

Grand Junction, Colorado
October 1, 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 Hanson, Harper, Colescott, Hoisington, Walt and President Ela. Councilman Severson was absent. Also present were City Attorney Groves and City Clerk Tomlinson. City Manager Toyne was absent.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 17th be approved as written.

TO DEFER ACTION ON PUTTING METERS IN CHURCH PARSONAGES. A delegation from the churches of Grand Junction were present and protested the decision of the Council to charge for water for all church property excepting churches. Mr. Nestler of the Messiah Lutheran Church reported that his church had always paid water rent on the preacher's home and he thought that they were entitled to a rebate for water rent paid in the past and protested paying water rent on the parsonages in the future.

Mr. Dale Luke also reported that they had been paying water rent on their pastor's home, the Seventh Day Adventist. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Walt that action on the matter of charging for water rent on parsonages be deferred until further study can be made by the City Manager and that no more meters be put in at the present time. Motion carried.

It was recommended that the survey including the following items:

1. Who holds title on the parsonage.
2. Whether it is a rental property.
3. How many church schools there are owned by churches.
4. Other property owned by churches but not used for parsonages or preacher's homes.
5. Number of churches outside City using City water.

FIREMEN ON PROPOSED 60 HR. WEEK AMENDMENT. A delegation of the Grand Junction Fire Department was present and spoke to the Council concerning the amendment which is to be voted on at the Nov. 4th election concerning firemen's hours in the State of Colorado. This amendment, sponsored by the State Firemen's Association, sets a 60 hour work week for all firemen in paid departments in the State.

Jack Schmidt, Frank Kreps and R. T. Mantlo spoke concerning the points in question. They reported that the Grand Junction Fire Department could go on a 60 hour week by hiring two more men whereas the information which had been compiled and furnished by the Colo. Municipal League was to the effect that it would take at least one-third as many men more as there are now on the Department. The Firemen

thanked the Council for the privilege of explaining the various phases of the bill and stated that while they had better hours than the average department in the State and received better pay, a good many departments are still working as many as 84 hours per week. They were going along with the departments that needed the help in order to help them get better hours. President Ela thanked the firemen for coming to the meeting.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - SPEED LIMIT ON NORTH AVE. Mr. Ernie Green of the State Highway Department spoke to the Council about the signs which have been put up on North Avenue making a thirty and thirty-five mile speed limit permissible. The following proposed ordinance was introduced and read: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SPEED RESTRICTIONS ON NORTH AVENUE AND AMENDING SECTION 14, ORDINANCE NO. 780 OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

TO ADVERTISE LIQUOR LICENSE - G. & C MAUPIN. Messrs. Gene and Corwin Maupin dba Bottle Liquor Store, 2428 North Avenue, presented an application for a retail liquor store license. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the application be advertised for hearing on November 5th. Motion carried.

RENEW BEER LICENSE FOR SOUTHSIDE GROCERY. Kenneth G. Mark and Frances H. Mark dba Southside Grocery, 832 So. 7th, presented an application for renewal of their 3.2 beer license. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hanson that this request be granted and license renewed. Motion carried.

IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE TO PAY AUDITORIUM EXPENSE. The Izaak Walton League asked for free use of the auditorium for a pre-game Buck and Bull session on Oct. 9th. This meeting will emphasize safety during the hunting season.

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Walt that the Izaak Walton League be granted the use of the auditorium for the actual cost of the lights and janitor service not to exceed \$15.00. Motion carried.

MENDICELLI WATER BILL \$12.74. Mr. Louie P. Mendicelli, 814 Hill, requested an adjustment in his water bill. A service line break caused 108,400 gallons of water to go through this meter. During the same period in 1951, 47,800 gallons of water were used. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Walt that a \$10.42 rebate be allowed; Mr. Mendicelli to pay \$12.74. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

COLLBRAN WATER PROJECT. City Attorney Groves reported that he had attended two meetings concerning the Collbran project; that City Manager Toyne,

Councilman C. A. Walt and City Engineer Burton had been present at one meeting with the Bureau of Reclamation to consider the proposition which the Bureau expects to submit to the Bureau of the Budget on the cost of the project. Accurate figures on the project were not released but the figure of \$7,000,000 which had been tentatively used by the City was very close to being the correct amount. This would make an annual sum of approximately \$140,000 to be paid back each year for fifty years; however, there was a graduated scale to be used so that payment in the earlier years would be less and the later years heavier. The Plateau Valley Committee is to sound out the users to see how many are in favor of the project.

City Attorney Groves had also attended a meeting in Clifton for rural users and it had been determined that the rural users could afford a sum of \$55.00 per acre foot of water. Some of the questions which arose at this meeting were whether the City would wish to take all of the water and re-sell it to the rural users or whether the rural users should enter into the bargaining. East Orchard Mesa, West Orchard Mesa, Central Orchard Mesa, Fruitvale, Clifton, Redlands and the area west of Grand Junction were all represented at this meeting.

DISCUSS KANNAH CREEK WATER. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Walt that the City Attorney direct a letter to Mr. Frank Merrill, Secretary of the Colorado River Conservation Board, asking for their services in making a survey of the Kannah Creek water. Motion carried.

A little discussion was had concerning the matter of appropriating funds for the purchase of more water rights on Kannah Creek.

CITY EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN. City Attorney Groves read a memorandum prepared by Fred Hagie, City Treasurer, concerning the City Employees Pension Plan. This memorandum was prepared after the Actuary's report was received which showed that with a very few changes the plan would be a sound one. City Attorney Groves approved of the changes suggested by the Actuary but also suggested that in order that there would be no question of legality of the plan and for further protection to the employees, it might be well to submit to the voters at the spring election a Charter amendment giving the City Council the authority to enter into a pension plan with the City employees. The Council want of the opinion that the pension plan should be continued and an ordinance will be presented later this fall to provide for this continuation.

WARREN L. TURNER APPOINTED DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY. City Attorney Groves asked that Warren L. Turner be appointed as a deputy to the City Attorney without any additional compensation to be paid by the City. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the request be granted. Motion carried.

APPROVE BONDS. Bonds for J. C. Whitten, Plumber, A. M. Vale, and Earl Barbour, Cement Contractors, were presented. It was moved by Councilman Colescott

and seconded by Councilman Harper that the bonds be approved and filed when approved as to form by the City Attorney. Motion carried.

LASHMETT CASE. City Attorney Groves presented a letter regarding the Lashmett case in which he stated that the time for filing a petition for re-hearing has expired and the decision of the Supreme Court in favor of the City of Grand Junction has become final. An order to the District Court which vacates the judgment rendered by it and orders the action dismissed will be filed soon. This order can contain a judgment in favor of the City and against Patty Ann Lashmett for the amount of the City's court costs which are legally recoverable in the amount of \$116.09. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the City Attorney be instructed to file the order without the judgment for the court costs. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

COLESCOTT ON TRIP TO DELTA, UTAH. Councilman Colescott reported on his trip to Delta, Utah, for the celebration of the completion of Highway #6. He thanked the Council for sending him and stated that it was a very nice celebration and an important connecting link in the coast to coast highway.

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Harper that a letter be sent to Mayor Pace congratulating him on the celebration which Delta put on and thanking him for the courtesies extended to Mr. and Mrs. Colescott. Motion carried.

SERVICE CLUB REPRESENTATIVES. There were representatives from the Lions Club and the Kiwanis Club present at this meeting.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk