

Grand Junction, Colorado
September 15, 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, Colescott, McCormick, Wright, Lowe and President Walt. Also present were City Attorney Groves, City Manager Toyne and City Clerk Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Severson that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 1st be approved as written.

TO BUY ADDITIONAL LIGHTS FOR FOOTBALL FIELD. Mr. Gene Hanson, Coordinator of Athletics of Grand Junction School District No. 51, and Mr. Jay Tolman, Football Coach for Mesa College, appeared before the Council and presented a plan which they were proposing to improve the lighting on the Lincoln Park football field. Their plan provided for the addition of four lights to each of the eight poles that are already in use on the field. The estimated cost of these additional lights would be \$1,450 plus an installation charge for the Public Service Company of \$300 maximum. Lamps for these additional fixtures would cost approximately \$125.00.

Mr. Hanson stated that it is important to be able to take movies of the games as part of the coaching program and the lights as they are now installed at the field are not of sufficient candle power to allow any filming of the games. He stated that School District No. 51 and Mesa College would each be willing to pay \$450 towards the financing of this program leaving the balance for the City of Grand Junction to pay. By installing these thirty two additional lights, the candle power would be brought up to fifteen. A good many fields where movies are used in the coaching program provide twenty candle power but in order to get more than fifteen on the Lincoln Park Field, it would be necessary to go into a major rebuilding program and put up eighty-five foot poles instead of the sixty-five foot ones already there and to redesign the whole lighting plan.

Councilman McCormick brought out the fact that if the City granted additional lights for the football field that in all probability the baseball committee would ask for additional lights on the baseball side next year. Several of the Councilmen spoke in favor of the complete revamping of the lighting system; however, the coaches were anxious to get as much improvement as possible for this year's football season. It was pointed out that the new fixtures could be salvaged for use on the baseball field later.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Severson that the City Manager be authorized to contract with School District No. 51 and Mesa College for the installation of additional lights on the football field on the basis as proposed by Gene Hanson and Jay Tolman; that is that the School District No. 51 and Mesa College each pay \$450 and the City assume the balance of the cost for the installation. Roll was called on the motion with the following result:

Councilmen voting "AYE:" Severson, Harper, Colescott, Wright, Lowe and Pres. Walt.

Councilman voting "NAY:" McCormick

A majority of Councilmen voting "AYE," the President declared the motion carried.

GRANT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH REQUEST FOR DROP CURB. Messrs. Ray Remus and Art Phipps of the Building Committee of the new Congregational Church appeared before the Council and presented plans for a drop curb on Kennedy Avenue from 4th Street, 212 feet east along Kennedy and on Elm Court from Kennedy to 5th Street with the exception of the corners.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the request be granted subject to the following conditions: that the City assumes no responsibility for construction or maintenance of the parking facilities; that it is contemplated sidewalks will be constructed at the expense of the Church and that easements or rights of way be provided by the Church and approved by the City Engineer and City Manager and that the parking areas be paved. Motion carried.

TO REPORT BACK ON MACONGAN REQUEST FOR LAYBACK. Mr. Mark Wagner of the Macongan Lounge asked for a layback curb along the east side of his building on 2nd Street from Main Street to the alley. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Lowe that this matter be referred to the City Engineer for investigation and report back to the Council at the next meeting. Motion carried.

SUSPEND B. V. WARREN'S 3.2 BEER LIC. 10 DAYS. Mr. B. V. Warren had been notified to appear before the Council in regard to having sold 3.2 beer to minors under the age of 18 and to show cause if any why his license should not be revoked.

Acting Chief of Police Fritz Becker reviewed the case which had been brought up in Municipal Court in which George Trujillo, 16, and Gilbert Martinez, 17, had purchased beer at Sam's Food Mart at 737 Third Avenue. Trujillo was returned to the Reform School on another charge and could not appear at this hearing. Martinez was fined and also B. V. Warren for this misdemeanor. Gilbert Martinez was present and stated that he had purchased beer several times at Sam's Food Mart and that he had borrowed a card showing his age as 18. He said he had purchased beer from the lady who worked there and also from some man who had been employed there but is not there at the present time. He said that George Trujillo also had a card showing that he was 19 years of age; that both had bought beer several times in the past few months. He also stated that Mr. Warren was present several times when he had purchased beer and had sold the beer to him one time, however, he was not asked to show his card to Mr. Warren.

Mr. Warren stated that the lady, Mrs. Gertrude Adams, who is employed by him has been a bartender for twenty four years and is very careful to be sure that there are

no minors purchasing beer in his place of business. He said that these boys presented their cards back in March and the descriptions on the cards fit the boys perfectly only showing their ages as 18 and 19. He stated that it was clearly a trick of misrepresentation of age. Councilman Harper stated that it was generally discussed among High School students that beer could be purchased at B. V. Warren's place of business by anyone desiring to do so. Mr. Warren stated that they usually do not have High School students around his place; that there have been a few college students down there but they are very careful to be sure of their age.

It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Wright that in line with the policy of the Council seemingly established in the past, that the 3.2 beer license of Mr. B. V. Warren for Sam's Food Mart be suspended for ten days starting Thursday morning Sept. 16th. Motion carried.

Councilman Harper then stated that his opinion on second or more offenses on sale of beer or liquor to minors would mean revocation of licenses.

DEFER ACTION ON ORD. VACATING ALLEY. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the consideration of the final passage of the ordinance concerning vacating of the alleys in Blocks 22 and 23 of Milldale Subdivision and a portion of 11th Street be deferred until the next meeting, and that Mr. Maurice Gardner be informed that he should contact the Holly Sugar Company to ascertain their feelings in the matter of closing 11th Street. Motion carried.

GRANT WATER TAP TO CROTTA BROS. & MORRIS. Crotta Bros. and Vincent Morris requested permission to have a water tap to serve Lots 1, 2, 3, Block 5, all of Block 6, 9, 10 and Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 7 Fairley's Addition on Orchard Mesa. They intend to build approximately thirty two units, one-fourth of which will be commercial. This tap would come off the city water system after the water has been treated at the filter plant.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Wright that in view of the studies which are progressing and the contemplated possible increase of the source of supply, that the request be granted. Motion carried with Councilmen Colescott and McCormick dissenting. Motion carried.

RENEW 3.2 BEER LICENSE SOUTHSIDE GROCERY. Kenneth G. and Frances H. Mark dba Southside Grocery, 832 So. 7th Street, presented an application for renewal of their 3.2 beer license. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the renewal be granted. Motion carried.

ADJUST WATER BILL. Mr. John Emerson, 1720 No. 15th Street, requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak which was repaired as soon as discovered. The water bill for the quarter ending Sept. 1, showed 117,100 gallons of water amounting to \$24.67 used as compared with the same quarter last year when 55,800 gallons amounting to \$14.12 were used. It was moved by Councilman Harper

and seconded by Councilman Colescott that Mr. Emerson's water bill for 1720 No. 15th St. be adjusted at \$14.12. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

COLO. MUN. LEAGUE MEETING. City Attorney Groves reported that he had attended a meeting of the Colo. Municipal League Legislative Committee in Denver and that there were eighteen separate matters considered for the League to sponsor at the next session of the State Legislature. Two of the most important concerned the annexation statute and an attempt to get sensible and complete municipal election laws. They were also contemplating the remodeling of the 3.2 beer law and the Police Pension law to bring it in conformity with the Firemen's Pension law which was amended recently.

TO DRAFT ORD. ON 3.2 BEER VIOLATIONS. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up ordinances concerning the regulation of fermented malt beverages (3.2) beer and present them to the Council at a later meeting for consideration; these ordinances to be drawn up according to recommendations contained in a memorandum recently issued by the City Attorney's office and sent to each member of the Council. Motion carried.

DISCUSS JAIL CONDITIONS. Councilman Wright brought up the matter of the dissatisfaction of the prisoners in the City Jail. It was suggested that the Council go down to the jail and inspect it and the Police Dept. headquarters. City Manager Toyne and Acting Police Chief Becker were asked to arrange such a visit.

DISCUSS CITY OWNED TAX PROPERTY. President Walt and Councilman Colescott brought up the matter of selling lots which the City has taken on tax title. A real estate dealer suggested that a plat be made of all the property which the City holds and that good titles be provided and the property be appraised and then advertised for bids. City Manager Toyne stated that most of the lots which the City owns are on Ute and Pitkin Avenues and would be worth a good deal more when the East-West Expressway is completed and that it has been the idea of the Council to sell these lots for fund to purchase the right of way for the Expressway from 1st and Main on west.

STATUS OF TRAFFIC SURVEY. City Manager Toyne also made a report on the status of the traffic survey which, if possible, is to be made by Purdue University officials. Mr. Don Dugan, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, visited the Council and stated that his Off-street Parking Committee was very anxious to secure some sort of a traffic survey as quickly as possible.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk