

Grand Junction, Colorado  
October 15, 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, Colescott, Hoisington, Walt and President Ela. Councilmen absent were Harper and Severson. Also present were City Manager Toyne, Deputy City Attorney Dufford and City Clerk Tomlinson. City Attorney Groves was absent.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Walt that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 1st be approved as written.

TO AMEND RURAL FIRE CONTRACT. A committee representing the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District with Mr. Chas. Traylor, Attorney, appeared before the Council in regard to the levy for their proportionate share for operating the Rural Fire Department. The contract between the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District and the City of Grand Junction provides for a levy of 1.75 mills for payment of salaries of firemen and for housing equipment. Due to the reappraisal program, the valuation of the district has increased from \$5,123,050 to \$8,633,380 and under House Bill No. 20, the District is prohibited from "levying of a greater amount of revenue than was levied in the preceding year plus 5%." This would mean that the maximum amount which could be raised by levy without a special appeal to the State Tax Commission would be \$9,410. This would amount to a levy of about 1.09 mills. They asked that their contract be amended so that the levy would not exceed the maximum allowed by law.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the contract between the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District and the City of Grand Junction be amended to provide that the levy for the services performed under the terms of their agreement shall provide a sum of money equal to 1.09 mills upon the assessed valuation of all the property within the said district, and that the City Manager and City Clerk be authorized to sign an amended agreement. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE ON XMAS DECORATIONS. Mr. Lowell Long representing the Xmas Decorations Committee of the Chamber of Commerce was present and asked the Council to contribute towards providing for more Xmas decorations for the City Hall. He suggested that flood lights be placed along the east and west sides of the building to focus attention on the building, and that additional Christmas decorations be added each year until an attractive civic center display would be provided.

He stated that the Committee intended to contact the County Commissioners and ask them to start in on a program of decorating for the County Court House property.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the City Manager check into this matter and report back to the Council at the next meeting. Motion carried.

FIREMAN ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT ON HOURS. Messrs. Jack Schmidt and Frank Kreps, firemen, were present and reported that in carrying forth their figures concerning the number of men which would be required to operate the Fire Department if the proposed amendment concerning firemen's hours is voted upon favorably on Nov. 4th, they had come to the conclusion that it would require four additional men to take care of the Department. They had previously reported to the Council that two additional men would be necessary.

The Council thanked Messrs. Schmidt and Kreps for correcting their statements and Councilman Walt complimented the Department in clearing up the error.

ORD. 865 SPEED LIMIT ON NORTH AVE. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR SPEED RESTRICTIONS ON NORTH AVENUE AND AMENDING SEC. 14 OF ORDINANCE 780 OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried. The ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hoisington was passed, adopted, numbered 865 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

NO PROTESTS ON PAV. DIST. #50. The City Clerk reported that there had been no protests filed concerning Paving District No. 50. The following proposed ordinance was introduced and read: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WHOLE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN AND FOR PAVING AND SIDEWALK DISTRICT NO. 50, IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 178, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 1910, AS AMENDED: APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST TO EACH LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT: ASSESSING THE SHARE OF SAID COST AGAINST EACH LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT: AND APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST: AND PRESCRIBING THE MANNER FOR THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF SAID ASSESSMENTS."

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. 1. Mr. Alphonso de Rose, 505 West Main St., used 91,300 gallons of water due to a service line leak which amounted to \$20.25. During the same quarter one year ago, this property used 63,300 gallons which amounted to \$15.38.

2. Mrs. Alice Reece, 602 West Colorado (Rear) used 50,900 gallons of water which amounts to \$13.24. Last year during the same period, 16,600 gallons of water were used amounting to \$7.32. This excess use of water was caused by a service line leak.

3. Mr. Earl Knapp, 745, Third Avenue, used 85,500 gallons of water amounting to \$19.23. A year ago, the meter on this property was dead but the water used for the quarter ending July 1, 1952, was 39,100 gallons or \$11.22.

4. Mr. Harvey Young, 1207 So. 7th St. used 100,500 gallons of water amounting to \$21.83. The largest amount of water ever used on this property was during the quarter ending July 1, 1952 which was 20,400 gallons of water amounting to \$8.01. The excessive use on this property was caused by a service line leak.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the water rents for the above be adjusted as follows:

1. Mr. Alphonso de Rose, 505 W. Main	\$15.38
2. Mrs. Alice Reece, 602 West Colo. (Rear)	7.32
3. Mr. Earl Knapp, 745 Third Ave.	11.22
4. Mr. Harvey Young, 1207 So. 7th	8.01

Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

5. Mrs. Chas. Harp, 1361 Rood Avenue, requested an adjustment on her water bill due to a leak in the pipes. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that this request be referred to the Water Department for checking. Motion carried.

LETTER FROM LOWELL P.T.A. A letter from the Secretary of the Lowell P.T.A. was read thanking the Council for their cooperation in installing the school crossing light on 7th Street in front of the Lowell School. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hanson that this letter be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

ANDERSON PROPERTY WITHDRAWN. A letter was read from Mr. Eugene Mast stating that the offer of Mr. W. L. Anderson and others to sell to the City certain

lands and water rights in the Kannah Creek area in Mesa County was withdrawn. Apparently there was a slight misunderstanding concerning a statement made by City Attorney Groves to Mr. Mast and Mr. Anderson and a copy of a letter was read which had been written by City Attorney Groves to clarify this situation. City Attorney Groves had intended to imply that the City was not ready to purchase the land and water rights of Mr. Anderson and others until further facts could be studied but did not intend to withdraw completely from consideration of purchasing of this property; however, they did not want to hold Mr. Anderson back from any sale which he might have for this property.

TO PAY FOR PROCLAMATION. President Ela reported that he had had a proclamation published concerning Fire Prevention Week. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Walt that the City pay for the publication of this proclamation. Motion carried.

SEVERSON ILL. President Ela reported that Councilman Severson had called and thanked him for the flowers sent him while ill.

TOYNE REPORTS ON TRIP. City Manager Toyne reported on his trip to the City Manager's Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

HOISINGTON TO BOULDER. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hanson that Councilman Hoisington attend the meeting of the Colorado Municipal League in Boulder on October 25th. Motion carried.

AIRPORT. Councilman Walt complimented the City Manager and City Engineer Burton for the improvements recently made at the Airport. City Manager Toyne called the Council's attention to the pavement of the road at the Airport and the new fence; also the paving of the parking area at Lincoln Park.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk