

Grand Junction, Colorado

January 16, 1952

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

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 2nd be approved as written. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC HAZARD AT 11TH & GRAND. Mr. Dale Luke was present and stated that there was a large evergreen tree in the corner of the parking at 11th and Grand that was definitely a traffic hazard and asked that it be removed. It was explained to Mr. Luke that the park department and police department had been trying to get the permission of Mr. Hough, the owner of this property, to remove the tree but so far had been unable to obtain such permission.

Mr. Luke stated that he knew of several who would be willing to pay for having the tree removed for the tree. Mr. Stocker had stated that he would put the tree in the park or move it onto Mr. Hough's property. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that City Attorney Banks and City Manager Toyne be authorized to proceed to have this tree at 11th and Grand removed. Motion carried.

DALE LUKE ON SEWAGE DISPOSAL PROBLEM. Mr. Luke also brought up the matter of increasing the facilities of the sewage disposal plant or further treatment of sewage and the matter of the City of Grand Junction letting raw sewage go into the Colo. River at So, 5th St. The Council is aware that before long something must be done to increase the sewage disposal plant facilities for the City.

CIVIL DEFENSE ON INACTIVE STATUS. A letter from Mr. Rex Rankin was read in which he stated that he was closing the Civil Defense office for the present and trying to keep the agency on an inactive status. He felt that there was a definite lack of popular support; also a lack of support from the federal government, and at the present time it would be better to just close it up and if it is ever necessary, it could be reopened again on short notice. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Carson that Mr. Rankin's action be approved by the Council, and that he be commended for his work and time given to this activity. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City Clerk be requested to write a letter on behalf of the City Council expressing their appreciation to Mr. Rankin for the work he has done for the Civil Defense Agency. Motion carried.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. a. Orchard Mesa Pipeline. Mr. Dale Willis, Secretary of the Orchard Mesa Pipe Line Co., requested an adjustment on their Jan. 1st water bill due to a leak in their line that crosses the slough at the Duck Pond. Their bill was \$176.82. By figuring the amount actually used through the thirteen individual meters on the line, the bill would have been \$118.33. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that this water bill for the Orchard Mesa Pipeline Co. be adjusted at \$118.33. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

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

Councilmen voting "NAY:" Carson and Hanson

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

b. Mesa View Water Co. Mrs. Harry Hubbard, Secretary of the Mesa View Water Co. requests an adjustment on their water bill due to a service line leak to the Grand Valley Packing Co. Their bill was \$371.14 and on checking the individual meters on this line, the bill would figure \$299.07. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Ela that the water bill for the Mesa View Water Co. be adjusted at \$299.07. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting "AYE:" Ela, Harper, Colescott, Walt and Hoisington

Councilmen voting "NAY:" Carson and Hanson

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

OUTSIDE WATER USERS TO PAY FOR ALL WATER THROUGH MASTER METER. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Harper that from this time on ALL WATER USERS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS PURCHASING WATER FROM THE CITY ON A MASTER METER WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR ALL WATER GOING THROUGH THE MASTER METER, and that notice of such decision of the Council be sent to all outside users. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TELEPHONE RATE HEARINGS. A letter from the Colo. Municipal League was read stating that they had sent all of the information on the recent telephone rate hearing to the City Manager and it was available for the use of the Council.

Councilman Hoisington was requested to keep in touch with this case and to keep the Council informed of any new developments.

TO OPPOSE LEGISLATION TAKING AWAY POWERS OF HOME RULE CITIES IN REGULATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. A questionnaire was sent by the Colo. Municipal League in connection with the bill to come before the present legislature and to be placed on the ballot in Nov., 1952, concerning the regulation of public utilities by home rule cities. If this bill should pass, all power to regulate public utilities would be taken away from home rule cities in Colo.

The Council were of the opinion that everything they could do to prevent the passage of this bill should be done, and it was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Walt that City Manager Toyne be authorized to emphatically express the views of the City Council as against the passage of any legislation taking away the powers of home rule cities in regulation of public utilities, at the meeting of the League which he will attend in Denver on Jan. 29th. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Ela that the President of the Council be empowered to appoint a member of the Council to accompany City Manager Toyne to Denver on Jan. 29th to attend the league conference. Motion carried.

INVITE SEN. SHULTS & REPRESENTATIVES DUFFORD & TAYLOR TO BANQUET AND SHOW. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Carson that the President write letters to Honorable Howard Shults, Senator, Honorable Phillip Dufford and Rena May Taylor, Representatives, requesting them to be the guests of the City of Grand Junction at the reception and banquet at the Cosmopolitan Hotel on Jan. 29th and to attend the Sonja Henie Ice Show as guests of the City of Grand Junction. This banquet is in connection with the Colo. Mun. League conference meeting and City Manager Toyne will be authorized to represent the City as host. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE."

BONDS ACCEPTED & FILED. The following bonds having been approved as to form by the City Attorney were presented:

Wyse Perry dba So. 5th Wrecking Yard	Junk Dealer
Clifford Starkebaum <input type="checkbox"/>	Plumbing Cont. <input type="checkbox"/>
Roscoe N. Andrew <input type="checkbox"/>	Plumbing Cont. <input type="checkbox"/>
Charles W. Lange <input type="checkbox"/>	Plumbing Cont. <input type="checkbox"/>
Carl B. Stowe <input type="checkbox"/>	Plumbing Cont. <input type="checkbox"/>

Thomas McCall <input type="checkbox"/>	Cement Cont. <input type="checkbox"/>
Clarence Lunsford <input type="checkbox"/>	Cement Cont. <input type="checkbox"/>
John Trinklein	Cement Cont.
C. E. Poland <input type="checkbox"/>	Cement Cont. <input type="checkbox"/>
Chas. & Marjorie Turner dba Western Sport. Goods & Loans <input type="checkbox"/>	Pawn Broker <input type="checkbox"/>
Tony Perry <input type="checkbox"/>	Auctioneer <input type="checkbox"/>
Will Employment Co. <input type="checkbox"/>	Employment Agency <input type="checkbox"/>

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

AIRPORT COMMITTEE REPORTS. Councilman Carson submitted a report from the Airport Committee, Mr. Preston Walker and Mr. Tom Clark. They had been at the airport and made an inspection and reported that they were very well satisfied with the way Mr. Jas. P. Rigg, Jr. was complying with his contract. He is putting up a nice building but on account of the severe cold the past sixty days, he needs a little more time to get the old building down and everything cleaned up and recommended that he be given a sixty day extension of time. They also recommended that an amendment to the Rader Flying Service contract be made adjusting the fees on the same basis as the contract recently granted to Mr. Rigg. They also wished to compliment Mr. John Burton, City Engineer, on the condition of the runways at the airport. The parking space in front of the terminal building needs extra gravel at this time. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the recommendations of the airport committee be approved. Motion carried.

TO CHECK ON W. ANDERSON WATER AGAIN. It was reported by Councilman Carson that Mr. Walter Anderson of Kannah Creek is definitely considering the sale of his ranch. It was requested that the City Manager and City Engineer again check into the Anderson water rights on the North Fork of Kannah Creek and review the findings which were made a few years ago to see if the City would be interested in the purchase of these water rights.

PETITION FROM ORCHARD AVE. RESIDENTS. A petition was presented by Councilman Harper which had been presented to him by residents in the neighborhood of Orchard between 15th and 18th regarding a hole across the street from the Orchard Ave. school. This hole was made at the time a sewer line was put in by City forces and Mr. Jaros' water line had broken aggravating the condition.

It was reported by City Manager Toyne that this condition had been reported to the City Engineer on Wednesday afternoon and that gravel and dirt had been immediately taken out to fill the hole. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City Manager check into the situation and inspect same on Thursday. Motion carried.

RESIDENTS WANT GREASEWOOD REMOVED. Councilman Harper also reported that residents in the neighborhood of Teller and Belford between 10th and 12th want something done about the greasewood on the vacant lots. They request the City to demand that the owners of the lots clean the greasewood from off the lots. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the matter be referred to the City Manager to see what can be done.

MESA CO. HEALTH UNIT - Committee to Discuss 1953 Budget. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Carson that the President of the Council be authorized to write a letter to County Commissioners and the School Board asking for a Committee of the City, School and Commissioners to check into the Mesa County Health Unit and see what action should be taken on the 1953 Budget before it is time to make out the budget. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Harper, duly seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk