

March 19, 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 Harper, Hoisington, Ela, Colescott, Carson, Walt and President Hanson. Also present were City Manager Toyne, City Clerk Tomlinson and City Attorney Banks.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the minutes of the regular meeting held March 5th be approved as written. Motion carried.

GRANT PESCKO LIQUOR LICENSE. The matter of granting a liquor license to Mr. Walter J. Pescko and Alma D. Pescko at the Quincy Restaurant was brought up. Several letters of recommendation had been received by the Chief of Police and also a note from Mr. Raymond C. Donahoe who was foreman at the Hudson Motor Company during the time Mr. Pescko claimed to have worked for that company. Mr. Donahoe was well acquainted with Mr. Pescko from 1927 to 1942 when they worked together at the Hudson Motor Car Co. in Detroit. It was reported that Hudson Motor Co. only keeps records on employees for five years.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Carson that a restaurant liquor license for the Quincy Cafe, 609 Main St. be granted to Mr. Walter J. Pescko and Mrs. Alma D. Pescko. Motion carried.

TO ADVERTISE VALEY COSTER 3.2 BEER APPLICATION. Mr. Valey Coster applied for a 3.2 beer license at 809 So. 7th St. This is the same building where Mr. & Mrs. Marks were located before they moved across the street to 822 So. 7th. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the application for a 3.2 beer license be advertised in accordance with law. Motion carried.

RENEWALS 3.2 BEER - BLACK & WHITE GROC. & CITY MARKET. Applications for renewals of 3.2 beer licenses for Archie S. and Lena Alexander, dba Black & White Grocery, 904 No. 7th St., and the City Market at 4th and Rood were presented. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Ela that these applications be approved and licenses granted. Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - Creating Police Department. The following proposed ordinance was presented and read: "AN ORDINANCE CREATING A POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, AND DEFINING THE POWERS AND DUTIES THEREOF." It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Walt that the ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - Creating Fire Dept. The following proposed ordinance was presented and read: "AN ORDINANCE CREATING A FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, AND DEFINING

THE POWERS AND DUTIES THEREOF." It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

LAYBACK CURBS GRANTED. South 9th Street from the County Road to 4th Avenue is included in Paving District No. 50. There are two requests for layback curb along this street - Mr. H. L. Price who owns Lots 28 to 32, Block 18, Milldale, which would include 125 feet, and S & M Supply which owns Lots 1 to 10, Block 18. Continental Oil owns Block 10 and they would also like layback curb. The City owns the south one-half of Block 19. As this property is all zoned for Industry, Mr. J. A. Burton, City Engineer, recommends that layback curb be installed on both sides of the street on South 9th from 4th Avenue to the County Road.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that layback curb be constructed on So. 9th from 4th Avenue to the County Road. Motion carried.

CARNATION DAY - May 10th. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman, Hoisington that May 10th be designated as Carnation Day for the American War Mothers to sell carnations on the street. Motion carried.

BUSINESSMEN APPEAR PROTESTING UNION CONTRACT. Mr. J. P. Helman, Attorney, representing about sixty businessmen of Grand Junction who were present, spoke to the Council concerning the granting of a contract with the Teamsters Local Union #6 for representing city employees in negotiating labor matters with the City. He pointed out that under the federal, and state laws and under the City Charter it is unlawful for the City to enter into such a contract. Seniority regulations are definitely against the Charter and all wages and salaries must be fixed by the Council. He cited cases showing that the City has no right to enter into a contract which would take away any power from the City Manager in hiring or firing, promoting or demoting any city employee.

City Attorney Banks read a letter which he had written to the Council sometime ago and which had been reconsidered at the time the new contract came up for consideration last fall. He had also pointed out that the Council could not enter into any contract that would be in conflict with the Charter.

Mr. Helman stated that he could not see where it would be of any use in having a contract which would conform to the Charter and asked that the Council refuse to continue the contract.

Mr. Stucker, representative of the Union, was present and stated that the Union was not trying to take any power from the City Manager but wanted the right to negotiate a working agreement between the employees and the City.

After a great deal of discussion, President Hanson stated that all Councilmen should give the matter careful consideration and study; also should study the charter in connection with consideration of a Union contract.

STUCKER PROTESTS PENSION PLAN. Mr. Stucker appeared before the Council in regard to the Pension Plan. He stated that there were a number of employees who were in favor of discontinuing the plan and wanted their money which they have paid into the pension fund refunded to them.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City Manager be instructed to work with Mr. Fred E. Hagie, Secretary of the Pension Fund, and determine the wishes of the employees as to whether or not they desire to continue with the pension plan if it is found to be feasible or whether a majority would prefer to go into Social Security. Motion carried.

BONDS APPROVED. The following bonds were presented having been approved as to form by City Attorney Banks:

Joe Huerta	Cement Contractor
O. L. Hermann	Cement Contractor
Geo. E. Cochran dba Cochran Outdoor Adv. Co.	Sign Contractor
Arnold Hunt & Weldon Ross dba Mesa Neon Sign Co.	Sign Contractor
Howard O. Wolf, dba Western Neon Co.	Sign Contractor

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that these be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. (a) Mrs. Hilda Peterson, 1020 Hill Ave., received a water bill of \$21.57 for 72,800 gallons of water. Most of this water had gone through the line on account of a leak. There are two houses on this line, each occupied by an elderly woman, and there is never a great deal of water used. The minimum charge for 18,000 gallons on a double minimum basis would be \$11.35.

(b) Mike Velasquez, 749 South Avenue, had a leak in the service line which caused 399,600 gallons of water to go through the meter or \$68.24. Last year his consumption was 29,200 and would amount to \$9.53. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Harper that Mrs. Peterson's bill be adjusted at

\$11.35 and that Mr. Velasquez' bill be adjusted at \$9.53. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TO ADVERTISE ZONING CHANGE - 12th & CHIPETA. The Board of Adjustment had met Wednesday afternoon to consider the petition of property owners on the southeast corner of 12th and Chipeta to change zoning from Residence A to Residence B so that a duplex might be constructed at this location. The Zoning Board had recommended the change be made with the provision that nothing larger than a duplex could be constructed there.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Walt that a hearing be held on April 2nd and that all people in the neighborhood be notified by letter of such hearing so that action may be taken on this request at that time.

HUMANE SOCIETY LETTER REFERRED TO CHIEF OF POLICE. A letter from the Community Humane Society was read asking that the City pass an ordinance protecting baby chicks and rabbits from torture and inhuman treatment especially during Easter Week when they are used for the promotion of sales as prizes, premiums and gifts. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that this letter be referred to the Chief of Police for checking. Motion carried.

TO GO AHEAD WITH CIRCULATING SYSTEM AT MOYER POOL. City Manager Toyne reported that he and Mr. Stocker, Park Superintendent, had prepared some changes at Moyer pool to eliminate the wading pool and improve the circulation at the pool so that filtered water could circulate through the wading pool, and also to build a patio at the north side of the pool to eliminate running back and forth through the building by swimmers who go out in front of the building for sun baths. It is hard to keep track of whether or not these swimmers have purchased tickets. He estimated that the work would cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Carson that if this plan is deemed feasible, that the City Manager and Superintendent of Parks go ahead and do the work. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TO MEET WITH HIGHWAY DEPT. ON TRUCK HWY. The City Manager and City Engineer were instructed to make arrangements with the State Highway Department Officials for a meeting to consider the truck route through the south part of the City.

Councilman Carson on Airport Com. Report. Councilman Carson reported that the Airport Committee had gone out to the airport on Monday, the 17th, and checked over the airport. He was pleased to report that Jas. Rigg was going ahead with his building in a satisfactory manner, and that his building would be a credit to the airport. He expects to have the old building torn down within the time set in his agreement.

There were some faulty places in the north-south runway which will bear careful observation. He also gave some suggestions as to moving a fence, and also stated that following up the letter which the Committee had written to the Council, he would again recommend that mud scrapers and rubber mats be provided to eliminate some of the mud carried into the building. That they still felt that a power waxer should be provided the Janitor for his use in caring for the floors.

President Hanson stated that the Committee had been appointed at the request of the City Council and had functioned in a very commendable manner. He felt they were sincere in making their recommendations and that city employees should not feel hurt to have been criticized to a certain extent on the manner in which the airport had been maintained. He stated that the Council should thank the committee and request that they continue functioning. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Committee thanking the Committee for their efforts and asking that they continue with their services. Motion carried.

CITY DUMP. It was brought to the attention of the Council that the Dump was not open to the public on Sunday. The City Manager was instructed to check into this matter and see if signs are needed or any regulations.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk