

Grand Junction, Colorado  
July 1, 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 McCormick, Severson, Harper, Walt, Wright, Lowe and President Colescott. Also present were City Attorney Groves, City Manager Toyne and City Clerk Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 17th be approved as written. Motion carried.

DENY REVIVAL REQUEST FOR TENT AT 18TH & NORTH. "The Hour of Revival Evangelistic Association" requested permission to put up a tent on North Avenue at 18th Street for a three weeks evangelical campaign. City Attorney Groves explained to Mr. Hill, who represented this Association, that this property was located within the fire limits of the City and that a tent did not comply with regulations imposed by the City's building code. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Severson that because the structure did not comply with the building code that the request be denied. Motion carried.

UTE & PITKIN RESIDENTS PROTEST TRUCK HWY. A large group of people who reside on Ute and Pitkin Avenues appeared before the Council and spoke against the construction of the East-West Expressway. Councilman Harper explained to them that the City had entered into a contract with the State Highway Department in July of 1951 to construct the East-West Expressway on Ute and Pitkin Avenues, these streets to be made one-way streets and to carry the truck traffic through the southern part of the City. The property owners spoke for about two hours protesting the use of Ute and Pitkin Avenues.

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, at an informal meeting of the City Council held on June 24, 1953, the Colorado State Highway Department presented to the Council a sketch showing a tentative design for the flow of local and through traffic at the junctions of First Street with Ute Avenue and Pitkin Avenue, said sketch being a portion of the proposed East-West Expressway; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to approve such tentative design;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, that such tentative design is hereby approved.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting "AYE:" McCormick, Severson, Harper, Walt, Wright and Lowe

Councilman voting "NAY:" President Colescott

A majority of the Councilmen voting "AYE." the President declared the motion carried.

REFER REVIVAL REQUEST TO BUILDING DEPT. Mr. Hill of "The Hour of Revival Evangelistic Association" returned to the Council meeting and stated that they had secured a location at 18th and Bunting upon which they could erect their tent for the services. He was referred to the building department in regard to securing a permit to erect this tent.

PASS ORD. 877 REPEALING CURFEW. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 4 TO 7 INCLUSIVE OF CHAPTER 36 OF THE 1953 COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, PROHIBITING MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 17 YEARS FROM LOAFING OR LOITERING ABOUT THE STREETS AND ALLEYS," was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

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

The ordinance was then read, and upon motion of Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt was passed, adopted, numbered 877 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

DENY DRIVEWAY REQUEST FOR PAULSON. V. A. Paulson asked permission to build driveways for his Real Estate Office at 1560 North Avenue. He asked permission to put in a fifteen foot driveway on each side of his lot which would make about a fifteen foot area in between the driveways for parking purposes for clients. Councilman Harper reported that he had gone past Mr. Paulson's property and had talked to him; that there was plenty of parking room on 16th Street, and it was believed that this would work satisfactorily if properly marked. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the request of Mr. Paulson be denied. Motion carried.

SKETCHES TO BE DRAWN TO SCALE. Councilman Lowe suggested that in the future that sketches for driveways etc. when presented to the Council be drawn to scale so that a comprehensive picture can be presented to the Council.

DENY PARKING METER RENTAL TO UP-TO-DATE CLEANERS. The Up-to-Date Cleaners presented a request that they be given permission to rent by the month a parking meter at 124 South Fifth Street. It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Walt that the Council do not grant permission for the rental of parking meters at the present time at least not until further study is made. Motion carried.

RENEW COLESCOTT'S 3.2 BEER LICENSE. An application for renewal of a 3.2 beer license for Colescott's at 551 South Avenue was presented. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the application be granted. Motion carried.

GRANT WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. (a) Mrs. Floyd N. George, 921 So. 5th St., requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak. The meter showed 60,000 gallons of water for the quarter ending July 1, 1953 amounting to \$14.80. Last year, during this same quarter, 31,200 gallons of water was used amounting to \$9.83.

(b) Mr. Guadalupe Vargas, 905 S. 5th St., requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak. The meter reading showed a usage for the quarter ending July 1, 1953 of 70,300 gallons amounting to \$16.60. Mr. Vargas immediately repaired the leak upon notification. Last year for the quarter ending July 1, 1952 the meter showed a usage of 26,000 gallons amounting to \$8.95.

(c) Mrs. Molly Green, 551 W. Main St., requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak. The meter showed 120,200 gallons of water amounting to \$25.23. Due to the sandy soil condition of this section of town, this water never appeared on the surface. Last year, during this same quarter, 43,600 gallons of water were used amounting to \$11.99.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Wright that the following adjustments be made:

- (a) Mrs. Floyd N. George, 921 So. 5th Street, \$9.83
- (b) Mr. Guadalupe Vargas, 905 So. 5th Street, \$8.95
- (c) Mrs. Molly Green, 551 W. Main Street, \$11.99

Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

FILM SHOWN ON GASOLINE TANKERS. At this time, a short film on safety tank truck gasoline delivery was shown. Mr. Bill McGraw of the Recreation Department showed the film which was furnished by Councilman Severson. The Councilmen expressed their thanks to both Mr. McGraw and Mr. Severson for the privilege of seeing this film which was very educational.

LETTERS FROM SENATORS ASSURING MORE CARRIER SERVICE. Letters which had been received from Senators Johnson and Milliken and Representative Aspinall and Assistant Postmaster General N. R. Abrams by City Attorney Groves were read to the Council. These concerned the extension of city delivery mail service to the doors of 948 more families. These deliveries will include the 100 to 900 blocks on Orchard Ave., the 1700 to 1900 blocks on No. Fifth St. and 1300 to 1800 blocks on No. 18th Street. These letters were ordered filed.

LETTERS. Letters were also read from Mr. Wobick, Principal of the Lowell School concerning the light on Seventh Street between White and Grand and from Mrs. Hutton thanking the Council for their consideration in connection with the light problem at the last Council meeting.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE NOT CHANGED. A proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE 1953 COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, PROHIBITING THE SALE OF FIREWORKS AT RETAIL; PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS, CANNONS AND FIREARMS WITHOUT A PERMIT; REGULATING THE STORAGE AND SALE OF FIREWORKS AT WHOLESALE; AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE," was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the ordinance be left in its present form. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Downing was present and stated to the Council that he thought that the present ordinance worked very satisfactorily.

RESOLUTION CREATING POSITION OF ACTING MUN. JUDGE. The following resolution was presented and read:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a Vacation Municipal Judge be appointed to act during the vacation and other absences of the Municipal Judge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, that there is hereby created the position of Acting Municipal Judge, whose duty it shall be to act as Municipal Judge during the vacation and other absences of the Municipal Judge. During the absence of the Municipal Judge, the Acting Municipal Judge shall have and exercise all of the powers of the Municipal Judge. The City Manager shall appoint an Acting Municipal Judge from time to time as necessity may require for a temporary period. The person appointed shall be of good moral character and shall be familiar with the functions and duties of the Municipal Judge. The salary of the Acting Municipal Judge shall not exceed the then current salary of the Municipal Judge.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper 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.

C. M. REPORTS ON PAVING PROGRAM. City Manager Toyne reported on the amount of street repairs which had been done so far this year and stated that the runways at the airport were being repaired at the present time. A considerable area in Lincoln Park had also been paved.

ALLEYS SPRAYED TO ELIMINATE FLIES. He reported also that at the present time the alleys are being sprayed to eliminate flies and mosquitoes. A new mist sprayer has been purchased to do this work. With this machine, a two man crew can do a more penetrating job in three days than a three man crew with the old machine could do in six days which will be a large saving in labor costs. Considerably less spray material is necessary with the new machine.

CENTER PARKINGS. City Manager Toyne also reported that it would cost about \$1,000 per block to remove the center parkings on North Seventh Street and to replace pavement where center parkings are at the present time. This would not include any light replacement. If an ornamental lighting system were to be installed, it would cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000 to \$5,000.

PENSION PLAN. The City Attorney reported that each city employee who is under the present pension plan had been mailed a ballot to indicate whether or not he would be willing to pay Social Security retroactive to 1951 from the amount of money which he has deposited in the present pension fund. He also has consulted the proper state authorities for authorization to enter into a contract for Social Security.

WALTER KROGH LEASE. City Attorney Groves also reported that Walter Krogh had not signed the lease for the property upon which his house is built but that he had paid three months' rent to the City. Mr. Krogh will no doubt attend the next Council meeting.

C. M. TO INVESTIGATE JUNK AT ARTISTIC FURNITURE CO. City Manager Toyne was asked to investigate the junk yards on North Avenue. There is apparently a new one behind the Artistic Furniture Company.

C. A. TO DRAW ORD. ZONING NEW ANNEXATIONS RES. A. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance requiring that any new territory coming into the City be zoned as Residence "A" until the needs of the district are determined. Motion carried.

C. A. TO CONTACT FILES BROS. ABOUT SEWER CONNECTION. It was reported that Files Brothers on North Avenue are not connected to the City sewer line. The plumbing ordinance provides that wherever a sewer is available that a property

owner must connect with the sewer line for sanitary facilities. This matter was referred to the City Attorney to be enforced.

TO ENFORCE TRAILER ORDINANCE. It was also brought to the attention of the Council that there are several trailer houses which do not comply with the trailer ordinance which was adopted a short time ago. A good many of them are not occupied but they are parked in violation of the ordinance. The City Manager was instructed to investigate and enforce the trailer ordinance very rigidly.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk