pumps as he had been requested in a previous meeting of the Council to do. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance licensing gasoline pumps in the City of Grand Junction on a basis of \$50 for the first pump and \$25 for each additional pump. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS.

A. H. D. Rodgers, 1211 So. 5th had requested a reduction in his water bill on account of the fact that during the year 1950 they had done considerable watering of flowers which had not been done in 1951 and that there had been a leak in the line which he had repaired with 100 feet of copper pipe. His usage in the two years was practically the same. This is an auto court, and it is hard to tell just how many people were supplied with water during the year. It was moved by Councilman Carson and

seconded by Councilman Harper that the request of Mr. Rodgers for a lowering of his water bill be denied. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

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

Councilmen voting "NAY:" Hoisington and Hanson

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

It was suggested that City Manager Toyne check this account in the next few months and if the use of water is less than for the corresponding quarter of last year, that he be given consideration again on a reduction in his water bill.

b. Mr. Tom Lent on Orchard Mesa requested an adjustment due to a service line leak which was not discovered until the meter was read. This line was repaired as soon as possible but an excess of 125,000 gallons of water went through the meter during the quarter. The Water Department recommended that this account be settled for \$21.22. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that this request be granted and the account settled for \$21.22. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

c. Mrs. H. Leo McCarrie, 260 Ute, requested an adjustment on her water bill on account of the rate charged. She is now on Rate No. 1 which is the commercial rate and has not been granted the 50% sprinkling discount which was allowed in 1950. She used approximately 10,000 gallons more water in the quarter ending Oct. 1st than for the corresponding quarter a year ago. Her meter registered short but has been corrected by the meter department now. Mrs. McCarrie's bill for the quarter ending Oct. 1 is \$48.61. Her bill for the corresponding quarter last year was \$22.84. It was moved by Councilman Carson that Mrs. McCarrie's bill be settled at \$30.00. There was no second to this motion. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that this account be referred back to the City Manager for study, he to report back to the Council at the next meeting. Motion was carried with Councilman Carson voting "NAY."

d. Mabel White on Rt. 12 requested an adjustment on her water bill due to a leaky connection opposite the meter which has been fixed. Her usual usage is about 25,000 gallons of water a quarter but for the past quarter the meter registered 90,100 gallons. It was recommended that this water bill be settled for \$21.22.

e. C. V. Wasson, 227 White, requested a water bill adjustment due to a break in his service line which was repaired immediately upon discovery. His average use is 21,500 gallons a quarter but for the quarter ending Nov. 1, the meter reading was 57,100 gallons. It was recommended that the bill be settled at \$8.18.

f. E. L. Heddings, 818 Struthers Avenue, requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak which was immediately repaired upon discovery. His average use per quarter is 23,000 gallons but during the quarter ending Oct. 1 he used 83,900 gallons. It was recommended that the water bill be adjusted to \$8.45.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the water bills for Mabel White, C. V. Wasson and E. L. Heddings be settled as recommended by the Water Department. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

REPORT ON COLLBRAN PROJECT. City Manager Toyne reported that Mr. Lew Osborn and Jasper Sanford representing R. J. Tipton and Associates, Engineers, with Mr. Jex and Mr. Jennings from the Bureau of Reclamation had met with Mr. Burton and himself and gone over the plans for the distribution system to be constructed in connection with the Collbran project.

GRANT KIWANIS REQUEST. A letter was read from B. A. Kellog representing the Kiwanis Club and asking that the Council cancel a charge of \$50 for the use of Lincoln Park Auditorium on Oct. 26, 1950 at which time Woody Cox had arranged to have a wrestling match but a storm on Loveland Pass prevented the wrestlers from getting to Grand Junction and the auditorium was not used. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the charge of \$30.00 for the use of the auditorium on Oct. 26, 1950 be cancelled but that the Kiwanis Club be requested to pay the sum of \$20.00 which was a charge made for getting the auditorium ready for the wrestling bout and getting the ring and seats put away again as the City was not notified that there would be no match on that night. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

C. M. TO NEGOTIATE NEW GARBAGE CONTRACT. The matter of the garbage contract after Jan. 1st was brought up and discussed. City Manager Toyne had written a letter to councilmen explaining the situation and stating that he had not been able to get Mr. Krogh to present any written proposition under which he would collect garbage after the first of January and quoted a letter from Mr. Phelps who is interested in taking over the garbage collection. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate a garbage contract to the best interest of the City of Grand Junction. Motion carried.

DISCUSS HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Councilman Harper presented a letter from Dr. Beaver, Director of Public Health for Mesa County, concerning the 1952 budget. Mesa County has levied a one mill tax. With the anticipated revenue from the State Department of Public Health, they anticipate that if the City would give them \$5,000 they could try to operate for the year 1952 without too drastic a cut in services rendered. The Council had very definitely decided that they would only put \$3,500 in the health budget for next year.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Carson that President Hanson get in touch with the County Commissioners, School District Officials and get a representative appointed from each group to meet with either the President of the City Council or someone appointed by him to consider the Mesa County Health Dept. and whether it should be continued; whether the amount of money expended is too much for the services rendered and whether there is over-lapping nursing services. Motion carried.

Councilman Carson agreed to serve with the President of the Council in meeting with the Health Department.

TO MEET WITH MR. STUCKER. It was suggested that the City Council meet with City Manager Toyne to discuss the union contract, and City Manager Toyne to then arrange a meeting with Mr. Stucker, Representative of the Union.

COLO. MUN. LEAGUE CONFERENCE. City Manager Toyne reported that the dates for the Colo. Mun. League conference in Grand Jct., were June 11, 12, 13, 1952.

DISCUSS RADER CONTRACT. There was some discussion on the lease with the Rader Flying Service but no action taken until it is determined whether or not Jas. Rigg will go through with his contract in reconstructing buildings at Walker Field.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and duly seconded that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk