

Grand Junction, Colorado  
July 7, 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, Colescott, Wright and President Walt. Councilman Lowe was absent. Also present were City Manager Toyne, City Attorney Groves and City Clerk Helen C. Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Wright that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 18th be approved as written. Motion carried.

POLICY RE RESCUE SQUAD TO REMAIN UNCHANGED. Mr. M. V. Edwards of the Edwards Ambulance Service was again present and spoke to the Council concerning the competition of the City Rescue Squad to the operation of an ambulance service as a private enterprise. He insisted that the City should not interfere with private ambulance service by furnishing free service for anything but emergency cases.

A meeting had been held in the City Attorney's office with the City Manager, City Attorney, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Mr. Edwards being present. City Attorney Groves summarized the meeting in saying, "Emergency service by the City was inaugurated by action of the City Council; it is agreed that no substantial changes in operation of the rescue car can be made under this policy; Mr. Edwards desires a change in policy; and it is believed that such a change should not be attempted except upon the special consent of the City Council."

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Wright that no change in the policy of the operation of the Rescue Squad in emergency cases be made at this time. Motion carried.

CHANGE ZONING NORTH AVE. 3rd to 5th. This was the date set for hearing on changing the zoning on the south side of North Avenue for Lots 1 to 16, Block 9, and Lots 1 to 11, Block 8, from Residence B to Business A district. A letter was read from Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Costen opposing the changing of zoning and a letter from Calvin H. and Pauline Nichol requesting that the zoning be changed. There were about fifty interested people in the audience and among those speaking for the change of zoning were Mr. and Mrs. Carl McElvain, Geo. Cochran, Elmer Brinker, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bahm, W. L. Reeves, R. E. Grogran. Those who were opposed were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vandenberg and Mrs. Hal Reece.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Harper that the recommendation of the zoning Board of Adjustment as to the re-zoning of Lots 1 to 16 Block 9 and Lots 1 to 11 Block 8 being the south side of North Avenue from Third to business property west of Fifth Street from Residence B to Business A be approved. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

CHANGE ZONING ON PITKIN FROM 11th to 12th. This was also the date set for hearing on changing the zoning on the south side of Pitkin between 11th and 12th Streets from Residence C to Business A. There were no petitions filed in protest of this change. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the recommendations of the Board of Adjustment in changing the north one-half of Block 154 from Residence C to Industry A be approved. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

PROP. ORDINANCE CHANGING ZONING. The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 755 AND THE ZONING MAP INCORPORATED THEREIN. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Severson that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

PASS ORD. 894 - SUNGOLD ANNEX. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Wright 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 Severson was passed, adopted, numbered 894 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

TO ADVERTISE POLONI APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE. Mr. Ben Poloni made application for a liquor license for the retail liquor store known as the Crown Cut Rate Liquor Store at 119 South 4th Street. This store is now operated by Grace Finnegan. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Wright that the application for a retail liquor store license of Mr. Ben Poloni be advertised for hearing on August 4th. Motion carried.

DENY NELLIE JONES' REQUEST FOR WATER REBATE. Nellie L. Jones applied for a rebate in her water bill for 106 Rood Avenue. An inside leak caused 400,500 gallons of water to flood her basement and caused a water bill of \$97.47 for the quarter. It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Severson that inasmuch as the water break was an inside break, the request be denied. Motion carried.

HEARING SHERWOOD SUBDIVISION AUG. 4. A plot of Blocks 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 of Sherwood Addition showing the proposed subdivision of these lots was presented. It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman

Severson that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for hearing for this subdivision on August 4, 1954. Motion carried.

DISCUSS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS. Mr. William DeMerschman asked about motor traffic stops for pedestrians on North Avenue. He stated that the cross-walks on North Avenue were not observed by motorists so that pedestrians could safely cross the street in the lanes marked for them. This led to a further discussion on traffic in the City, and it was suggested that Mr. Ernie Green and Mr. R. A. McCoy of the State Highway Department be invited to attend the next meeting of the Council to discuss various matters pertaining to traffic on the state highways in the City.

A traffic light on 5th and North Avenue was also discussed, and City Manager Toyne stated that a survey would be made by the State Highway Department to see whether sufficient traffic passed this corner to warrant the installation of traffic signals. Discussion concerning the coordination of traffic signals was also had.

PROP. ORD. - FIRE DEPT. A proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE 1953 COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Severson that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - FIRE DEPT. The following Resolution was presented and read:

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado that the monthly salary of each Captain in the Fire Department of the City of Grand Junction shall be the sum of \$370.00 per month.

It was moved by Councilman Severson and seconded by Councilman Harper that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

ACCEPT BOND FRANK E. KREPS. The bond for Frank E. Kreps, Fire Chief, having been approved by the City Attorney, was presented. It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Severson that the bond be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #52. City Manager Toyne reported that Improvement District No. 52 was progressing very nicely.

GAS RATE HEARING. City Attorney Groves reported on his recent trip to Denver on the hearings before the Public Utilities Commission concerning gas rates, and that he had cross-examined Mr. Parks concerning the wholesale price of gas and

that Mr. Park's statement concerning average cost was of no practical value and actually had no place in the testimony and no bearing on the rates for the Western Slope.

TO PRESENT CAR TO CHAS. L. DOWNING. Councilman Harper stated that in the retirement of Charles L. Downing, Fire Chief, after 34 years of service, the City had lost one of its oldest employees; the people of the City as well as the City Council owes a deep debt of gratitude to Mr. Downing for his many years of service. Mr. Downing has a great deal of sentiment for the car which he has been driving, and as a token of esteem and appreciation and as a badge of honor for his long years of service as Fire Chief, Councilman Harper moved that the City of Grand Junction give Mr. Downing this car. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wright.

City Manager Toyne stated that this car was a 1947 Chevrolet originally purchased for the Police Department, and was used by other departments until 1950 when it was stored in the City garage. In 1951 it was repaired, painted and given to Chief Downing for his use. It has been driven 88,000 miles and has been amortized by the Equipment Department.

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

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Wright that Councilman Harper be appointed to make the presentation to Chief Downing. Motion carried.

TRAFFIC SURVEY TO BE MADE. Councilman Wright inquired if any investigation had been made concerning traffic engineering services and Chief of Police Keith stated that he had contacted the National Auto Theft Bureau who would send a traffic expert and an engineer from the traffic department of Purdue University to Grand Junction to make a traffic survey which would include parking, off-street parking, and all phases of traffic. This survey would be made free of charge but the men would not be able to come to Grand Junction before early fall.

President Walt stated that the retail committee of the Chamber of Commerce had been making a study of off-street parking and would like to meet with the Council and review their findings at a meeting to be held in the near future.

It was suggested that President Walt get in touch with this Committee and find out if they would care to meet with the Council before the traffic survey is made by the officials of Purdue University or if they would prefer to wait until this report is available.

CONGRATULATE FRANK KREPS. The Council congratulated Mr. Frank E. Kreps on his promotion to Fire Chief and assured him of their cooperation through the City Manager in the operation of the Department. Mr. Kreps thanked the Council and stated that he hoped that he would never let the City down in any way.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk