

Grand Junction, Colorado
February 17, 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 Manager Toyne, Deputy City Attorney Warren Turner and City Clerk Tomlinson. City Attorney Groves was absent.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Severson that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 3rd be approved as written. Motion carried.

HUMANE SOCIETY REQUEST RE ZOO. A letter from the Community Humane Society by Alyce B. Cannell, Secretary, was read concerning the animals in the City Zoo. Leo, the Lion, had recently been shot and as a result had died and the Humane Society advocated abandonment of the Zoo.

Mr. Rex Howell was present as an interested citizen but not as a member of the Humane Society. He spoke concerning the protection of animals at the Zoo. He stated that he was not in favor of discontinuing the Zoo but that he felt that a study should be made before any more large animals are provided; possibly it would be a matter of patrolling this and other areas of the park in the late evening hours.

Several of the Councilmen spoke on the matter and none of them was in favor of abandoning the Zoo. Many of the people and especially the children of this area enjoy watching the animals and all members of the Council who spoke thought it was a privilege that should not be denied to this community.

The Lion's Club had offered to use a portion of their receipts from the 1954 Carnival for the purchase of a new lion for the Zoo provided that the City furnish better facilities for the care and protection of the animal.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Council accept the offer of the Humane Society for their services and recommendations in connection with the Zoo problem and would be glad to meet with them in connection with this project and asked Mr. Howell and members of the Lion's Club to also be present and express their views. Motion carried.

TO HOLD HEARING ON LIQUOR VIOLATION. Chief of Police Joe Keith stated that on February 4th Billy Watkins, age 20, of 1228 Colorado Ave. was arrested for illegally purchasing liquor from Mr. Howard Griffin, operator of Pete's Liquor Store at 101 North First St. Mr. Griffin was fined \$100 in Police Court for selling liquor to a minor and Mr. Watkins was fined \$50 for misrepresentation of age.

Councilman Harper moved and Councilman Walt seconded the motion that in line with the policy of the City Council that the City Attorney prepare the necessary papers to be served by the Police Department notifying Mr. Griffin to appear before the Council at the next regular meeting to show cause why his license should not be revoked or suspended. Motion carried.

APPROVE EASEMENT H.S. ADDITION. The Columbine Company made a request to the Council concerning an easement in Lots 3 and 4 Block 1 High School Addition. This easement provided for the use of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Public Service Company of Colorado for the placing of poles and as most of the utilities are in this area, it is unlikely that any other utilities will need to use either the old or new easement. It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the vacation of the original public utilities easement along Lot 4 Block 1 of High School Addition and a substitution of the new easement be approved subject to the approval of the City Manager and City Engineer. Motion carried.

APPROVE 3.2 BEER LICENSES. Applications for renewal of 3.2 beer licenses for the Safeway Store at 525 Ouray Ave. and the Safeway Store at 217 No. 7th Street and for Archie and Lena Alexander dba Black and White Grocery at 904 No. 7th Street were presented. It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Severson that the renewals of these licenses be approved. Motion carried.

TO PREPARE ORD. RE STORAGE OF ICE BOXES ETC. City Manager Toyne reported that he had contacted several other cities in the State of Colorado to see what action they had taken on the request of the Senate Committee to pass ordinances requiring that doors to all ice boxes, deep freezers and other containers having air tight compartments be removed while such articles are stored or junked. He read an ordinance recently passed by Pueblo.

There was an item in the Daily Sentinel in the Wednesday evening paper stating that two more little children in Madera, California, had been smothered by being locked in an abandoned ice box.

It was moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Harper that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an ordinance concerning stored ice boxes, refrigerators, etc. Motion carried.

ACCEPT AND FILE BONDS. The following bonds were presented having been approved as to form by the City Attorney's office:

Le Roy Dinan	Cement Contractor
Jas. W. Bainbrick	Cement Contractor

Donald W. Krug	Cement Contractor
Dale T. Luke	Cement Contractor
Joe Huerta	Cement Contractor
Herbert M. Wright dba Home Gas & Appliance Co.	Gas Installer
Carl B. Stowe	Gas Installer
Carl E. Bean dba Clifton Electric & Supply	Gas Installer
George D. Lynch	Electric Contractor
Edwin A. Price dba Aladdin Electric Company	Electric Contractor
Carl E. Bean dba Clifton Electric & Supply	Electric Contractor
Wesley E. Ramsey & R. A. Porter dba Allen-Wesley Studio	Home Portrait Photography
J. R. Perry, Jr., & Margaret A. Perry dba Perry Studio	Home Portrait Photography
James Crosby Mast	Sign Contractor
Earl Howard Van Gundy	Junk Dealer
W. J. Pray	House Mover
Roscoe N. Andrew	Plumber

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

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENT. Marie Guillen, 479 W. Ute Avenue, requested a water bill adjustment. On Jan. 1, 1954 her bill amounted to \$33.65 for 169,000 gallons of water. A service line leak was discovered and repaired. A year ago, 18,500 gallons of water were used amounting to \$7.68. It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Harper that the water bill for Marie Guillen, 479 W. Ute Avenue, be adjusted at \$7.68. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

NEW PAVING DISTRICT. City Manager Toyne reported that all but eight of the petitions for street improvements were in and that the preliminary resolutions would be prepared for the Council at the next regular meeting.

TO MEET WITH FIREMEN RE PENSION. City Manager Toyne also stated that the Firemen would like to have a meeting with the Council to discuss the pension setup. They would like to have a man from Denver come over and meet with the Council and explain the pension situation. It was suggested that possibly during this Congressional Session, Social Security might be provided for groups such as the Firemen and that that would be the logical and best plan. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Walt that the City Manager set up a meeting at the Fire Station and that he prepare a report on the Fire Department status at the present time showing the future needs as to equipment and what the forward position of the Council in regard to the Fire Department should be. Motion carried.

March 10, 1954, was set as a tentative date for this meeting.

TRAFFIC VIOLATION SURVEY. The Daily Sentinel had made a one day traffic study on Saturday, February 13th, with college boys to make the survey and had found over 13,000 traffic violations in one day. Councilman Walt asked whether this was an alarming situation and what should be done to correct it. Chief of Police Joe Keith explained to the Council a great many of the problems in connection with traffic enforcement. Most of the violations were failure to use hand signals.

It was also pointed out that the schools require more patrolling and that it is impossible to furnish any more officers.

It was finally moved by Councilman Walt and seconded by Councilman Wright that the City Manager and Chief of Police make a study and see what is needed in the way of increase of men on the Police Department and to ask the School District to participate in the program of traffic enforcement around the school buildings. Motion carried.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk