

Grand Junction, Colorado
July 15, 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, Harper, Wright and Lowe. Councilmen Severson, Walt and President Colescott were absent. Also present were City Manager Toyne, Deputy City Attorney Warren Turner and City Clerk Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Lowe that Councilman Wright act as President Pro Tem of the Council. Motion carried. Councilman Wright took the chair and presided during the meeting.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 1st be approved as written.

TABLE WESTLAKE ADDN REQUEST FOR 3" WATER TAP. Mr. W. C. Rump appeared before the Council and asked permission to construct a 3 inch water line on 1st and Mesa Ave. They wish to organize a water company to furnish water for the Westlake Park Addition and other property north of Independent Avenue and west of First Street. Their organization would be similar to the First Fruitridge Pipeline Company which company has stated that they did not have facilities for furnishing the quantity of water necessary for the development of this area.

The policy of the Council in granting outside water users taps was discussed, and as there were only four councilmen present, it was believed the matter should be delayed until all of the Councilmen were present in order to establish a policy towards outside water users. It was, therefore, moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the matter be tabled until the next meeting of the Council. Motion carried.

MRS. BOND EXPRESSES DISSATISFACTION WITH SPEC. IMPROVEMENTS. Mrs. Bill C. Bond, 1020 Texas Avenue, presented a letter to the Council expressing dissatisfaction with the way the City had handled improvement work on Texas Avenue. This letter was referred to a future Council meeting.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION RE JAROS DE-ANNEXATION. Mr. Frank Jaros and his attorney, Eugene Mast, appeared before the Council and presented a petition to detach Mr. Jaros' property between 12th and 13th and Mesa and Orchard excepting the plot where his house is located.

There was some question about rights of way for the streets, and it was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Lowe that action be deferred until the next meeting; that the City Manager, City Attorney and City Engineer check on all the legal phases of streets on all sides of the property and report back to the Council. Motion carried.

SHERWOOD ADDITION CHANGES. Mr. Frank R. Hall and Attorney Charles A. Holmes representing the Columbine Company were present concerning a revised plat of Blocks 6 to 14, Sherwood Addition and the subdivision of Blocks 6 to 7 in Sherwood Addition.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the plat and revision of Sherwood Addition be advertised for hearing on August 5th. Motion carried.

TRAILER ORD. A letter was read from City Attorney Groves concerning the enforcement of Grand Junction's present trailer ordinance. In this letter Mr. Groves recommended that the present trailer ordinance be amended permitting the parking of trailers in Business "A" and "B" districts and also consider whether parking be permitted in Residence "A", "B" and "C" zones.

Councilman McCormick stated that he was of the opinion that the City should have an ordinance concerning trailer parks so that modern park facilities for trailers could be established within the city limits.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the City Attorney, City Manager and the Building Department work out an ordinance to cover the parking of all trailers within the City. Motion carried.

CITY TO PAY EMPLOYEES' RETROACTIVE SOC. SEC. & INT. A letter to the Council concerning pensions from the City Attorney was read in which he reported to them on the progress he had made in establishing Social Security for city employees and dissolving the present pension plan. On July 1, 1953, each city employee involved in the pension plan received a ballot authorizing the payment from his money in the present plan for retroactive contributions to Social Security from Jan. 1, 1951. All of the employees agreed to this authorization and a large percentage of them put the following notation on their ballots: "Due to the fact that the pension plan was offered in lieu of a salary raise, I think the City Council should pay for the Social Security retroactive to January 1, 1951, out of the 3% they now have invested in the pension fund."

City Attorney Groves set forth the following three plans in his letter, one of which could be selected by the City Council for the final payment of the pension:

Plan No. 1

Pension fund on hand		\$57,691.18
Return to employees	\$24,144.42	
City's retroactive contribution	<u>9,425.45</u>	
		<u>33,569.87</u>
Remaining to City		\$24,121.31
		<u>Plan No. 2</u>
Pension fund on hand		\$57,691.18
Return to employees	\$24,144.42	
City's retroactive contribution	9,424.45	
Employees retroactive contribution	<u>9,424.45</u>	
		<u>42,995.32</u>
Remaining to City		\$14,695.86
		<u>Plan No. 3</u>
Pension fund on hand		\$57,691.18
Return to employees	\$24,144.42	
City's retroactive contribution	9,424.45	
Employees retroactive contribution	9,424.45	
Interest paid to employees	<u>1,457.61</u>	
		<u>\$44,452.93</u>
Remaining to City		\$13,238.25

Councilman Harper stated that it was true that the city employees did not receive a raise in 1950 and that the pension was given to them in lieu of a raise; that he felt the retroactive part of Social Security should be paid by the City and also that the city

employees were entitled to whatever interest their contributions had earned. Councilman Harper moved and Councilman McCormick seconded the motion that the City Attorney's Plan No. 3 be adopted and that the City would return to the employees all of the money which they had contributed plus interest in the amount of \$1,457.61 and that the City's retroactive contribution to Social Security which would amount to \$18,848.90 be paid by the City. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

PROPOSED ORD. RETURN OF MONEY TO EMPLOYEES FROM PENSION FUND. The following proposed ordinance was presented and read: "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 8 TO 24, INCLUSIVE, OF CHAPTER 18 OF THE 1953 COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION (ORDINANCE NO. 801 AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 867) AND PROVIDING FOR RETURN OF MONEY CONTRIBUTED TO THE EMPLOYEES PENSION FUND THEREUNDER." It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Harper that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORD.--COVERAGE OF EMPLOYEES BY SOCIAL SECURITY. The following proposed ordinance was presented and read: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR COVERAGE OF EMPLOYEES AND OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION UNDER THE FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS' INSURANCE SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR." It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

CANCEL TAX CERTIFICATES. The County Treasurer's office reported that there are three old Tax Certificates on record against property which has been owned by the City for sometime. These are for Paving District #44 on Lots 41, 42 and 43 Block 3 of Crawford's Subdivision and \$7.43 for Sewer District #2 on the North 8 feet of Lot 8 Block 9 Bower's Subdivision which is now a part of a street. There is an old county certificate dating back to 1905 on Lots 25 and 26 Block 1 Crawfords Subdivision. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the City Treasurer be authorized to cancel Tax Certificates #53391 and 26923 and that the County Commissioners be requested to cancel County Certificate #8569. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

RENEW BEER LICENSE FOR MARY ANDERSON. It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Harper that the beer license for Mrs. Mary Anderson, 539 North First Street, be renewed. Motion carried.

REFUND BLDG. PMT TO FIRST SO. BAPTIST CHURCH. The First Southern Baptist Church requested that building permit fees in the amount of \$84.00 for the construction of a church building be refunded to them. It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Lowe that this request be granted. Roll was

called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." Motion carried.

WAIVE PLUMBING & ELECTRICAL FEES FOR CHURCH. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman McCormick that no charge be made for the First Southern Baptist Church for plumbing and electrical fees. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President Pro Tem declared the motion carried.

C.M. TO ORDER MATERIAL FOR TWO SETS STOP LIGHTS. City Manager Toyne reported that he and the Chief of Police had discussed locations for additional traffic lights and felt that the number one location was on Fifth and North. Within the next few months the filling station on the north side of Fifth Street will be moved and Fifth Street opened to the north past the new High School site and that there will be very heavy traffic at this intersection. He told the Council that he had already written to the State Highway and requested that they survey this location and make a report as it is necessary that their permission be given before a stop light can be placed on a state highway.

He stated that they considered Seventh and Rood the next most important and that while the Council might decide to place the second traffic light in a different location, they felt until the truck highway was constructed in the lower part of Grand Junction, it was not advisable to put in lights and that Rood Avenue could and probably would become an important east-west artery into the City.

Councilman McCormick asked if they had considered the advisability of discontinuing parking on North Fifth Street and Mr. Toyne stated that had been considered for sometime. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the City Manager be authorized to purchase materials for stop lights for two intersections. Motion carried.

JUNK AT ARTISTIC FURN. CO. It was reported that the junk, cars, machinery, etc. behind the Artistic Furniture Store belonged to the W. & M. Supply Company, and they have promised to take steps to clean up the junk but had stated that the cars parked back there were still in use.

TO INSTALL GAS FURNACE AT POLICE STATION. City Manager Toyne told the Council that he was considering the installation of a new gas furnace for the Police Station. As their heat now comes from the plant across the alley, located in the shop, he considered it would be an economy move to put in this gas installation but was not sure he had sufficient funds in the 1953 budget to take care of the complete cost of installation and operation. It was the opinion of the Council that if it was in the interest of economy to install the gas furnace and funds were short at the end of the year, they would be willing to make a special appropriation to cover the cost of the improvement.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ASPHALT SURFACING PAV. #51. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for the construction of the asphalt surfacing of Paving District #51. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk