

Grand Junction, Colorado  
September 16, 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, McCormick, Walt, Wright and President Colescott. Councilman Lowe was absent. Also present were City Attorney Groves, City Manager Toyne and City Clerk Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Wright that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 2nd be approved as written. Motion carried.

DISCUSS HEALTH DEPT. BUDGET. Mr. Frank Pond, a member of the Mesa County Health Board, presented the 1954 budget for the Mesa County Health Unit and explained that the State had cut their appropriation for the Unit by \$6,224 for the year of 1954. It was suggested that a three-way meeting be arranged, the County, School District and City Council participating so that the over-all budget could be discussed and the part each tax-paying agency would contribute could be determined.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Severson that the budget as presented be accepted for study and the City Manager arrange a meeting as suggested. Motion carried.

FIREMEN REQUEST SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION. Firemen Kreps and Mantlo were present and asked the Council to provide a supplemental pension system in which the firemen would participate in the 1954 budget. The State Firemen's Pension fund has become more or less of a political football and this year the allotment to the City of Grand Junction Fire Department was \$1,020 less than the previous year and with the prospect of several firemen eligible for retirement soon, the funds available would not be sufficient to guarantee a pension as provided in the State law.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Wright that the Firemen's Pension Board make a study of this problem to see what should be arranged in the way of a supplemental pension and the City Attorney be instructed to see if there is any possible way for the firemen to be put under Social Security. Motion carried.

PASS ORD. 882 - BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Amending Section 10, Subsection 3 of Chapter 83 of the 1953 Compiled Ordinances of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado to provide for Staggered Terms of Office for the Board of Adjustment and to Remove the Salaries of the Board of Adjustment," was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Walt that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Walt 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 McCormick and seconded by Councilman Wright was passed, adopted, numbered 882 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE TO CONTACT BOARD OF ADJST. MEMBERS. President Colescott appointed Councilmen Wright, McCormick and Severson to act as a committee to interview the present members of the Board of Adjustment and other prospective members and report back to the Council at the next meeting.

ACCEPT & FILE GARDEN CLUB LETTER. A letter was read from the Garden Club thanking the City Manager and the Council for their cooperation in providing a location for the Blue Star Memorial Fireplace. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Severson that the letter be received and filed. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - COLLBRAN PROJECT. A resolution passed by the Mesa County Labor Central Committee was read in which they endorsed the formation of a Conservancy District for the Collbran Project. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Resolution be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

Councilman Harper reported that he had attended a meeting called by the Trades and Labor Assembly at which twenty-six men were present representing farm groups, organized labor, the City and several other organizations. The purpose of the meeting was to form a permanent advisory committee for the purpose of assembling and dispensing information on all water projects. Various service clubs are to be contacted and representatives appointed and another meeting of all representatives will be called sometime in October at which meeting the City should have representation.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. a. LeRoy Dinan, 561 Teller, requested an adjustment due to a service line leak which was checked by the Water Department. On Sept. 1, 1952, Mr. Dinan used 58,500 gallons of water amounting to \$14.58. On Sept. 1, 1953, the meter showed a usage of 57,000 gallons or \$14.30. The 1953 usage showed 1,500 gallons less than used in the same quarter in the previous year or \$.28 in money.

b. Mr. John Chiaro, 260 White, requested an adjustment due to a service line leak which was checked by the Water Dept. The Aug. 1, 1952 bill showed a usage of 47,300 gallons amounting to \$12.65. The Aug. 1, 1953 bill showed 48,700 gallons or \$12.86, a difference of only \$.21.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Harper that no adjustment be made to Mr. LeRoy Dinan, 561 Teller, and Mr. John Chiaro, 260 White. Motion carried.

c. Mr. W. G. McBride, owner of property at 1032 No. 6th St., requested a water bill adjustment due to a leak in the service line which was checked by the Water Dept. The Sept. 1, 1953 bill shows water usage of 148,700 gallons amounting to \$30.11. The Sept. 1, 1952 bill showed a usage of 85,200 gallons amounting to \$19.18. It was moved by Councilman Harper that the water bill of Mr. McBride be adjusted to the corresponding quarters of last year. There was no second so the motion was declared lost.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman McCormick that an adjustment of \$19.18 be made on the water bill for the present quarter and that Mr. McBride pay the full amount of the bill for the next quarter. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

REFUND BLDG. FEES FOR 7TH DAY ADV. PARSONAGE. Mr. Dale Luke presented a request that \$46.00 in building permit fees paid for construction of the Seventh Day Adventist parsonage be refunded. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Severson that in view of the policy of the Council in refunding permit fees for churches and parsonages that this request be granted and fees refunded. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

PASS RESOLUTION CORRECTING RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT. The following resolution was presented and read:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on October 29, 1951, CHARLES H. LOVE, JANET C. LOVE, KARL F. VON EHRENKROOK, MIRIAM R. VON EHRENKROOK, JOE A. BERTRAND AND ALLIE MAE BERTRAND executed a Right of Way Agreement granting to the City of Grand Junction the right to lay, maintain, operate, repair and remove sewer and gas pipes, water lines, electrical transmission lines, telephone lines and other public utility transmission facilities over and across certain property therein described; and

WHEREAS, said Right of Way Agreement contained an error in the description of the property over and across which the right of way was granted in that the words and figures, "East 186.2 feet, should have read, "East 206.2 feet," and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction hereby finds that the best interests of the City will be served by executing an agreement to correct said error;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, that the City Manager is hereby authorized and instructed to execute on behalf of the City an agreement correcting the error in the description contained in the original Right of Way Agreement, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and instructed to attest said agreement and affix the seal of the City thereto.

STATE OF COLORADO	)	
COUNTY OF MESA	)	SS
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION	)	

I, Helen C. Tomlinson, City Clerk of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby certify that the foregoing is the full and complete text of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction at its regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1953.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my name and affixed the seal of said City on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1953.

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City Clerk

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 all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER-TILE FOR DRAINAGE DITCH. Councilman Harper reported that he had talked with Mr. Groves concerning the irrigation ditch on Texas Avenue. An estimate of the cost had been given him in which it showed that a twenty-four inch tile could be laid for \$4,986.46 and the Ditch Company would lay a twenty-four inch tile if the City would pay half of the cost or not to exceed \$2,400. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that the City Manager proceed to have the Engineering Department make a survey and see if it was worthwhile to invest \$2,400 to have this larger pipe laid, and report back to the Council. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk