

Grand Junction, Colorado
November 4, 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 Attorney Groves, City Manager Toyne and City Clerk Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman Severson and seconded by Councilman Walt that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 21st, 1953 be approved as written. Motion carried.

DEFER DISCUSSION LYNN GRIFFITH CASE. Mrs. Murl Francis appeared before the Council on behalf of the young people of the community. She asked if the Police Department officers were trained in child psychology and if training along this line could be made available to the Department. Her appearance before the Council at this particular time was predicated upon a recent event which took place in the Cooper Theater on Halloween night in which Lynn Griffith, a twenty-year old Mesa College student, was involved in a ruckus with one of the ushers and it had become necessary to call one of the policemen to control him. The case has been appealed from the Municipal Court to the County Court and City Attorney Groves and Chief of Police Keith did not feel they could discuss all of the details of the case until after the trial. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Wright that further discussion on this matter be postponed until a later time. Motion carried.

GRANT HERTZ DRIVE YOURSELF RENTALS AT AIRPORT. Mr. Amos Crosby, Manager of the 57 Yellow Transit Cab Company, requested permission to station Hertz Drive Yourself rental cars at Walker Field, and also asked to have desk space available for his use in the administration building. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that City Manager Toyne be instructed to enter into an agreement with Mr. Crosby similar to that which the City has with the Avis Rent A Car Service, and that Mr. Crosby be furnished desk space in the administration building if he so desires. Motion carried.

RENEW EASTSIDE 3.2 BEER LICENSE. Mr. Frank Griffiee of the Eastside Grocery applied for a renewal of his 3.2 beer license. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Walt that this license be renewed. Motion carried.

TO ADVERTISE ROPER LIQUOR APPLICATION FOR ROVEY'S CAFE. Mr. C. E. Roper is purchasing the interest of his partner, Mr. Silvey, in Rovey's Cafe at 122 So. 5th St., and asked that his 1954 license be issued in his name. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Severson that the application for a restaurant liquor license for Rovey's Cafe be advertised in accordance with state law. Motion carried.

TO ADVERTISE LIQUOR APPLICATION FOR VOGEL AT CAFE CARAVAN.

Mr. John Vogel desires to move his Cafe from its present location to 105 W. Main Street and will be calling his new restaurant the "Cafe Caravan," and makes his application for his 1954 license for the new location. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that this application be advertised in accordance with state law. Motion carried.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENT. Mr. Manuel Martinez requested a water bill adjustment on his October 1st bill. He used 92,400 gallons of water due to a service line break. This amounted to \$20.41. A year ago his usage was 17,100 gallons amounting to \$7.42. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that Mr. Martinez's water bill be adjusted at \$7.42. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

DEFER ACTION ANNEXATION SUNGOLD PARK. Mr. Coe Van Deren made a request for annexation of a plot of ground between 19th and 20th and Orchard and Bookcliff. City Attorney Groves reported that he was not sure of the legality of this annexation and would like a little more time to consider all of the points of law in connection with it. It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Walt that the matter of the annexation of Sungold Park Subdivision be deferred until the City Attorney approves the plat and proceedings. Motion carried.

LOWELL SCHOOL TRAFFIC LIGHT. Mr. Earl Amos, Chairman of the Safety Committee of Lowell School P.T.A., appeared before the Council and spoke again concerning the light on 7th Street between White and Grand Avenues which has been used as a traffic control signal since school started in September and has caused a great deal of comment. He said that his committee is recommending that the light be used as a safety light only; that it be a red flashing light while the students go to and from school and as long as the student patrol is working, and the rest of the time it be used as a flashing amber light slowing traffic to fifteen miles per hour. He also recommended that stop signs be placed in the crosswalk when the patrol is assisting with the student traffic to and from the school.

Chief of Police Keith was again asked for his opinion on this light situation and he again reiterated the fact that the light was a traffic regulatory light at the present time, and he did not think the middle of the street was the place for traffic regulation but for safety of children going to and from school, it was a suitable location.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Walt that the City Manager and Chief of Police do what they think best for the safety of children at Lowell School in regard to the light. Motion carried.

SET MILL LEVY 18.5 MILLS. The 1954 Budget and mill levy were brought up for discussion. Councilman Walt suggested that with careful management on the part of the City Manager, the levy might be cut one-half mill or an approximate amount of

\$11,500. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Wright that the following resolution be passed and adopted:

RESOLUTION

LEVYING TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1953
IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado:

Section 1. That there shall be and hereby is levied upon all taxable property within the limits of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the year 1953, according to the assessed valuation of said property, a tax of eighteen and one-half mills (18.5) on the dollar (\$1.00) upon the total assessment of taxable property within the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the purpose of paying the expenses of the municipal government of said City, and certain indebtedness, including interest upon indebtedness of the City, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954.

Section 2. That said total levy shall comprise the following items, to-wit:

(a) A levy of seventeen and six-tenths (17.6) mills on each dollar (\$1.00) of the assessed valuation of said property to be collected and used for the General Fund to defray the general expenses of municipal government of the City of Grand Junction for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954.

(b) A levy of nine-tenths (.9) mill on each dollar (\$1.00) of the assessed valuation of said property to be collected and used for Public Library purposes for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1954.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 4th day of November, 1953.

APPROVED

/s/ Harry O. Colescott
President of the City Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk

Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

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

Councilmen voting "NAY": McCormick and Lowe

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

1954 BUDGET APPROVAL POSTPONED. Approval of the 1954 Budget was postponed to a later meeting after informal meetings for discussion of the divisions of the Budget.

EMPLOYEES ASK 40 HOUR WEEK. A number of City employees were present and requested the Council consider a forty-hour week with take home pay the same as it is at the present time. This would necessitate a raise in salary schedules of about ten per cent.

PUB. SERVICE CO. RATE INCREASE. City Attorney Groves reported he had received word from the Colo. Municipal League that hearings on the Public Service Company's application for increase in gas rates for the State of Colorado would begin on November 23rd and 24th. This hearing before the Public Utilities Commission would determine whether or not home rule cities still have jurisdiction over public utility rates in their own areas. The hearing to be held in Denver in November would be a preliminary hearing. Later hearings are to be held in Washington or in Denver probably after the first of the year. The Colo. Municipal League wanted to know whether the City of Grand Junction would be represented individually and whether or not they would participate in League representation, financially if necessary. He stated that if their firm would be called upon to render any assistance in this matter, they would like to attend the first meeting.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the City Attorney be authorized to attend whatever meetings he thinks necessary concerning the Public Service Company's rate hearing before the Public Utilities Commission in line with his report to the Council; that the City Attorney notify the Colorado Municipal League that the City will support the League without assistance, if possible, but with assistance if necessary. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk