

Grand Junction, Colorado
November 5, 1952

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

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Walt that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 15th be approved as written. Motion carried.

TO CONSIDER SHORTENING FIREMEN'S HOURS. A delegation from the Grand Junction Fire Department appeared before the Council and stated that the proposed amendment which had been voted on at the election November 4th, which would shorten the hours required for firemen to work to 60 per week, had been defeated. In Grand Junction and Mesa County, however, the amendment had carried by quite a large majority. They asked the Council to consider shortening the Grand Junction Department's hours to 66 per week, from the 73 1/2 which they now work. This would necessitate the hiring of one additional man on each shift.

City Manager Toyne estimated that the cost of the program proposed by the delegation would be \$10,810.00. This amount includes the increase in wages proposed in the 1953 budget.

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the Council take the matter under advisement and give consideration to it when the new budget is discussed. Motion carried.

DEFER ACTION ON MAUPIN RETAIL LIQUOR STORE APPLICATION TILL NEXT MEETING. This was the date set for hearing on the application of Gene Maupin and Corwin Maupin for a retail liquor store license at 2428 North Ave. It was explained that the Council have had a policy for a number of years against the issuance of any more liquor licenses on North Avenue. There were no protests filed against the issuance of the Corwin license. Discussion was had by the Council as to whether or not the policy of not issuing further licenses should be continued.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the application of Gene Maupin and Corwin Maupin for a retail liquor store license at 2428 North Avenue be denied. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting "AYE:" Hoisington, Harper and Hanson.

Councilman voting "NAY:" Walt, Colescott, Severson and Ela. A majority of the Councilmen voting "NAY," the President declared the motion lost.

Councilman Harper left at this time for a brief period.

It was then moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Severson that the Council defer action on the matter of issuing a retail liquor store license to Gene Maupin and Corwin Maupin until further study and that the hearing on the matter be continued until the next regular meeting of the Council. Motion carried.

PAVING DIST. #50 ASSESSING ORDINANCE. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled, "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, CITED 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," was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Walt that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

The ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hanson, was passed, adopted, numbered 866 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

RENT-A-CAR SERVICE. The Auto Rental Service, Inc. has requested permission to establish an Avis-Rent-A-Car service from Walker Field for the assistance of travelers. This is a similar service to the system used by most railroads at large terminals. A proposed agreement was read in which the rental service company asked for an exclusive agreement for this type of service.

It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Walt that the proposed agreement be signed, subject to the approval of the City Attorney and the City Manager, and after deleting the word "exclusive." Motion carried.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. 1. Ray N. Morrison, owner of the Central Motel, 354 North Avenue requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak. His water bill is \$90.55 for 365,100 gallons of water. This same period last year, his water usage was 195,700 gallons for \$53.82.

2. Mrs. Charles Harp, 1361 Rood Ave., found a leak in the service line and used 194,800 gallons of water at \$38.07. Last year, this property used 139,500 gallons of water for \$28.53.

3. Ben Marasco, 531 West Main, found a service line break and had used 23,000 gallons of water at \$8.45. Last year during the same period of time, his bill was \$6.76 for 13,400 gallons of water used.

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the bills for water be approved as follows:

Ray N. Morrison, Central Motel, 354 North Ave.	\$53.82
Mrs. Charles Harp, 1361 Rood Ave.	38.53
Ben Marasco, 531 West Main St.	6.76

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

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS DENIED. 1. D. W. Towne, 1410 N. 18th Street, requested an adjustment in his water bill due to a service line break and the fact that they were out of town for a month. His bill for the past quarter is \$17.42 for 75,100 gallons of water used, and for the corresponding quarter a year ago the bill was \$18.41 for 80,700 gallons. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Walt that the request be denied. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

2. Mr. Craig Southwell, 436 South 7th Street, protested his last quarter water bill. The meter was dead so he was billed for the same amount of water as used in the corresponding quarter of last year. He thinks the usage should be less because he had been watering his lawn from property which he also owned at 424 South 7th Street. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hoisington that the request be denied. Motion carried.

3. Mr. Floyd D. Price requested an adjustment in a water bill for Mr. Ted Payne who is the tenant on a ranch on Orchard Mesa belonging to Mr. Price. Their October bill is \$52.48 caused by a leak in a 3/4 inch line along the highway. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the Council adhere to the policy which they have established in not allowing any adjustments in water bills outside of the City limits and therefore, the request be denied. Motion carried.

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETING. The State Highway Commission will be in session in the office of the Chief Engineer in Denver, beginning at 2 P. M. on November 19, and continuing through November 22nd for the purpose of hearing all

delegations interested in the 1953 Highway program. It was decided to turn this matter over to the City Manager to check with the Chamber of Commerce and select a committee to attend the meetings in Denver.

ADV. LIQUOR LICENSE FOR CITY LIQUOR STORE. Henry C. Post, Jr. made application for a liquor license for the City Liquor Store at 119 South 6th Street. This license is now held by Harry Williams. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the license be advertised for hearing on December 3rd, 1952. Motion carried.

COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE. A letter was read from the Colorado Municipal League asking that a Chairman of the local legislative committee be appointed in order to get started on a legislative program for the State. Mr. Toyne was appointed to serve as this Chairman for Grand Junction.

WALKER FIELD EMPLOYEES LETTER. A "thank you" letter was read from the employees from Walker Field in appreciation for the improvements recently made at the airport. It was moved by Councilman Hoisington and seconded by Councilman Harper that the letter be received, acknowledged and filed. Motion carried.

PARKING TICKETS. The Hereford Breeder's Assn. requested that during their sale to be held in the near future, that out of town cars be allowed to park for as long a time as they wished without receiving over-parking tickets. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hanson that Mr. Toyne take this matter up with the Retail Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried.

CITY EMPLOYEES PENSION. The Council recently decided that it would be wise if a Charter amendment were submitted to the voters of the City at the election in April, 1953, concerning pensions for City employees. They also decided to wait until after this election to make definite decisions concerning the continuance of the pension plan, and wished to hold in abeyance and intact the present ordinance. City Attorney Groves had therefore drawn up the following entitled proposed ordinance which was ready by the City Clerk: "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO EMPLOYEES' PENSIONS AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 801." It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

1953 BUDGET AND MILL LEVY. City Manager Toyne presented to the Council copies of the proposed 1953 budget. He was complimented on the fine way in which the budget was prepared. This budget provides for approximately \$71,000 more in money than the 1952 budget, which is more than the 5% increase in money allowed by the State Tax Commission, so the approval of the Commission would be necessary.

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

LEVYING TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1952 IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION,
COLORADO

BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado:

Section 1. That there shall be and hereby is levied upon all taxable property within the limits of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the year 1952, according to the assessed valuation of said property, a tax of nineteen (19) mills on the dollar (\$1.00) upon the total assessment of taxable property within the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the purpose of paying the expenses of the municipal government of said City, and certain indebtedness, including interest upon indebtedness of the City, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1952.

Section 2. That said total levy shall comprise the following items, to-wit:

(a) A levy of Eighteen and one-tenth (18.1) mills on each dollar (\$1.00) of the assessed valuation of said property to be collected and used for the General Fund to defray the general expenses of municipal government of the City of Grand Junction for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1952.

(b) A levy of nine-tenths mills (.9) mill on each dollar (\$1.00) of the assessed valuation of said property to be collected and used for Public Library purposes for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1953.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk