

Grand Junction, Colorado
January 20, 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 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 Wright that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 6th be approved as written. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER CONTRACTORS ORDINANCE. A letter from the Western Colorado Contractors Association was read asking that the City Council adopt an ordinance licensing contractors. They asked that a committee be appointed to go over this with members of their organization and see if such a licensing ordinance could be drafted which would be mutually acceptable.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Wright that the City Manager, City Engineer, City Attorney and several members of the Council be appointed as a committee to meet with the Contractors Association to study an ordinance such as they suggest. Motion carried. President Colescott appointed Councilmen Herbert Wright and C. E. McCormick, City Manager Toyne, City Attorney Groves, City Engineer Burton and himself as an ex-officio member as such a committee and requested that the City Manager arrange for a meeting.

DENY LIQUOR LICENSE TO BENTONS FOR JOLLY JIM'S. The application for a restaurant liquor license for Jolly Jim's Cafe & Lounge at 1720 North Avenue was again brought up for consideration. Attorney Cecil Haynie reviewed his remarks concerning the granting of the license and stated that he had studied the map which had been prepared from petitions filed in the City Clerk's office and found that there were a great many more people who had signed in favor of the granting of the license than had been opposed to the granting of the license. He made the report that in the area from 15th to 19th and from North Ave. to Elm Ave., eliminating sixteen lots which were owned by Ira Carpenter who lives in Mack, that there were 60 who favored the granting of the license, 20 were against it and 50 who did not sign either way.

Several other people in the audience spoke for the granting of the license and one or two spoke who opposed it.

Councilman C. E. McCormick made a report that he had personally visited all the homes in the area surrounding Jolly Jim's; that he had found 62 people at home and had interviewed them in regard to this liquor license. His tabulation from these interviews showed that there were 39 inhabitants who were opposed to the granting of the license, 12 who favored the granting of the license and 12 who did not care.

Mr. Benton spoke to the Council saying that he expected to draw his business from the tourists and not entirely from the residents of that area.

Councilman Walt moved and Councilman Harper seconded the motion that the application for a restaurant liquor license by Melvin J. and Helen Marie Benton for Jolly Jim's Cafe and Lounge at 1720 North Avenue be denied. Roll was called on the motion with the following results:

Councilmen voting "AYE:" McCormick, Severson, Harper and Walt.
Councilmen voting "NAY:" Wright, Lowe and President Colescott.

A majority of Councilmen voting "AYE," the President declared the motion carried and the license not granted.

After the passage of this motion, there were several in the audience who continued to argue about the granting of the license and one man asked why petitions were requested in connection with applications. City Attorney Groves explained to him that it was one means of determining how the inhabitants of the neighborhood felt about the granting of a license as the law stated that the "desires of the inhabitants as evidenced by petitions, remonstrances or otherwise" should be considered and that petitions were just one means of determining the desires of the inhabitants. The Councilmen again re-assured Mr. Benton that they had nothing personally against him.

ORD. 887 - Imp. Dist. #51. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled 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 was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

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

The Ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe was passed, adopted, numbered 887 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

GRANT WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. The following water bills were presented for adjustment:

(a) Dorothy Brown, 428 W. White Ave., requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak. The consumption for the quarter ending Jan. 1, 1954, showed a usage of 23,400 gallons and amounted to \$8.51. The quarter ending Jan. 1, 1953 showed a usage of 4,600 gallons and amounted to \$5.35.

(b) Ray N. Morrison, owner of Central Motel, 354 North Avenue, requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak. The consumption for the quarter ending Sept. 1, 1953 showed 408,300 gallons and amounted to \$98.99. During the corresponding quarter in 1952, the consumption was 195,700 gallons amounting to \$53.82.

(c) R. J. Thurlow, Sr., 1507 No. 7th St., requested an adjustment due to a service line leak. Water used for the quarter ending Dec. 1, 1953 was 94,000 gallons amounting to \$20.70 and for the quarter ending Dec. 1, 1952 amounted to 21,000 gallons or \$8.10.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that these water bills be adjusted as follows:

(a)	Dorothy Brown, 428 W. White Ave.	\$5.35
(b)	Ray N. Morrison, 354 North Ave.	\$53.82
(c)	R. J. Thurlow, Sr., 1507 No. 7th	\$8.10

Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

DENY MC BRIDE REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT ON WATER LINE. Mr. W. G. McBride, 1032 No. 6th Street, again requested that he be given financial assistance in paying for his water service line. Vibration from a Public Service Co. light pole was claimed to have caused his line to break twice. The second time he had the line re-located and asks that the City help him financially to pay for the re-locating of his line as he felt the meter was located improperly in the first place. The last repair bill was \$33.28 for material and \$76.00 for the labor cost. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the request be denied. Motion carried.

RENEW BEER LICENSES. Applications for the renewal of beer licenses for Mrs. Claude A. Basquette dba Longo's Grocery at 322-24 South 2nd Street and for Thomas B. Williams, 215 Colorado Ave., were presented. It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Walt that these applications be approved. Motion carried.

ACCEPT BONDS. The following bonds which have been approved by the City Attorney's office were presented:

Auctioneer	Tony Perry
Pawn Broker	Chas. and Marjorie Turner dba Western Sporting Goods & Loans
Employment Agency	Norma R. Harrison - Will Employment Agency
Gas Installers	David S. Hinkle
	Carl Ray & Sons dba Gas Equip. Co.
	Public Service Co. of Colo.
	J. B. & Bertha Funderburk dba City Gas Co.
	Holland Furnace Co.
House Movers	W. J. Pray
	R. R. Hall Transp. & Storage Co.
Plumbers	Carl B. Stowe
	Clifford E. Starkebaum
	Lane & Co.
Cement Contractors	Klem Lamarr Schurr
	Fred W. Sperber
	A. G. Manchester
	Thos. McCall
	V. A. Green
	Clarence Lundsford
Electrical Contractors	Wesco Electric

	David S. Hinkle
	Kendall Electric
	Sam Courtney
Sign Hangers	Arnold Hunt & Weldon Ross - Mesa Neon Sign Co.

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

ESKRIDGE FLYING SERVICE SUSPENSION. City Manager Toyne reported that he had received notice from the Public Utilities Commission that the Jim Eskridge Flying Service had made application for the suspension of regular flying service from Craig to Grand Junction. He had been giving this service twice a week but was requesting that he be allowed to discontinue same. The hearing was to be on Wednesday, Jan. 27th.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman McCormick that this notice be received and placed on file. Motion carried.

COMMEND CM FOR PEDESTRIAN LANES ON NORTH AVE. Councilman Wright commended the City Manager for getting the pedestrian lanes established on North Avenue so promptly.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk