

Grand Junction, Colorado
August 19, 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 Harper, Severson, Walt, Wright and President Colescott. Councilmen McCormick and Lowe were absent. Also present were City Attorney Groves, City Manager Toyne and City Clerk Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Harper that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 5th be approved as written. Motion carried.

TO RAISE TAXI RATES. Mr. Amos Crosby, Manager of the 57 Cab Company, was present and asked for an increase of fares of taxi-cabs. The zones which have been 35¢ would be increased to 40¢, some of the 40¢ zones raised to 50¢, the 45¢ zones to 50¢ and the 50¢ and 55¢ zones raised to 60¢ with the exception that north of Elm Avenue and east of 15th Street would be 70¢ and the west side would remain at 50¢. He also requested that Sections 21 and 22 of Ordinance 781 being Sections 21 and 22 of Chapter 74 of the 1953 Compiled Ordinances be repealed. These sections provide that "it shall be unlawful for any operator or driver of any taxicab to permit any passenger to ride in a front seat thereof unless all other seats in such cab are occupied by other passengers --" and "when one party consisting of one or more persons have engaged or are occupying any taxicab it shall be unlawful for the operator or driver of such taxicab to transport or offer to transport any additional party or parties for separate fare or fares --." It was moved by Councilman Walt that action on this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Council. There was no second to the motion so the President declared the motion lost. It was moved by Councilman Severson and seconded by Councilman Wright that the raise in rates for taxi-cabs as submitted by Mr. Crosby be approved. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting "AYE:" Severson, Harper, Walt and Wright
Councilmen voting "NAY:" President Colescott

A majority of Councilmen present voting "Aye," the President declared the motion carried.

PROP. ORD. -- REPEAL SEC. 21 & 22. The following entitled proposed ordinance was introduced and read: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 21 AND 22 OF CHAPTER 74 OF THE 1953 COMPILED ORDINANCES AND BEING AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO TAXI-CABS AND THEIR REGULATIONS." It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Harper that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

TO PAY REX PHELPS \$200 A MONTH FOR 1 YEAR. Mr. Rex Phelps, who is in charge of garbage collection, appeared before the Council and spoke to them concerning the cooking of raw garbage which has become necessary because of recent

legislation. He stated that he anticipates spending in the neighborhood of \$4,000 for equipment with which to cook the garbage and that it will cost him in the neighborhood of \$411 per month for extra facilities to operate the plant including electricity, water, fuel, labor and depreciation. He thought that until he had a chance to find out the exact cost of his operation and in the face of such a large investment, the Council should give him a little financial assistance.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Wright that effective October 1, 1953, the City pay Mr. Phelps \$200 per month for a twelve month period. At that time, he should present his books to the Council for reconsideration and renegotiation. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

ACCEPT PETER KIEWIT SONS' CO. BID-\$76,400. The following bids were received for plant mixed asphaltic surfacing and rolling for Improvement District #51:

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| Schmidt Construction Co. | \$77,585.00 |
| Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., Denver | 76,400.00 |
| Knisely-Moore Co., Douglas, Wyo. | 79,050.00 |

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Wright that the bid of Peter Kiewit Sons' Company, Denver, Colorado of \$76,400 for the completion of Improvement District No. 51 be accepted and the City Manager and City Clerk authorized to sign the contracts. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

APPROVE CITY STREET SYSTEM MAP. This was the date set for hearing on the City Street System Map which has been prepared for the State Highway Department and in accordance with the new law covering this matter. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Severson that the map as prepared by the City Engineering Department be approved as the official map for the City and that the City Manager be authorized to certify same to the State as the official City Street Map of the City of Grand Junction. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. A report had been made to the Council concerning the appointment of a Board of Adjustment. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Severson that this matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Council. Motion carried.

City Attorney Groves was instructed to draw up an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance concerning the Board of Adjustment. At the present time, there are five members appointed for a term of three years each. It was suggested that two members be appointed for one year terms, two for two year terms and one for a three

year term. It was also suggested that the Board of Adjustment serve without pay as there are no other boards or commissions in the City which receive any compensation.

TO INCREASE FILTERS AT MOYER POOL. City Manager Toyne made a report on matters pertaining to Moyer Pool. He suggested that inasmuch as a new pool would cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000 to \$175,000, it might be some time before the citizens of Grand Junction would be willing to vote a bond issue of sufficient size to construct this new pool. In the meantime, he suggested that new filter equipment be installed in Moyer Pool in order to take care of the doubled load which has developed from 1950 to 1953. There are more than sufficient funds in the Moyer Pool fund to take care of these improvements and would make Moyer Pool better prepared to keep up with the "Learn To Swim" program which has been established and the increased use of the pool.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that the City Manager be requested to go ahead on increasing the filters as he recommends and that he make a study of financing for a new pool, the kinds of pools, future revenue, etc. and report back to the Council later. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "Aye." The President declared the motion carried.

GRANT CITY MARKET 3.2 BEER RENEWAL. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Severson that the City Market at 9th and North Avenue be granted a renewal of their 3.2 beer license. Motion carried.

MARTINEZ WATER BILL ADJUSTED. Mr. Jess A. Martinez, 510 Fairview, requested an adjustment of his water bill due to a break in a service line which was immediately repaired. There was a usage of 64,500 gallons of water for \$15.58. They rarely use over the minimum or \$6.15. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Severson that this water bill be adjusted at \$6.15. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "Aye." The President declared the motion carried.

TAX SALE CERTIFICATES CANCELLED. A letter from Fred E. Hagie, City Treasurer, stated that Treasurer's Deed had been taken for 13 lots located in Wilcox-Bixby Subdivision in lieu of delinquent taxes. There is approximately \$1,050 in Sewer Dist. #11 assessments on this property. He suggested that tax certificates #53369 to #53377 inclusive and #53382 to #53385 inclusive be cancelled as the unpaid sewer assessments will be added to the sale price of the lots when they are sold.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the City Treasurer be instructed to cancel Tax Sale Certificates #53369 to #53377 inclusive and #53382 to #53385 inclusive. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "Aye." The President declared the motion carried.

CITY EMPLOYEES THANK COUNCIL. A letter was read from the City Employees thanking the Council for the payment of retroactive Social Security.

RESOLUTION TO ABANDON DRAINAGE DITCH. City Attorney Groves and City Engineer Burton spoke to the Council concerning the abandonment of the Logan Drainage Ditch which goes out 23rd St. and Mesa to Elm to the Indian Waste Ditch. The Grand Junction Drainage Company plan to replace the present ditch with tile and cover the ditch. They plan to use a 12 inch tile for this replacement which would be at no cost to the City. However, with an expenditure of between \$2,000 and \$3,000 on the part of the City of Grand Junction, the Drainage Company would provide a 24 inch tile which could be used for a storm sewer in the future if property north of Mesa would come into the City. The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Grand Junction Drainage District owns a certain right of way and maintains a drainage ditch thereon, known as the Logan Drain, a portion of which drainage ditch crosses the northeasterly portion of the corporate limits of the City of Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the best interests of the inhabitants of the City will be served if the portion of such ditch which is within the City is abandoned and underground drainage facilities are constructed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, that the Grand Junction Drainage District is hereby requested to abandon that portion of its drainage ditch which lies within the City limits of the City of Grand Junction and construct underground drainage facilities which will transport the water now transported by the portion of said ditch which is within the City limits.

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 present voting "Aye." The President declared the motion carried.

It was suggested by Councilman Harper that the City Council members look over this property and see if they feel an investment of \$2,000 to \$3,000 would be advisable for sewer purposes.

COLLBRAN PROJECT. RE-AFFIRM APPROVAL FORMATION CONSERVANCY DISTRICT. Some discussion was had on the Collbran Project. It was reported that some difficulty was being encountered by those circulating petitions to create the Conservancy District because of a rumor which had gone out that the City of Grand Junction was not in favor of the District. Councilman Harper pointed out that it would only cost one-half mill to investigate the project and find out the costs and all the data concerning the project, and that he felt it was a very worthwhile expenditure.

Councilman Harper moved and Councilman Walt seconded that the City Council re-affirm their action of approving the formation of a Conservancy District. Motion carried.

19TH & GRAND DRAINAGE TO BE FIXED. City Manager Toyne reported that he had investigated the drainage condition at 19th and Grand and that it would be taken care of.

NARROW GAUGE ENGINE FOR LINCOLN PARK. City Manager Toyne also stated that there is a D&RGW narrow gauge engine in Montrose which could be brought to Grand Junction but that it weighs around 120 tons and the transportation problem from the railroad yards to Lincoln Park would be a difficult one. Mr. Toyne was requested to investigate the construction and heavy movers and see what it would cost and if it would be possible to transport this engine to Lincoln Park. The Council were still interested in the project and would provide a place for the engine and might consider helping with the cost of moving if the Chamber of Commerce could arrange for the balance.

FIREPLACE SITE. City Manager Toyne reported that a site had been selected just north of the stadium next to the highway for the roadside fireplace which Mrs. McKibben proposed to be constructed on behalf of the Garden Club. The Council was requested to be present at the dedication.

UNZONED PROPERTY. City Manager Toyne reported that a zoning map is being made showing all the unzoned property within the City which will be presented to the Board of Adjustment at their next meeting for their recommendations.

RIGHTS OF WAY FOR EXPRESSWAY. City Manager Toyne stated that he was working to secure rights of way for the East-West Expressway and had asked the State Highway Department to furnish him with a definite right of way plat showing the east end of the highway. He had already contacted several owners of property at the west end where the right of way is definitely established and that there were two tracts of land which could be purchased at the present time. One tract owned by W. R. Hall and Mr. Epeneter consisting of five lots on 2nd and Pitkin could be purchased for the amount of money which they have in the property. This would amount to \$3,000 (being the original purchase price) plus the taxes which had been paid plus the interest on the original investment and money spent for taxes, which would amount to a little over \$5,800. Another tract owned by Mr. Biggs at 1st and Ute consisting of four lots with a small house could be purchased for \$2,894.00. Mrs. Hayashi who owns property along Pitkin just west of the Hall-Epeneter property would rather trade for property situated in some other location.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the City Manager be authorized to purchase the Hall-Epeneter tract and the Biggs tract at the prices stated upon proof of title. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "Aye." The President declared the motion carried.

SAM'S FOOD MART. Mr. Joe Keith, Chief of Police, reported that a Mr. Chas. Cloyd Hickman who has been managing Sam's Food Mart at 727 Third Avenue in the absence of Mr. Warren was arrested on August 7th for disorderly conduct and being drunk. The Police Department locked the place up and took care of the money for Mr. Warren. There is no provision in the 3.2 beer code providing for revocation of license for such an offense but Mr. Keith reported this instance to the Council for consideration when this beer license comes up for renewal.

EAST-WEST EXPRESSWAY TRAFFIC SIGNALS. A letter was read from the State Highway Department informing that traffic signs on the East-West Expressway could be paid as costs in the project.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk