

Grand Junction, Colorado
October 21, 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 Manager Toyne, City Attorney Groves and Blanche Stringer. City Clerk Tomlinson was absent.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Wright that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 7, 1953, be approved as written. Motion carried.

ACCEPT AMENDED PLAT OF MT. VIEW ADDITION. Mr. Coe Van Deren was present and presented an amended plat of Mt. View Addition which is located between Second and Third Streets north of Orchard Avenue. A number of clerical errors had been discovered in the original plat, and there were not enough angles and courses shown to make it readily identifiable.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Wright that the amended plat of Mt. View Addition be accepted and signed by the President of the City Council, attested by the City Clerk; that it be approved and filed with the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder, and that a copy thereof be placed on file in the office of the County Assessor and the City Engineer. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TO PROTEST GAS & ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE BY PUBLIC SERVICE CO. City Attorney Groves reported that the Public Service Company has taken action to clear the way for a statewide increase in gas and electric rates and have asked the Public Utilities Commission to resume jurisdiction over the Public Service Company rates in home rule cities. Councilman Walt suggested that the Colorado Municipal League be contacted to see what they propose to do about this matter.

It was the opinion of the Council that effort should be made to prevent taking the jurisdiction from home rule cities and were in favor of doing this either through the Colorado Municipal League or by banding together with other home rule cities. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Harper that the City Attorney be authorized to take the matter up in Denver and follow his own judgment from there. Motion carried.

PASS ORD. 883 - ELMWOOD PLAZA. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled "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," was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Harper

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 Severson 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 Severson was passed, adopted, numbered 883 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

APPOINT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. Councilman Wright, Chairman of a Committee to select a new Board of Adjustment, presented a memorandum containing their recommendation for the appointees to the new Board as follows:

One Year Term:	Mr. Frank R. Hall
Two Year Terms:	Miss Mary Rait and J. Earle Barbour
Three Year Terms:	Mr. Tom Clark and Mr. Cecil S. Haynie
Secretary:	City Manager W. D. Toyne

Councilman Wright stated that in line with their thinking they had selected these people from various lines of business which they felt should make for a better board, and also that these people had been contacted and had agreed to serve.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Walt that the recommendations of the committee be accepted and the following appointments to the Board of Adjustment be approved; that the City Clerk be instructed to notify each member of his appointment:

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Motion carried.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. (a) Mr. W. B. Ely, 840 Pitkin Avenue, requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak. The Water Dept. checked this request

and found that the service line had broken and was repaired. On Oct. 1, 1952, 51,600 gallons of water were used amounting to \$13.39 and on Oct. 1, 1953, 111,700 gallons of water were used amounting to \$23.76.

(b) Mr. Pete Carbajal, owner of property at 1012 So. 4th St., requested an adjustment due to a service line leak. The amount of water registered on the meter on Oct. 1, 1953 bill was 44,500 gallons amounting to \$12.91. On Oct. 1, 1952, the amount of water used was 20,000 gallons amounting to \$7.90.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that the water bills of Mr. W. R. Ely, 840 Pitkin Ave., be adjusted at \$13.39 and Mr. Pete Carbajal, owner of property at 1012 So. 4th St., be adjusted at \$7.90. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TAXI-WAY AT AIRPORT. City Manager Toyne reported that he was going ahead and constructing a taxi-strip thirty feet wide from the runway to a point near the Rigg's hangar which he felt would let them get by for the time being but which could be widened in the future if the demand developed.

IMPROVEMENT DIST. #51. City Manager Toyne also reported that the Paving Contractor had arrived and had begun to lay asphalt Saturday afternoon and has completed about 40% since that time.

TO ADVERTISE BEER APPLICATION W. ANCEL SOWELL. Mr. W. Ancel Sowell who is buying Rettigs Super Market at 755 North 12th Street presented an application for a beer license for this grocery store. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Lowe that this application be advertised for hearing on Nov. 18, 1953. Motion carried.

DISCUSS TRAFFIC CODE. Councilman McCormick brought up the matter of permitting right-hand turns on red lights. He felt that from his observations of traffic, it would be much better to prohibit this practice as it has been done in larger cities, and that the adoption of the Model Traffic Code should be considered. He said he had also noticed times when the rescue squad or fire trucks went down Main Street and the lights were turned red, the traffic did not wait for the green signal but proceeded through the intersections against the red light. He felt an investigation should be made to determine whether or not the lights remained on red too long, or, if not, the traffic code should be enforced on this matter as a safety measure.

City Attorney Groves stated that his office was working on a comparison of the present city traffic ordinance with the Model Traffic Code and would have their recommendations ready to present to the Council in the very near future.

TO ASK EXPENDITURES COUNCIL TO MAKE TAX STUDY. Councilman Severson stated that he had been approached by a member of the Chamber of

Commerce Board to see whether the City Council would favor cooperating with the County Commissioners and School District to have a survey made by the Colo. Expenditures Council sometime next spring. It was understood that the School District and County Commissioners are going to make such a request and all that was necessary is a letter to the Chamber of Commerce stating the City would like to participate in such a survey.

Councilman Walt stated that while in Denver he had contacted Mr. Fred Bennion of the Colorado Expenditures Council, and it was his impression that Mr. Bennion was planning on making this survey on behalf of the School District, the County Commissioners and the City.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that the City Council request the Colorado Expenditures Council to make a survey of the tax situation. Motion carried.

1954 BUDGET PRESENTED. City Manager Toyne presented the 1954 Budget for the Council's consideration which, he explained, was predicated on the Council's making a levy of 18.1 mills for the General Fund and .9 mills for the Library which is the same as was levied for collection in 1953. He explained that in developing the 1954 Budget, several items of new expenditures had become necessary which were nonexistent in the 1953 Budget and that decreases had been made in several departments but the new expenditures more than wipe out the reductions.

City Manager Toyne also reported that he had been approached by a delegation of the hourly workers requesting a forty-hour week instead of the forty-four hours for the same amount of money which would result in approximately a 10% increase, but that the Budget was prepared on the 1953 pay schedule.

Councilman McCormick stated that since there was a raise in the mill levy last year to take care of street maintenance and replacement, and since the School District is raising their mill levy so much this year, he had hoped some reduction could be made in the City levy.

Councilman Harper stated that a commendable job had been done on street maintenance this year, but, in his opinion, it would take approximately three more years to put the streets of Grand Junction into the shape they should be. He felt it would be a mistake to cut the highway department and street maintenance. In previous years when cuts had to be made and the mill levy was not raised, the streets had not been taken care of as they should have been.

Councilman Walt commended City Manager Toyne on the well-prepared Budget and stated that it seemed to be easier to understand.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Wright that since this is the first presentation of the Budget, that action be deferred to give the

Council a chance to study it further and either arrange for a special meeting to be called by President Colescott or wait until next Council meeting for final decision. 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