

Grand Junction, Colorado
October 28, 1954

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction met in adjourned session at 7:30 P. M. Councilmen present and answering roll call were McCormick, Severson, Harper, Colescott, Lowe and President Walt. Councilman Wright was absent. Also present were City Manager Toyne, City Attorney Groves and City Clerk Tomlinson.

DISCUSS PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1955. Mr. Don Dugan, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Les Halvorson and Preston Walker, members of the Chamber of Commerce Board, appeared before the Council and Mr. Dugan criticized the Budget and asked that the Council consider a further reduction in the mill levy. He questioned the feasibility of end of the year balances in the various funds. It was explained to Mr. Dugan that water, sewer, Moyer Pool and the cemetery funds are all independent of the general levy and the balances in these funds have no bearing whatever on the mill levy.

This meeting had been advertised extensively in the newspaper and on the radio as a public meeting for consideration of the 1955 Budget, and, including the three from the Chamber of Commerce, there were only seven people in the audience interested in the adoption of the mill levy and the setting up of the Budget.

Mr. Earl Rau asked if the Council had ever considered charging a fee for annexing property to the City which would pay for some of the expenses involved in laying out streets and other services prior to the time they would be paying City taxes.

Mr. Preston Walker stated that he did not expect the City to cut much from the levy. He thought the Council had done a very good job in the past years and would like to see more money spent on the streets and realized that it was a pretty tough job to try to cut down services to meet a diminishing amount of money if the mill levy were to be cut.

Councilman Severson stated that he thought the alleys were in bad shape, and it was explained to him that several blocks of alleys had been surfaced in the past year and that there would be several more repaired under the next year's Budget.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS. Councilman Severson also asked about traffic control lights with the idea that we should have more lights and especially at 5th and North Avenue. City Manager Toyne was requested to ask the Highway Department to make another survey on 5th and North Avenue and the Chief of Police was requested to investigate and decide on a location for one more traffic light which is at the present time in storage in the City warehouse and to see that it is installed at once.

MILL LEVY SET AT 16.6 FOR GENERAL .9 FOR LIBRARY FOR 1954. Several of the Councilmen expressed the thought that they would like to see taxes in Mesa County cut but with school costs raising, it wasn't fair to expect the City and County to

cut their levies and services to compensate for the increased facilities necessary to operate School District No. 51.

The report of the Colorado Expenditures Council had been presented to the Council, and President Walt asked the Finance Committee, consisting of Councilman Wright as Chairman and Councilmen Severson and McCormick, to check some of the criticisms in this report and see if it might be possible to place various departments on a more self-supporting basis. The matter of trash collection was also referred to this committee. The Chamber of Commerce hoped that the charges for trash collection could be reduced from the mill levy and assessed as a service charge.

The Councilmen all commended City Manager Toyne on his preparation of the Budget. Councilman Severson suggested that another one-half mill could easily be cut from the levy and the City still operate in a satisfactory manner. The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

LEVYING TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1954 IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado:

Section 1. That there shall be and hereby is levied upon all taxable property within the limits of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the year 1954 according to the assessed valuation of said property, a tax of seventeen and five tenths mills (17.5) on the dollar (\$1.00) upon the total assessment of taxable property within the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the purpose of paying the expenses of the municipal government of said City, and certain indebtedness, including interest upon indebtedness of the City, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955.

Section 2. That said total levy shall comprise the following items, to-wit:

(a) A levy of sixteen and six-tenths (16.6) mills on each dollar (\$1.00) of the assessed valuation of said property to be collected and used for the General Fund to defray the general expenses of municipal government of the City of Grand Junction for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955.

(b) A levy of nine-tenths (.9) mill on each dollar (\$1.00) of the assessed valuation of said property to be collected and used for Public Library purposes for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 28th day of October, 1954.

APPROVED

President of the City Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Severson and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with the following result:

Councilmen voting "AYE:" McCormick, Severson, Colescott, Lowe and President Walt

Councilman Harper voted "AYE" with the reservation of mind that considering the increased cost of government, it was against his better judgment to reduce the levy another half mill but in the interest of economy he would go along and vote "AYE" on the motion.

All of the Councilmen present voting "AYE," the President declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION - SALARIES 1955. The following Resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Grand Junction, Colorado that the following salaries be paid for the year 1955, and thereafter until such time as the City Council shall make changes therein. Such salaries shall be paid at the close of each and every month, or other established pay period:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Monthly Salary</u>
City Attorney	\$450.00
City Auditor & Ex-Officio City Clerk	415.00
City Treasurer	390.00
Bookkeeper	315.00
Secretaries (5)	290.00

City Engineer & Building Inspector	515.00
Assistant City Engineer	390.00
Engineer	320.00
Engineer's Helper	300.00
Electrical Inspector	390.00
Plumbing Inspector	390.00
Asst. Building Inspector	315.00
Sanitation Inspector	325.00
Meter Reader	295.00
Supt. of Parks & Cemeteries (plus house, water & telephone at Lincoln Park)	360.00
Supt. of Highways & Airport	390.00
Supt. of Water & Sewers	390.00
Filter Plant Operator (plus house, water and telephone at Reservoir Hill)	305.00
Sewage Disposal Plant Operator	325.00
Purchasing Agent	390.00
Clerk (stores & equipment)	323.33
Storekeeper	290.00
Shop Superintendent	365.00
Intake Operator (plus house, water, telephone and electricity)	200.00
Golf Professional	240.00
Judge of Municipal Court	382.00
Chief of Police	450.00

Police Captains (3)	390.00
Police Detectives (2)	390.00
Patrolman (over 10 years service)	350.00
Patrolman (8th, 9th & 10th year)	335.00
Patrolman (6th & 7th year)	325.00
Patrolman (3rd, 4th & 5th year)	315.00
Patrolman (2nd year)	300.00
Patrolman (1st year)	290.00
Police Dept. Custodian & Dog Catcher	275.00
Fire Chief	450.00
Fire Captains	390.00
Radio Tech. (Fire \$40.00, Police \$120.00)	160.00
Fireman (over 10 years)	350.00
Fireman (8th, 9th and 10th years)	335.00
Fireman (6th, 7th year)	325.00
Fireman (3rd, 4th & 5th years)	315.00
Fireman (2nd year)	300.00
Fireman (1st year)	290.00
Custodian at Airport	265.00
Custodian at City Hall	290.00
Hourly Employees:	
Foreman	\$1.84 per hour

Skilled labor	1.71 per hour
Semi-skilled labor	1.56 per hour
Common labor	1.46 per hour

ADOPTED AND APPROVED This 28th day of October, 1954.

APPROVED

President of the Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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.

ADOPT BUDGET FOR 1955. The following Resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR DEFRAYING THE EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 59, of the Charter of the City of Grand Junction, the City Manager of said City has submitted to the City Council a budget estimate of the revenues of said City and the expenses of conducting the affairs thereof for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955; and

WHEREAS, after full and final consideration of the budget estimate the City Council is of the opinion that the budget should be approved and adopted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

That the budget estimate of the revenues and expenses of conducting the affairs of said City for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955, as submitted by the City Manager, be and the same is hereby adopted and approved as the budget estimate for

defraying the expenses and liabilities against said City for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1955.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 28th day of October, 1954.

APPROVED:

President of the Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Lowe 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.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - APPROPRIATIONS 1955. The following proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1955, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

VITAL STATISTICS DEPT. OPERATION & FEES SET BY STATE LAW. City Attorney Groves explained that there had been some criticism both in the Colorado Expenditures Council report and by the Chamber of Commerce concerning the operation and charges made for vital statistics. He stated that this department is operated entirely by state law and that only charges as prescribed by the State Legislature can be made for the performance of services in connection with vital statistics.

TO GET INSURANCE ON T HANGARS. City Manager Toyne reported that he had received a rate on insurance for the new airport hangars and that the rate for fire and extended coverage on less than full value was \$1.33 per hundred and on 100% coverage, it was 98 1/2¢ per hundred. It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Severson that the City Manager be instructed to insure the hangars for 100% coverage for fire and extended coverage. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk