

Grand Junction, Colorado
June 2, 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, Wright, Lowe, Colescott and President Walt. Councilman Harper was absent. 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 Severson and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 19, 1954, be approved as written. Motion carried.

SELL .91 ACRES TO A.E.C. Mr. Paul Martin, Attorney for the Atomic Energy Commission, came before the Council and asked that the City sell to the Atomic Energy Commission that portion of the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 26, Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Ute Survey, lying between the D&RGW R. R. right of way and the Gunnison River, constituting approximately .91 acres of useful land between the river dike and the railroad right of way, for use by the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission in the acquisition of source materials for the common defense and security of the United States. He asked that the City consider sale of this land to the Commission at a nominal sum plus all costs of transferring the property to the Commission.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the following Resolution be passed and adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Atomic Energy Commission of the United States has requested that the City of Grand Junction sell to them the following described property:

The NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 26 Township 1 South, Range 1 West, Ute Meridian lying between the D. & R.G.W. Railroad right of way and the Gunnison River, constituting approximately .91 acres of land between the river dike and the Railroad right of way, and

WHEREAS the City Council hereby finds that the said property is not held for any governmental purposes

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, that said property be sold to the United States of America for a nominal consideration to be determined by the City Manager and that the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the amount of the consideration for such property, and the City Manager and the City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a proper deed conveying said land.

Passed and adopted this 2nd day of June, 1954.

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

ACCEPT BOETTCHER & CO. AMENDMENT. A letter from Boettcher & Company was read in reference to the proposal which they made on May 19, 1954, for the purchase of \$125,000 Improvement District No. 52 bonds. They requested that the second paragraph of the proposal as accepted be stricken and in lieu thereof the following amendment be written in:

"We agree to pay you par plus accrued interest to date of delivery of the \$100,000 Improvement District No. 52 Bonds, said bonds to bear interest as follows:

<u>Bond Numbers</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
1 - 24	1 3/4%
25 - 40	2 1/4%
41 - 52	2 1/2%
53 - 60	2 3/4%
61 - 68	3%
69 - 100	3 1/4%

"In addition to the above, there shall be attached to each bond two coupons designated "B", which shall become due January 1, 1955, and July 1, 1955, and shall be in the amount of \$13.75 each. The total interest cost to maturity of the above rates (assuming all the bonds run to maturity) is \$28,550.00, which amounts to an average interest rate of 2.855%. Principal and interest to be paid at the Office of the City Treasurer in Grand Junction, Colorado."

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the alternate proposal of Boettcher and Company for Improvement District No. 52 bonds be accepted subject to the approval of Tallmudge & Tallmudge, Attorneys-at-law, Denver, Colorado. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

GRANT REQUEST FINE ARTS TO USE LAWN. The Mesa County Fine Arts Center by Alfred Nestler and the Brush and Palette Club asked permission to use the lawn and trees in front of the City Hall and Courthouse on Saturday, June 19th, for the purpose of displaying pictures which are to be for sale. The proceeds from the sale of

these pictures will go to help finance the construction of the Fine Arts Museum on Mantey Heights.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Lowe that this request be granted with the City Manager instructed to get in touch with Mr. Nestler and see that all rules and regulations concerning the use of the City Hall lawn are complied with. Motion carried.

GRANT LA COURT REQUEST FOR DRIVEWAY. The LaCourt Hotel requested permission to enlarge their driveway on South Second Street to forty feet. They are building a new motel along Colorado Avenue and First Street and by enlarging the driveway, parking for fifty cars would be provided. One street light would have to be moved by enlarging the driveway.

It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Severson that the request be granted with the stipulation that the La Court Hotel pay for moving the street light and any other expense incurred in enlarging the driveway. Motion carried.

DISCUSS BUS STOPS. Councilman Colescott asked that inasmuch as the busses had discontinued operation that the yellow zones provided for bus stops be removed and extra parking be provided in these former bus stops. Chief of Police Joe Keith protested saying that these spaces were needed in order to help move traffic on Main Street by providing right-hand turning lanes. He also brought up the matter of changing the parking on Main Street to parallel in order to move traffic faster on this main thoroughfare.

SALVATION ARMY REQUEST. A luncheon on June 4th at the Penguin Room to meet with the Salvation Army Board, County Commissioners and City Council was announced. The Salvation Army is short of funds for providing care for the large number of transients in Grand Junction and is asking help from the Council and the Commissioners in providing funds for this purpose.

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS. a. Mrs. Earl Murray, 629 North Avenue, requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak. This service line was repaired at once. June 1, 1954 bill shows a usage of 43,700 gallons of water amounting to \$12.01 as compared with 22,100 gallons of water amounting to \$8.27 for the same quarter last year.

b. Mrs. Ben Mast, 920 So. 5th Street, requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak. The April 1, 1954 bill showed a usage of 141,400 gallons amounting to \$28.86, as compared with 2,100 gallons of water which was considerably under the minimum costing \$6.10. Part of the service line was not permanent pipe and this was replaced by Mrs. Mast, therefore eliminating future trouble.

It was moved by Councilman Severson and seconded by Councilman Colescott that Mrs. Murray's water bill be adjusted at \$8.27 and Mrs. Mast's water bill be adjusted

to \$6.10. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TO BUY T HANGARS FOR AIRPORT. Councilman McCormick reported that he had flown to Little Rock, Arkansas, Memphis, Tennessee, and Chicago, Illinois, investigating the type of T hangars which would be satisfactory for construction at Walker Field. In Chicago, Illinois, he had found an aluminum hangar which could be purchased for \$1,250 a unit f.o.b. Grand Junction, Colo. The Company who manufacturers these aluminum hangars would furnish an engineer to come out and oversee the construction of at least the first few hangars. The payment would be made \$300 per unit on delivery in Grand Junction and the balance would be due upon completion of the construction of the hangars. They could be purchased in 16, 20 or 26 units. His investigation showed that the cost of constructing the hangars would be not to exceed \$400 per unit. He recommended placing the hangars just north of the Rigg buildings, and stated that Dr. Rigg would be willing to release from his lease the ground upon which the hangars could be placed. Paving the approach strips would be necessary to connect the hangars to the landing strips.

It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Wright that the City go ahead and build 16 units of aluminum hangars and the approaches to the buildings. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

PROPOSED ORD. FOR PUBLICATION. The following entitled ordinance was introduced and read: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION TO THE AIRPORT FUND. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Severson that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM. Mr. Bill McGraw, Municipal Judge Larry Finnessey and Police Chief Joe Keith reported on a recent traffic safety meeting which had been held in Grand Junction. Representatives of the various service clubs had discussed the manner in which traffic safety could be impressed upon the citizens of Grand Junction and plans for future publicity and developments had been formulated.

A meeting of the Traffic Safety and Traffic Court Conference Committee of the State of Colorado will be held in Grand Junction on June 17, 1954, and the Grand Junction group has been invited to attend this meeting.

Councilman Severson was appointed as Chairman of the Committee of the Council to work with this group.

APPOINT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. Councilman Wright reported that he had contacted the following and they had agreed to serve as a Board of Adjustment to operate under the zoning ordinance: Messrs. Frank R. Hall, H. Summerfield Day, Ray Hume, Miles Kane and Claude Smith.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the City Council appoint Frank R. Hall for a one-year term, Ray Hume and Miles Kane for two-year terms and H. Summerfield Day and Claude Smith for three-year terms to act as a Board of Adjustment for the City of Grand Junction. Motion carried.

DISCUSS WHITMAN PARK AS OFF-STREET PARKING. The matter of Whitman Park being used for an off-street parking area was brought up and discussed. This matter had been considered several years ago but nothing was ever finally done about it. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the City Manager, Chief of Police and City Engineer make a study with the idea in mind of general improvement in the parking situation in the downtown area and make recommendations whether or not it is feasible and practical to use Whitman Park for an inexpensive parking area; also to consider parallel parking on Main Street in this survey. Motion carried with Councilman Colescott voting "NAY."

TO PAY COUNCILMAN MCCORMICK'S EXPENSES. It was agreed that Councilman McCormick's expenses on his airport hangar investigation trip be paid for by the City.

TRAFFIC CONFERENCE. Letters were read from Governor Thornton concerning the Traffic Conference on June 17th.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk