

Grand Junction, Colorado  
October 7, 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, McCormick, Lowe and President Colescott. Also present were City Manager Toyne, City Attorney Groves and City Clerk Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 16th be approved as written. Motion carried.

RENEW BEER LICENSE - SOUTHSIDE GROCERY. Kenneth G. and Frances H. Mark dba Southside Grocery, at 832 South 7th Street, made application for renewal of their 3.2 beer license. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Severson that the renewal be granted. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS. Councilman Wright, Chairman of the committee appointed to interview the present Board of Adjustment members and other prospective members, reported that a meeting of this committee had been held and that they had decided to select a board composed of one business man, one woman, one man interested in the financial business, one builder and one lawyer. They had selected a first and second choice for each division but had been unable to contact everyone at this time but by next Council meeting their recommended list for the Board of Adjustment would be ready. He stated they were trying to retain one member of the old board. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman McCormick that this matter be carried over until the next meeting of the Council. Motion carried.

MESA CO. HEALTH UNIT BUDGET. The County Commissioners are anxious for the City Council to determine the amount of money which will be provided in the 1954 City Budget for the Mesa County Health Unit so that they can complete their budget. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Severson that the present intent of the City Council is to put \$6,100 in the 1954 budget for the Mesa County Health Unit provided that if it is necessary for the Mesa County Health Unit to curtail their program to the point where the services performed must be lessened, the City Council could reconsider the amount budgeted (this amount to be given as long as the same services are continued.) Motion carried.

Councilman Walt suggested that the City go along with the same percentage of increase as the County and School District #51 to take care of normal salary increases.

STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS. Contracts for the maintenance of State Highway #6 and Highways #4 and #340 within the city limits were presented to the Council. The State Highway Department agreed to pay the City \$1,000 per mile for 1.506 miles of #6 and \$800 per mile for 2.667 miles of Highways #4 and

#340. The Council was undecided what Highways #4 and #340 meant, whether it was a special numbering system of the State Highway Department or whether it meant Highways #24 and #50. The following Resolution was presented and read: (H 4 is North Ave.; #340 is Grand Ave. and #6 is So. 5th St.)

### RESOLUTION

Resolved that this Council hereby approves a certain contract with the Colorado Department of Highways dated Oct. 7, 1953 whereby the City obligates itself to maintain certain portions of the State Highway System at the expense of the Department and releasing all other maintenance contracts, as per the terms of said Contract, and authorizes the execution of said contract on behalf of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado by signature of its City Manager.

Helen C. Tomlinson  
Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the resolution be passed and adopted as read. Also that the City Attorney approve the contracts and the City Manager get clarification on the numbers of the highways. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

FIREMEN'S PENSION PLAN. Mr. Hagie, Secretary-Treasurer of the Firemen's Pension Plan, had written a memorandum to the City Manager concerning the Firemen's Pension Plan. In his report, he showed that even with a Firemen-City participating plan of 2% paid in by the Firemen and 2% contributed by the City, the amount of money provided would not be actuarially sound. Mr. Mantlo, one of the firemen, was present and stated that although the firemen realized their pension plan would not be a sound one with only a contribution of 2% by both Fireman and the City, they felt that it would be a step in the right direction.

The Council felt that there were a lot of angles to be considered in this matter. It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Lowe that Mr. Hagie's report be accepted and the matter given further study. Motion carried.

TO PUT 16 INCH PIPE IN DRAINAGE DITCH NE PART OF CITY. Mr. Burton, City Engineer, reported to the City Manager concerning the drainage ditch in the northeast part of the City. He and Mr. Groves, Superintendent of the Drainage Ditch Company, decided that a 16 inch pipe would be adequate to handle water in the drainage canal and allow for future storm waters from the streets to be developed when the area north of Mesa and east of 19th Street is annexed to the City. The only drainage that could be put into this pipe as the City limits of Grand Junction now exists, would be Mesa Avenue from 22nd Street to 27th Street. At present the City has only a thirty-foot or one-half street along Mesa Avenue.

An agreement was reached with Mr. Groves that the City would participate to the amount of \$1,000 in the construction of this pipe line. Mr. Burton also called attention to the Council that the filling of that part of the canal abandoned would be quite a job and would in all probability become the responsibility of the City.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the City Council approve the recommendation of City Engineer Burton and that \$1,000 be allowed for expenditure of laying a 16 inch pipe for the drainage canal. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

LOWELL SCHOOL TRAFFIC LIGHT. A letter from Mrs. P. A. Matteroli, President of the Mesa County Council of P.T.A., was read concerning the traffic light on 7th Street. She commended the Council and Police Department for their cooperation in traffic and safety matters but at the same time expressed the opinion that the school zone light on 7th Street between Grand and White would be of better service if placed at the intersection of 7th and Grand.

The Council asked Chief of Police Keith to report on whether or not he felt the school zone light in its present location and capacity was working satisfactorily. Mr. Keith stated that at the present time it is serving as a traffic control signal for twelve hours a day; that he was of the opinion that it should only operate during peak periods of school traffic.

Mrs. Hutton, who is Chairman of the Lowell School P.T.A., was present and stated their committee felt the light was working very satisfactorily and was accomplishing the purposes for which they had requested the light.

Considerable discussion was had on this matter, and it was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the City go ahead and leave the light operating as it is for another thirty days at which time they would request the Chief of Police to make a further report and his recommendations. Motion carried.

TO PAINT TRAFFIC LIGHTS YELLOW. It was suggested that this light and all other traffic lights in the City be painted yellow. It was moved by Councilman Severson and seconded by Councilman Harper that Mrs. Matteroli's letter be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. a. Mr. L. B. Sublett, 560 Teller, requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak which was repaired as quickly as possible. The water bill for the June 1st quarter was for 141,800 gallons amounting to \$41.14; last year, the amount of water consumed during the same quarter was 21,800 gallons for \$9.39.

b. Mr. Earl Knapp, 745 Third Avenue, requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak which was immediately repaired. He used 160,100 gallons, amounting to \$32.12. His largest previous bill was for 39,100 gallons amounting to \$11.22.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the water bill for L. B. Sublett, 560 Teller, be adjusted at \$9.39 and the water bill for Earl Knapp, 745 Third Ave., be adjusted at \$11.22. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

DENY WATER BILL ADJUSTMENT. Mrs. Karl Warren of 1620 Cannon Avenue, operator of the Rainbow Court on Orchard Mesa, presented an application for a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak. She used 226,200 gallons of water amounting to \$109.74, and also some water during the present quarter before her line was repaired. Last year, during the same period 53,600 gallons of water were used amounting to \$34.08. The Council in January of 1952 passed a resolution not to adjust any water bills due to leaks which occurred outside the City limits and letters were mailed to all outside water users acquainting them with this policy. Various Councilmen assured Mrs. Warren that they felt very sorry about the situation but in view of the circumstances felt that they could not grant a rebate in her bill. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Wright that the request be denied. Motion carried.

City Manager Toyne was instructed to allow Mrs. Warren additional time in which to pay the bill if she felt it necessary.

WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING. A note from the Mesa County Labor Central Committee states that there will be a meeting of the Mesa County Water Advisory Committee on October 12, 1953 at 7:30 P. M. at the R. E. A. Hall and requests the presence of the Council. The meeting is called to elect officers and set up a Committee to draft rules and by-laws. All Councilmen were urged to attend this meeting.

RENEW LEASE AT AIRPORT FOR WEATHER BUREAU. A supplemental lease with the Weather Bureau for space at the Air Terminal Building was presented, and it was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the City Manager be authorized to execute this lease.

C.M.L. MEETING. The District Meeting of the Colorado Municipal League will be held in Montrose on Tuesday, October 13th, at 7:30. It is a dinner meeting at the Congregational Church. All members of the Council were asked to attend this meeting and to make reservation with Mrs. Woolverton by 4:00 P. M. Thursday.

PASS RESOLUTION RIGHT OF WAY MESA CO. CANAL. The following resolution was presented and read:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, by quit claim deed dated June 3, 1947, recorded on June 6, 1947, in Book 466 at Page 378 of the records of the County Clerk and Recorder of Mesa County, Colorado, The Grand Valley Irrigation Company conveyed to the City of Grand Junction a certain right of way therein described in words and figures as follows, to wit:

All of grantor's right, title, interest, claim and demand in and to the right of way of the Mesa County Canal, and all rights and property owned by said grantor connected therewith, covering that part of the said Canal extending through the City of Grand Junction, to wit: Beginning at the W boundary line of the NW1/4 NE1/4, Sec. 13, T. 1 S., R. 1 W., U. M. Mesa County, Colorado, and ending at the W line of 5th Street extended in the City of Grand Junction, Colorado. This deed covers all rights and privileges whatsoever which the said grantor hath now in, over or upon the said right of way to the intent that the said right of way and all rights of property appurtenant thereto be forever released and extinguished between the termini of the said Mesa County Canal as above described.

WHEREAS, such portion of the Mesa County Canal had been fully abandoned prior to such conveyance and the purpose of such conveyance was to extinguish such right of way; and

WHEREAS, the owners of land through which such right of way extended should be vested with any interest in such right of way now held by the City of Grand Junction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager of the City of Grand Junction be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute, and by recording to deliver, on behalf of the City of Grand Junction a quit claim deed conveying to each owner of a parcel of real estate the right, title and interest of the City of Grand Junction in and to the segment of such right of way extending through such owner's land, such conveyance to convey the same estate as now is held by such owner in such parcel, and that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and empowered to attest such deed; it being expressly stipulated that such deed shall not convey any interest in portions of such right of way extending through any lands, streets and alleys in which any right, title or interest is held by the City of Grand Junction and such portions of right of way are hereby declared to be extinguished and abandoned.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

PROP. ORDINANCE - ELMWOOD PLAZA. The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND EASEMENTS OF ELMWOOD PLAZA IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION AS ORIGINALLY PLATTED, EXCEPT THOSE PORTIONS OF SUCH STREETS, ALLEYS AND EASEMENTS WHICH ARE EMBRACED BY THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND EASEMENTS OF THE REFILEING PLAT OF ELMWOOD PLAZA IN THE

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION." It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

COLLBRAN PROJECT. City Attorney Groves reported that the Collbran Project Committee had met on Monday and had considered the possibility of releasing Mr. Jex for broader work on Western Slope water studies. They voted unanimously that if the City agreed to release Mr. Jex to act in this capacity that they were willing to go along with that decision but that he be instructed to complete the study on the Collbran Project and other sources of water as quickly as possible.

NORTH AVE. SEWER. At the time North Avenue was widened, the City agreed to pay the State for the construction of storm sewer facilities. The Council passed a motion authorizing the City Manager to issue bonds for the payment of this storm sewer. It was anticipated that the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$40,000. The actual cost was \$26,443.27, and City Manager Toyne has received a letter from the State Highway Department in which they agreed that this amount could be paid in three installments as follows: \$9,000 in 1953, \$9,000 in 1954 and the balance in 1955. This would save the City considerable money in that there would be no interest over a long period of years and no penalty for the sale of a small issue of bonds. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that the City Manager be authorized to go ahead and pay for the storm sewer as outlined in the letter from the State Highway Department. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

RELEASE BASEBALL COM. - PAINTING OUT SIGNS. Councilman Lowe stated that the baseball committee had approached him and asked to be released from the clause in their agreement with the City which required them to paint out all the signs on the Lincoln Park baseball fence. The Council agreed that it would be O. K. to leave the signs on the fence but when they are not sold again or if the painting program is discontinued they should be painted out.

PAV. DIST. #51. City Manager Toyne reported that the paving contractors would be in town this week and would start laying asphalt on Improvement Dist. #51 next week but that in the meantime the Corn Construction Company had been laying the tack coat so that everything was ready for the actual paving to be placed.

TO INVESTIGATE PAVING TAXI STRIP AT AIRPORT. Councilman McCormick suggested that inasmuch as traffic is increasing at the airport in large private aircraft, if at all possible the City should surface a taxi-way from the present runway to the Rigg shop. Some parking area should be paved also so that T hangars could be built to house this aircraft and so that it could be serviced by Rigg Aviation.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Wright that the City Manager be requested to make an estimate of the cost of surfacing a taxi-way

and if there is enough money and materials available from this year's program that he could go ahead and construct the taxi-strip this year. Motion carried.

RECREATION BOARD WANTS TO USE VETS LAKE NEXT YEAR. Councilman Severson reported that the Recreation Board would like to use the Veterans Hospital lake next year from July 4th through Labor Day on Monday mornings for a fishing program for children. There are many angles to be considered in a program of this kind such as the stocking of the lake, permission of the Golf Club to use the ground and also a letter from Mr. Therrell approving the project. Further investigation was ordered.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk