

Grand Junction, Colorado
November 3, 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, Lowe and President Walt. Also present were City Manager Toyne, City Attorney Groves, and City Clerk Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Severson that the minutes of the regular meeting held October 20th and the regular adjourned meeting held on October 28th be approved as written. Motion carried.

RUSSELL TRAILER HOUSE REFERRED TO MUN. COURT. Mr. and Mrs. Russell, 615 White, appeared before the Council and asked for permission to leave their trailer parked in the back of their home. Mr. and Mrs. Russell had been cited into Police Court on a charge of parking a trailer in violation of the building code as the wheels had been removed from the trailer but it had not been made to comply with the building code. They had asked the Judge for a continuance of their hearing in order to bring the matter before the Council. It was not brought out nor was it decided whether or not the trailer could be made to conform to the building code and if it was not possible to make it conform the Council's hands were tied in allowing it to remain as it now is whether rented or not.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the matter be referred back to the Municipal Court; that if it is possible that this trailer can be made to conform to the building code, it can be left on the lot and if not, ordinances concerning trailers and the building code should be enforced. Motion carried.

TO INSTALL ANOTHER GAS STOVE LINCOLN PARK AUD. Mrs. Matteroli, President of the Grand Junction High School Band and Orchestra Parents Club, appeared before the Council in connection with the new gas stoves that have recently been installed in the kitchen in the Lincoln Park Auditorium. She stated that the facilities which were purchased and installed by the City were not sufficient for use in preparing large banquets; that there was some misunderstanding about the facilities that were to be furnished. They had understood that they were to have 16 top units and 4 ovens and large ranges are made with 10 top units and 2 ovens.

It was explained by City Manager Toyne and Councilman Wright that the equipment which was purchased was in accordance with a letter written to the Council by Mrs. Walter Dalby who was then the President of the Club.

After considerable discussion, it was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Severson that the City purchase and install another gas stove for the kitchen at Lincoln Park Auditorium, the same style as the one which was recently installed - 10 burners and 2 ovens - which will make 20 burners and 4 ovens available

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

TO CHARGE \$10 FOR USE OF KITCHEN L.P. AUDITORIUM. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the City charge \$10 for the use of the kitchen facilities. Motion carried.

TABLE CULLEY REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF NAME. A request from Mr. W. T. Culley to change the name of his Cafe from the name of Culley's Cafe and Lounge to Uranium Club was made. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the matter be tabled and referred to the City Attorney to be sure just what Mr. Culley intends. Motion carried.

REJECT BIDS ON LOTS 17 to 32 MILLDALE SUB. Bids were opened for the sale of Lots 17 to 32 inclusive Block 19 Milldale Subdivision. There were two bids presented; one by Lewis G. Barto, c/o Joy Manufacturing, for \$3,055 for all of Lots 17 to 32 inclusive including the warehouse and \$2,055 for Lots 17 to 30 excluding the warehouse. Minerals Engineering Company bid \$3,300 for Lots 31 and 32 including the warehouse and Lots 19 to 30 inclusive, \$10,750 or a total bid of \$14,101 for all of Lots 17 to 32 including the warehouse plus the assessment of \$1,236.86 for paving.

President Walt turned this part of the meeting over to Councilman Colescott.

Councilman McCormick stated that should the City build a new warehouse on West Grand Avenue that would be similar or comparable and suitable for storing City materials, it would cost at least \$20,000; after checking the contemplated site on West Grand Avenue, he thought there would be quite a traffic problem and a problem of being able to get large equipment onto the highway from this location. The tax return on the property as it now stands would be approximately \$116 per year. He felt that the property was more valuable to the City towards an economical administration than the \$14,101 cash would be towards the establishment of a new storage yard and facilities.

Mr. Ray Sullivan of Minerals Engineering Co. said they contemplated building a new modern office building; that it was necessary for them to expand their facilities and that they felt they would like to have them on the same location. As this property was right across the street from them, it was ideally located for them. They could get along with the 14 vacant lots and would not have any use for the warehouse building. They would allow the City to use this warehouse building for some time to come if they decided to sell it at this time.

Councilman Severson thought a study should be made to see whether there is enough room available for the shops, garage, storage and stores department and if it is the proper location for these activities.

Councilman Wright thought that the City should get on with the planning of the sewage disposal plant, shops and other needed improvements.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the bids be rejected. Motion carried.

President Walt again took charge of the meeting.

C. A. TO CHECK INTO OCCUPATIONAL TAX AND HOURS FOR BARS. A letter from Mr. John Vogel asking that the Council extend the hours when liquor may be sold by the drink in Grand Junction was read. The state law provides that businesses of this kind may be open until 2:00 A. M. Mr. Vogel requested the Council to change the City ordinance to extend the hours from 12:00 midnight to 2:00 A. M.

Councilman Harper stated that this matter had been discussed in the past and also the additional cost of policing the City when bars were allowed to be open past midnight. Mr. Karl Johnson, Chief of Police, stated that already this year there had been 754 arrests for drunkenness and 62 people arrested for drunken driving. He felt that it would be necessary to have at least one extra patrolman on the 12:00 midnight to 8:00 A.M. shift if the sale of liquor continued until 2:00 A.M.

Councilman Harper suggested that those people who close at midnight pay the same occupational tax fee they are now paying and those who cared to stay open until 2:00 A.M. pay an additional \$500 per year occupational tax. This extra compensation would in a measure pay for the services of the additional patrolman needed to protect the City.

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the City Attorney be instructed to look into the matter and see if it is legal to increase the occupational tax in this manner or whether it would have to be a uniform increase on everyone. Motion carried.

PASS RESOL. E/W EXPRESSWAY PARKING, SPEED LIMITS ETC. The following Resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, public convenience and necessity require the widening and construction of certain portions of the following streets of the City of Grand Junction as set forth below, according to the plans and specifications of Colorado Department of Highways Project No. F 001-1 (8):

Ute Avenue from the easterly city limits of the City, westerly to the proposed junction with Pitkin Avenue and First Street;

Pitkin Avenue from the easterly city limits, westerly to the proposed junction with Ute Avenue and First Street;

First Street from the proposed junction with Ute Avenue and Pitkin Avenue northerly to the intersection of Main Street and First Street; and

WHEREAS, public convenience and necessity require the widening and reconstruction of First Street from its intersection with Main Street to its intersection with Grand Avenue, and the establishment of a new street from the intersection of Grand Avenue and First Street, thence northwesterly to the city limits, all in accordance with Colorado Department of Highways plans and specifications for Project No. FAP 1-1 Spur;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, that the above described portions of said streets are hereby declared to be connecting links in and as a part of Colorado State Highway No. 20, and as such are dedicated to the public use, subject to relocation or abandonment as provided by law for state highways;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City hereby recognizes the right of the Colorado Department of Highways, and its contractor or contractors, to proceed at once, or at any future time, to construct such improvements on said connecting links on Colorado State Highway No. 20 in accordance with the plans and specifications above mentioned;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby finds that the following traffic rules and regulations governing traffic on the portions of the streets above described will be necessary when such improvements have been constructed;

(a) That the portions of the streets above described shall be through streets with traffic on Ute Avenue moving westerly one way only, and traffic on Pitkin Avenue moving easterly one way only.

(b) That parking shall be prohibited at all points along the portions of the streets above described which are within 20 feet of any street intersection.

(c) That parking shall be permitted only on the south side of Pitkin Avenue from Second Street to the easterly city limits, on the north side of Ute Avenue from First Street to the easterly city limits, on both sides of First Street from Ute Avenue to Grand Avenue, and on both sides of the center line of the extension of Pitkin Avenue from Second Street to First Street.

(d) That parking, when and where permitted, shall be parallel as provided by ordinance for parallel parking.

(e) That the maximum speed limit on Pitkin Avenue and Ute Avenue from Tenth Street to the easterly city limits shall be 40 miles per hour; that the maximum speed limit on Pitkin Avenue and Ute Avenue from the proposed junction with First Street to Tenth Street shall be 35 miles per hour; that the maximum speed limit on First Street from the

proposed junction with Ute Avenue and Pitkin Avenue to its junction with Grand Avenue shall be 35 miles per hour; and that the maximum speed limit on First Street from its junction with Grand Avenue northwesterly to the city limits shall be 50 miles per hour.

and the City Council hereby declares that it is the Council's intention to adopt such rules and regulations and pass such ordinances as may be necessary to place in effect the above mentioned traffic regulations when the said improvements are completed.

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

WATER BILL ADJUSTMENT. Mr. W. A. Cline, 439 Ouray Avenue, requested a water bill adjustment due to a service line leak which was repaired immediately upon discovery. His Nov. 1, 1954 bill showed 95,700 gallons used amounting to \$28.64 as compared with the same period last year when 80,800 gallons amounting to \$25.01 were used.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Wright that Mr. Cline's water bill be adjusted at \$25.01. Roll was called on the motion with all Councilmen voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

DISCUSS SCALES & WEIGHING. A new state law concerning scales and weights was discussed by City Manager Toyne. Every truck before it can get a 1955 license must be weighed by a certified weigher. The only certified weigher on the Western Slope at the present time is at Craig.

The new law requires that everyone who weighs and certifies must be bonded to the State. At the present time, the Firemen take care of the City scales and there are 17 men who take their turn in taking care of the scales. If the City was to become a certified weigher, at least the Chief and two men on each shift would have to be bonded.

The City Attorney has written a letter to the State Department asking clarification on several questions concerning the set up of a certified weighing department. The Chief of the Fire Department, Frank Kreps, stated that the Fire Department members took turns at weighing and that it would be rather hard to designate certain ones only to do the weighing if the certified scales were set up.

TO ENFORCE CITY ORD. ON WEIGHING. Mr. Gardner, City Scale Inspector, stated that the new State Scale Inspector was not doing a good job in testing scales and it made a hardship on him when he checked up and found a scale out of order. Mr. Gardner was informed that the City ordinance must be enforced. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the City Attorney be instructed to lodge a protest for incomplete tests by the State Department and request that they cooperate more closely with the City Inspector being more accurate in determining the correctness of scales which are inspected by them. Motion carried.

DISCUSS PARKING OF TRUCKS & TRAILERS. The matter of parking of big trucks and trailers was discussed but no action taken until after the new expressway is completed.

COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF SHOPS ETC. President Walt appointed a committee to determine the location of the shops and yard, with Councilman Lowe as Chairman and Councilmen Wright and Severson on the committee.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk