

Grand Junction, Colorado  
January 21, 1953

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction met in regular session at 7:30 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.

A correction was made in the minutes of the meeting of January 7th as Councilman Colescott voted "NAY" on the ordinance setting the City Manager's salary. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Harper that the minutes be approved as corrected. Motion carried.

PLAQUE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL. Mr. Ted Treece, Jr. appeared before the Council and presented a beautiful bronze plaque from the Visalia Chamber of Commerce which the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the City of Grand Junction won in a contest to get out the voters in the November election. The plaque was presented to the City Manager and President of the Council. President Ela accepted same with thanks.

TO ADVERTISE HEARING ON ZONING CHANGE. A meeting of the Board of Adjustment was held on Tuesday, January 20th, to consider changing lots 1 to 5 inclusive Block 1 of High School Addition from Residence A District to Residence B District. This property is located on No. Sixth between Hall Ave. and the alley between Hall and Orchard and facing Sixth. The applicant wishes to place a group of duplexes on this property. The Board of Adjustment recommended that the lots be rezoned as Residence B.

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the property owners in the vicinity of Sixth and Hall and Orchard be notified by letter and that a hearing be advertised to be held at the next Council meeting on February 4th to consider the rezoning of these five lots in question. Motion carried.

GRANT TAP TO UTE LAND CO. The Ute Land Company requested that they be allowed to tap the water main at 19th and Gunnison to supply a new housing development project which they are planning to build at 22nd and Gunnison.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the request be granted subject to the conforming by the Ute Land Co. with all outside water users rules and regulations. Motion carried.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. (a) M. P. Brown, 1236 S. 7th St., requests an adjustment due to a service line break. His Jan. 1st bill showed a usage of 74,400 gallons of water amounting to \$19.01. Last year at this same period, the water usage was 21,900 gallons amounting to \$8.24.

(b) Mae Heiny, 941 Main St., requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line break. Her bill for Feb. 1, shows a water usage of 155,200 gallons and amounts to \$44.52. Last year during this period, the water usage showed 44,200 gallons or \$13.39.

It was moved by Councilman Hanson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that these requests be granted and the water bill for M. P. Brown, 1236 S. 7th St. be adjusted at \$8.24 and the bill for Mae Heiny, 941 Main St., be adjusted at \$13.39. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

CLOUD-SEEDING CONTRACT MADE. City Attorney Groves informed the Council that he had received notice from Mr. Paul J. Caubin, General Manager of the Water Resources Development Corporation stating that they had entered into a contract with the Northwestern Colo. Weather Development Corporation to perform a full consecutive three-month's program in the counties of Mesa, Delta and Garfield beginning January 1, 1953, through March, 1953, and that the City could pay their pledged amount to participate in this program.

It was suggested that the City Manager and City Engineer get in touch with the Northwestern Colo. Weather Improvement Corp. and learn all about the cloud-seeding program that is possible such as where the generators are to be located, when and where they are being operated and other pertinent facts concerning the program and to report at regular intervals to the Council.

TO GET BIDS FOR 1953 AUDIT. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Hanson that the Council request that on or before April 1, 1953, sealed bids be requested from all interested auditors for auditing the books of the City for the year 1953. These bids should include an outline of the work proposed to be done by each auditor. The request for bids should stipulate that the audit should be completed and report made to the Council by March 1, the Council reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

It was explained that the Council was not dissatisfied with the work Mr. Ragan had been doing in making the annual audits of the City books but one or two members of the Council expressed the wish that all auditors be given an opportunity to bid on the work.

It was suggested that the Colo. Society of Auditors be contacted to find out how auditing procedure is handled in other municipalities.

The motion was declared carried.

W. J. KROGH REQUEST REFERRED TO C. M. & C. A. It was reported that Mr. Walter J. Krogh desires either a long term lease on the property on the Gunnison River where his house is located or would like to purchase outright the land on which his house is located. If he would purchase this plot of ground, it would be necessary that it

be sold to him by the consent of the people of Grand Junction by vote at the next election.

The Council expressed themselves as not desiring to enter into a long term lease and would not care to sell the property at all; that they felt they had complied with their part of the bargain entered into with Mr. Krogh when he discontinued with his garbage contract with the City of Grand Junction. City Manager Toyne and City Attorney Groves were asked to look into the matter and make a report back to the Council; that it might be possible to work out a short term lease with a nominal rental; also they should check and see that the house is on the county tax rolls.

SPECIAL USE PERMITS AT CARSON LAKE IN CONFLICT. City Attorney Groves reported on the two special use permits for the City's rights at Carson Lake and the road going down to Carson Lake and showed that there very definitely was a conflict in the requirements by the Forest Service in connection with keeping the gate locked. He felt it was entirely up to the Forest Service to straighten out the question as to whether or not the public should have access to this area for fishing, picnics, etc.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk