

Grand Junction, Colorado
January 7, 1953

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, Severson, Harper, Colescott, Walt and President Ela. Councilman Hoisington was absent. Also present were City Manager Toyne, City Attorney Groves and City Clerk Tomlinson.

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

WAIVE 10% OF GATE TO COMMUNITY CHEST. Mr. B. A. Kellogg appeared before the Council and requested that the Council waive 10% of the gate for the Thanksgiving football game which was played at Lincoln Park. This amount would be \$80.32 and as this was a benefit game for the Grand Junction Community Chest, it would be donated to the Chest fund. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the request of Mr. Kellogg be granted and that the Council waive the usual charge of 10% of the gate at the Thanksgiving Day football game. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

GRANT LIQUOR LICENSE TO CULLEY AT AMERICAN LEGION BLDG. The Council had voted to continue the hearing for the restaurant liquor license of W. T. and Verna I. Culley at the American Legion Building at this meeting. A crowd of around 400 people was in the auditorium interested in this issue. Petitions were filed signed by a large number of Mesa County residents both in favor of the granting of the license to Mr. and Mrs. Culley and in opposition to the granting of the license.

A letter from the Junior Chamber of Commerce was presented requesting that the license be granted and a letter from the Ministerial Alliance was read protesting the granting of the license.

Mr. C. W. Baldwin, President of the Ministerial Alliance, spoke against the granting of the license as did Rev. Hutchinson, Assembly of God preacher, Rev. Paul Jolly of the Southern Baptist and Mr. A. A. Robinson of the Columbus W.C.T.U. Rev. Wiest of the Seventh Day Adventist Church stated that he felt the Council had a very hard decision to make, and it was one he hoped they would not have to make in that Mr. Culley might withdraw his application but that he felt the Council would be very fair in the decision which they would render; that either way, one side or the other had to lose.

Mr. Culley spoke on behalf of himself and the American Legion and pledged that he and his organization would run a place of business which would be a credit to the

City and would not in any way interfere with the programs which have been carried on in the Legion building for the youth of the City.

Mr. Hayward Shull, who is the Director of the Drum & Bugle Corps of the American Legion, stated that he did not think a license issued to Mr. Culley would interfere with the use of the building for young people's groups any more than the previous liquor license held by the American Legion. Most of the young people's groups stay in their own part of the building and did not pay any attention to what was going on in other parts of the building. He also stated that he had assisted in the teen-age dances which have been held in the Legion building in the past few years at various times and that the liquor situation had not been one of importance regardless of the fact that the American Legion has had a bar license in the building for many years.

Charlene Giebler asked what would become of the Legion building in case Mr. Culley did not get his license. Mr. Wm. Dufford, member of the Legion building board, stated that the board had made no decision as to whether they would put the building up for sale or not.

Mr. Bob O'Daniel, businessman and American Legion member and a member of the City Council at the time the building was sold to the American Legion, spoke in favor of granting the license to Mr. Culley and giving the Legion a chance to hold on to the building and work out of its financial difficulty. This would also put part of the building on the tax rolls which would be advantageous to the City.

Mr. Pershing Reese, a former commander of the American Legion, stated that the American Legion had always had a liquor license since they had this building and if Mr. Culley was allowed to move, there would be one less bar license in the City.

Mr. Vern Carlson also spoke in favor of granting the license. President Ela reminded the audience that the Council could not decide the issue of morals involved in the liquor question; that they could only consider the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood to which the applicant seeks to change his location and the desires of the inhabitants.

Rev. Onan of the Columbus Community Church asked that the people present be counted whether for or against. There were many protests to this request. Several of the ministers who were present and had spoken against the granting of the license were accompanied by large delegations of their congregations and there were also a large number of people in the audience who did not live inside the City limits of the City and therefore should have no voice in whether or not the license should be granted to Mr. Culley.

Councilman Harper explained that if the license was not granted to Mr. Culley, in all probability it would be necessary for the Legion to dispose of the building to the highest bidder. The City would have no funds with which to purchase the building back or to operate it as a youth center and unless either the County of Mesa or School

District #51 would purchase it for their use it would be sold for a completely commercial enterprise and that at this time, the Legion building as a Y.M.C.A. or a building dedicated to the youth of the City is a thing of the past and the sentimental feeling attached to the building is gone.

Councilman Hanson stated that he was on a good many drives for funds for the Y.M.C.A. building and that he was on the Y.M.C.A. Board at the time the building was given to the City; that it was through lack of cooperation and support by the citizens of Grand Junction that the Y.M.C.A. Board felt that it could no longer carry on and the building was given to the City of Grand Junction.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hanson that after consideration of and in the light of the reasonable requirements of the neighborhood involved and the desires of the inhabitants as evidenced by petitions, remonstrances and otherwise, the application of W. T. and Verna I. Culley for change of location of their restaurant liquor license be and the same is hereby granted. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

RENEW 3.2 BEER FOR TEX HOUSE & WILLIAMS GROCERY. Applications for the renewal of 3.2 beer licenses for Ralph P. and Gertrude S. Henderson dba the Tex House Cafe at 326 Main St. and for Thomas B. Williams dba Williams Grocery at 215 Colorado Ave. were presented. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that these licenses be renewed. Motion carried.

TO ADVERTISE BASQUETTE 3.2 BEER APPLICATION. Mrs. Claude A. (Letizia) Basquette presented an application for a 3.2 beer license for the former Longo's Grocery, 322-324 So. 2nd St. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Walt that this license application be advertised for hearing on the 4th of February. Motion carried.

PASS ORDINANCE #869 CITY MANAGER'S SALARY. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE SALARY OF THE CITY MANAGER," was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

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

The ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Severson was passed adopted, numbered 869 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with Councilman Colescott voting "Nay." A majority of Councilmen voting "AYE," the President declared the motion carried.

GRANT REVOCABLE PERMIT FOR TRAILER OFFICE TO GRAND MESA MOTOR COMPANY. The Grand Mesa Motor Co. presented a request to use a trailer house as an office on their used car lot in the 200 block on So. 7th St. It would be used only as an office during business hours and there would be no living or cooking facilities used whatever. The sanitary facilities located in the garage building across the alley would be accessible so there would be no hazard to health or safety. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Harper that a revocable permit be given to the Grand Mesa Motor Company for the use of a trailer house for an office as requested. Motion carried.

C. M. & C. E. TO MEET WITH FOREST SERVICE ON CARSON LAKE. Memoranda were presented to the Council from District Forest Ranger E. S. Erickson and from John Burton, City Engineer to City Manager Toyne, concerning problems in connection with the operation of Carson Lake. The matter of having the road closed and the gate locked into Carson Lake was discussed. Councilman Harper suggested that the gate be kept unlocked provided recommendations of the City Engineer are carried out. Councilmen Hanson and Walt felt that there was too much hazard involved in opening Carson Lake to the Public. Councilman Hanson felt that a meeting should be arranged with the Forest Supervisor to get these problems solved before the fishing and picnic season starts.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that the matter be referred to the City Manager and City Engineer to confer with the Forest Service and report back to the Council. Motion carried.

\$8,671 TRANSFERRED FROM GENERAL TO INTERSECTION FUND. Some months ago the City Council considered the fact that if Pav. Dist. #50 was constructed, it would be necessary to provide funds for construction of part of the intersections as money which had been available from the balance of the general obligation intersection bonds would not be sufficient to finish up Pav. Dist. #50. The district has been completed and the intersection fund is short \$8,671.00. The final payment is due the contractor at this time. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the City Treasurer be authorized to transfer \$8,671.00 from the general fund to the intersection fund. Roll was called on the motion with all councilmen present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

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

James C. Whitten	Plumbing Contractor
Clifford E. Starkebaum	Plumbing Contractor
Kendall Electric Co.	Electrical Contractor

Wesco Electric	Electrical Contractor
W. R. Hall	House Mover
J. Earl Barbour	Cement Contractor
Van Deren-Ford	Cement Contractor
Allison & Bauman	Cement Contractor
C. E. Poland	Cement Contractor
Thomas McCall	Cement Contractor
Walker-Lybarger	Cement Contractor
A. M. Vale	Cement Contractor

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

APPOINT RECREATION BOARD REPRESENTATIVES. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hanson that Mr. I. K. Boltz and James S. Gormley be appointed to serve on the Recreation Board for a term of two years from Jan. 1, 1953. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hanson that Councilman Walt be appointed as a representative of the City of Grand Junction on the Recreation Board. Councilman Walt declined to serve so the motion was withdrawn with the consent of the second.

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Walt that Councilman J. D. Severson be appointed as a member of the Recreation Board together with City Manager W. D. Toyne representing the City of Grand Junction for a two-year term effective January 1, 1953. Motion carried.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. (a) Mrs. Ollie Timmons, 644 West Colo. Ave., requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak. The amount of water shown on her January 1st bill was 324,900 gallons of water amounting to \$60.54. For the corresponding quarter a year ago, Mrs. Timmons used 10,900 gallons amounting to \$6.39. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that Mrs. Timmons' water bill be adjusted to \$6.39. All Councilmen present voted "AYE," and the President declared the motion carried.

(b) Wieker Cigar Store, 541 Main St. Mr. Robt. Wieker of the Wieker Cigar Store, 541 Main St., appeared before the Council regarding his water bill. A stuck valve in a compressor caused an exorbitant amount of water to be used during the past quarter, his bill being in the neighborhood of \$121.00. His usual bill is around \$14.00 a quarter. It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the bill for the Wieker Cigar Store be adjusted to the highest previous water bill paid under the new water rates. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

ACCEPT RESOLUTION BY EMPLOYEES FOR PENSION PLAN. A resolution was read signed by 50 of the 74 city employees who pay into the City Employees Pension Fund. This resolution commended the members of the City Council and the City Attorney for the interest they have taken by extending the three year trial period of the plan to such time as the people of Grand Junction could delegate authority to make a permanent plan by ballot. The belief was expressed that a sound permanent pension plan is of great benefit to both employees and employer. The Council commended the employees who signed this resolution and stated that they were very glad to have such an expression. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the resolution be accepted and filed for future reference. Motion carried.

CLOUD-SEEDING PROGRAM. It was stated that when the Water Resources Development Co. have guaranteed to the City that it will perform its cloud-seeding program in Mesa, Delta, and Garfield Counties during the first three months of 1953, the City Clerk be authorized to pay over the \$1,500 pledged for the program.

STATE HIGHWAY REPRESENTATION. The Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce suggested that the Council join with them in asking that the Governor of Colorado appoint someone from the Grand Junction community to the State Highway Board whenever there is a vacancy on that board.

PRES. ELA TO SIGN MAYOR OF AMERICA. President Ela read a letter from the Mayors of America asking that his name be placed on a Unity program plaque to be presented to President Eisenhower upon his inauguration to encourage him in his efforts to attain world peace, stamp out communism and to strengthen the economy of the people in every level. President Ela was authorized to sign the card placing his name on this plaque if he so desired.

MUN. LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE MEETING. It was announced that the 1953 Municipal League legislative conference would be held on Tuesday, February 17th.

COLO. HWY ASSN. MEETING. Councilman Walt announced that the Colo. Highway 6 Association annual meeting will be held in Glenwood Springs at the Denver Hotel on January 15th for a dinner meeting, and all Councilmen were invited to attend.

PARKING VIOLATIONS AT POST OFFICE. Discussion was had concerning the violation of parking laws around the Post Office Building and also concerning the

parking after business hours in lay-back curbs around filling stations. The City Manager was requested to discuss this matter with the Chief of Police, Joe Keith.

MEET WITH FRANK MERRILL JAN. 23. It was decided to hold a meeting on January 23rd at 7:30 with Mr. Frank Merrill to consider his report on the water situation on Grand Mesa.

C.A. TO DRAW UP ORD. SIMPLIFYING BONDS. City Attorney Groves suggested that he be authorized to draw up an ordinance to simplify the issuance of all performance bonds required by City ordinances in the issuance of licenses to various contractors in the City. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Hanson such an ordinance be prepared and presented to the Council. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Severson that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk