

Grand Junction, Colorado
January 6, 1954

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, Lowe and President Colescott. Councilman McCormick was absent. Also present were Deputy City Attorney Warren Turner, City Manager Toyne and City Clerk Tomlinson. City Attorney Groves was absent.

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

TO GET DEED FOR 30 FT. STRIP SUNGOLD PARK. Mr. Coe Van Deren appeared before the Council concerning the annexation of Sungold Park Subdivision. The School District did not have title to the strip of ground 30 feet wide adjoining on the north side of Lots 10 and 11 which was to have been conveyed to the City for street purposes. This apparently had been caused from a failure in the past to include the 30 feet in deeds when the property was transferred. It is now held in the name of a Mr. Smith who is deceased. Securing title to this piece of property is delaying proceedings in connection with the annexation of Sungold Park Subdivision. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Wright that the City Attorney continue with the annexation proceedings and also attempt to acquire the deed for the 30 foot strip of ground for street purposes. Motion carried.

TIE VOTE ON BENTON LIQUOR APPLICATION. The application of R. J. & Helen Marie Benton for a restaurant liquor license for Jolly Jim's Cafe at 1720 North Avenue had been postponed until this meeting. About fifty people were present in connection with the hearing on this application. Mr. Benton presented revised sketches showing the plans for his building.

Mr. Norman Ebbley, a mining engineer, stated that he had known Mr. Benton for a good many years and knew nothing whatever derogatory concerning his character. He stated that he was sure that there would not be a more orderly establishment operated than Mr. Benton's if he were granted the license.

Rachel Wood who lives at 1844 No. 18th Street asked the Council not to grant any liquor licenses in that locality on account of the fact that it is strictly a residential section and a main entrance to the City. She stated she had nothing against Mr. or Mrs. Benton; that they liked the Jolly Jim's Cafe as it had been operated and would like to see it continue in the same manner. She also brought out the point that the teen-age girls who have worked at the Drive-In would not be able to continue their employment if a liquor license is granted to the Bentons.

Rev. Manning at 1213 No. 15th Street was also opposed to the granting of a liquor license at this location. He stated that he was not opposed in any way to the Bentons but did not approve of a liquor license in this residential neighborhood.

Rev. Blanchfield was also against the issuance of a license in this neighborhood.

Mr. Cecil Haynie, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Benton, made a plea for the issuance of the license. There were 303 persons who had signed the petition in favor of granting the license and 147 who were opposed to it; however, in the immediate neighborhood, there were about as many in favor of the license as opposed.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the request be denied as a majority of the people in the neighborhood were not in favor of the granting of the license. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting "AYE:" Severson, Harper and Walt

Councilmen voting "NAY:" Wright, Lowe and President Colescott

The voting having resulted in a tie, the President declared the motion was not carried. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the matter be tabled until the next meeting of the Council when all members of the Council are present. Motion carried.

PASS ORD. 886 - VACATING IN EAST ELM AVENUE HEIGHTS. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF AN EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY, SITUATE IN EAST ELM AVENUE HEIGHTS was presented and read. It was then moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Severson that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

The ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Severson and seconded by Councilman Walt was passed, adopted, numbered 886 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

PROP. ORD. IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #51. This was the date set for hearing on the proposed assessments for Improvement District #51. No protests in writing were filed, and no one present who made any protest. The following proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WHOLE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN AND FOR IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 51, IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 178, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 1910, AS AMENDED: APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST TO EACH LOT OR TRACT OF

LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT: ASSESSING THE SHARE OF SAID COST AGAINST EACH LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT: AND APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST: AND PRESCRIBING THE MANNER FOR THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF SAID ASSESSMENTS.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

BIDS ON HOUSE 1ST & UTE. The City Manager had advertised for bids on a house at 105 Ute Ave. This house was to be either torn down or moved outside the City limits to clear the right of way for the proposed East-West Expressway. The following bids were presented:

Ralph South	Gen. Delivery	\$151.00
Oliver S. Wood	1225 Bunting Ave.	151.00
Charles Drysdale	Austin, Colo.	126.00
John R. Bonella	321 Hill Ave.	252.00
Mrs. Drucilla Garlitz	1125 No. 1st St.	175.00
Chas. Hertzke	Rt. 1	68.50
R. E. Derryberry	East Orchard Mesa, Palisade	130.00
Lenard Darnell	Box 491	130.00
J. W. Pool	Rt. 1, Clifton	150.00
Dale Lankston	489 28 1/2 Road	212.50

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that the bid of \$252.00 by Mr. John R. Bonella, 321 Hill Ave., Grand Junction, Colo., be accepted as the highest and best bid for the house at 1st and Ute and that the City Manager be authorized to close the deal with Mr. Bonella if he meets the terms of paying cash for the house and removing it from the City or tearing it down. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

APPOINT MEMBERS TO RECREATION COMMISSION. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that Mr. J. R. Wells, Mr. H. B.

Manuel, Mrs. Ila McCarrie, Dr. R. F. Gilmore and Mr. Tim Campbell be re-appointed as members of the Recreation Commission for a term of two years. Motion carried.

DENY WATER BILL ADJUSTMENT. Mrs. Minda Heldman, who lives at 1647 LaVeta Street, outside the City limits, requested a reduction in her water bill on account of a leak in the water line near her meter. It was moved by Councilman Severson and seconded by Councilman Walt that the request be denied in accordance with the policy of the City Council to not allow refunds on water leaks outside the City limits. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

CARNATION DAY - MAY 8, 1954. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the American War Mothers be given permission to sell carnations on Saturday, May 8, 1954. Motion carried.

APPROVE BONDS. The following bonds were presented having been approved as to form by the City Attorney:

Stanley E. White & Marie M. White dba Mt. Garfield Plumbing Co.	Plumbing Contractor
V. L. & H. T. Ethington dba Ethington Brothers	Junk Dealer
Estate of Joe Leff: Annie Leff, Executrix, dba Western Auto Wrecking and Junk Company	Junk Dealer
Walker-Lybarger Construction Co.	Cement Contractor
C. E. Poland	Cement Contractor
Allison & Bauman	Cement Contractor
Van Deren-Ford Construction Co.	Cement Contractor
A. M. Vale dba Vale Homes	Cement Contractor

It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Wright that the bonds be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

ADJUST TEMPLETON WATER BILL. Mr. B. B. Templeton, 830 W. Colorado Avenue, requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak discovered and reported to him by the meter reader. The service line was immediately repaired by the property owner. The Jan. 1, 1954 bill showed 86,200 gallons of water amounting to \$26.46. For the same period last year, 20,900 gallons of water amounting to \$8.09 were used. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the request be granted and that Mr. Templeton be granted an adjustment in his water bill of

\$18.37. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

MEETING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE. It was announced that there would be a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Industrial Committee with the County Commissioners and the City Council on Tuesday, January 12th, at 4:00 P. M. to consider industrial expansion along the new East-West Expressway. All members of the City Council were invited to be present.

HERTZ RENT A CAR SERVICE CONTRACT. Mr. Warren Turner, Deputy City Attorney, reported that Mr. Crosby representing the Hertz Rent a Car Service had not signed the contract for rental car service at the Airport and had about concluded not to sign it as he felt that he could not comply with the requirements of furnishing twenty-four hour desk service at the Airport.

DISCUSS PEDESTRIAN LANES ON NORTH AVE. Councilman Wright brought up the matter of pedestrian lanes on North Avenue saying that it was very difficult for students, at noon especially, to get across North Avenue when traffic is so fast and steady. The matter was discussed, and it was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that it be referred to the City Manager and Chief of Police for study. Motion carried.

It was suggested that if necessary the City ordinance be changed so that stop signs for pedestrians could be used to control the traffic.

PREFABRICATED HOUSES DISCUSSED. Construction of prefabricated houses in the City were discussed, and City Building Inspector John Burton stated that any of the prefabricated houses which are to be constructed within the City limits comply with the code as set forth by the Pacific Coast Building Officials Conference and are not discriminatory to local builders.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk