

Grand Junction, Colorado

September 20, 1961

**ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock p.m., September 20, 1961. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Meacham, Hadden, Love, Colescott, Wright and Pres. McCormick. Councilman Lowe was absent. Also present were City Manager Lacy and City Clerk Tomlinson. City Attorney Ashby was absent.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Rev. Erskine Scates, Pastor, North East Christian Church.

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Councilman Hadden and seconded by Councilman Meacham that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 6th be approved as written. Motion carried. (6 Councilmen voted AYE)

**BIDS FOR HALLENBECK RESERVOIR** Defer awarding contract to Wallace Beard - low bidder

Bids were received on Monday, September 18th, for the improvement of Hallenbeck Reservoir. The following bids were tabulated:

Bidder			
Wallace Beard	\$30,267.28	1,575.00	31,842.28
Gardner Construction Co.	51,611.50	2,250.00	53,861.50
Wood Construction Co. Salt Lake City, Utah	54,922.00	3,750.00	58,672.00
Corn Construction Co.	55,590.50	3,750.00	59,340.50

City Manager Lacy explained that there were two stages in the construction of the Hallenbeck Reservoir project; the construction of the dam itself and the installation of pipes,

etc. and the putting in of earth fill. Mr. Burton, Public Utilities Director, and Mr. Jex, who has been consultant on this job, have requested that they have a little more time to evaluate the bids that were received as there is such a large spread between the low bid and the second low bid.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the awarding of the contract for the improvement of Hallenbeck Reservoir be deferred until the next meeting of the Council. Motion carried. (6 Councilmen voted AYE)

**BUDGET - 1962** Discussion - Hearing - Request that Library budget be increased

This date had been set for hearing on the 1962 Budget. All interested citizens had been invited to attend the meeting and express their views on the matter.

Mr. Dudley Mitchell spoke in the interest of the Public Library. He stated that it was his impression that the Library had not been keeping pace with the growth of the City. It is crowded, especially during the months from September to May. He said that he had been in the Library and found that it is used a great deal for research; that a good percentage of the books taken out are technical and non-fiction; that much of the work that is now done at the Library is being done by volunteers and pages. He recommended to the Council that they consider an increased appropriation for the Library.

Councilman Wright noted that the 1960 Library budget was 20% above the 1959 budget and the 1961 budget was about 10% higher than the 1960 budget which showed that the Council had been trying to keep pace with the growth of the City.

City Manager Lacy noted that the proposed 1962 Budget is for \$55,000 in comparison with the \$42,000 budget for 1961. Other Councilmen stated that they thought that one of the main problems with the Library is the over-crowding and that the existing building is restrictive to much enlargement of service.

**L. P. GOLF COURSE** Report of Committee re condition & Improvements

Councilman Meacham as Chairman of the Committee appointed by President McCormick to investigate the operation of the Lincoln Park Golf Course made his report. He stated that the Committee (consisting of Councilmen Hadden, Love and President McCormick) had held a number of meetings to analyze the Golf Course in relation to the recreational needs of the City. A large group of golfers attended the first meeting and nothing was accomplished. Thereafter, in cooperation with the Lincoln Park Golf Men's Club,

smaller groups met and tried to determine the approach to be taken; whether to improve the present golf course or use it for some other purpose and acquire a larger golf course in some other location. They felt at the present time a new golf course would be too expensive and would not be realistic but it was something to think about for the future.

The next approach was what can be done with the facilities at Lincoln Park. The major problems are the greens. For the past two or three years at the time of the Rocky Mountain National Golf Tournament the greens have been in very poor condition and the City has received a great deal of adverse criticism. He made the following recommendations:

No. 1 Green be enlarged and contoured.

No. 2 Green is a nice large green but it breaks off abruptly on three sides and needs to be sloped more gently on all four sides so that it does not break off so fast.

No. 3 Green needs to be tapered on the back.

No. 4 Green is too small; needs to be enlarged and contoured.

No. 5 Green is the problem green. It is too small to take care of the traffic and is shaded by large trees. The Committee recommended that it be re-designed, terraced and contoured.

No. 6 Green needs to be enlarged, terraced and contoured.

No. 7 Green is one of the best greens and is coming back in nice shape; outside of up-keep it does not need any alteration.

No. 8 Green is a small green and the grass was completely lost last year. It needs to be enlarged and terraced.

No. 9 Green is small and needs to be enlarged.

Some of the fairways need to be improved. The dandelions have taken over on some of them and there is no grass and others are becoming narrower because they are losing grass. The fairways around the lake are below the lake level and the swampy condition needs to be eradicated. He stated that the fairways were just not good.

In his opinion, there was a necessity of having a good golf course in the City. It is an important facet of the recreation program. Golf is being played by more people now than at any time in the past ten years. People in age groups from 6 to 86 are playing all of the time. Grand Junction has a physical lay-out to

capitalize on. The motel district borders the course on the north and is a good tourist attraction; however, in its present condition, a tourist would only play one round and would not recommend it. It could be made into a financial success and very nearly pay for itself.

The Lincoln Park Golf Club Men's Club has recommended that dues be raised and an additional \$4,000 or \$5,000 that could be raised in this manner be earmarked for capital improvements and greens repairs. The following recommendation were made for dues:

Men's unlimited be raised to \$55 per year

Junior limited to be raised to \$15 per year

Ladies limited to be raised to \$25 per year

The Committee also considered the management of the course. They felt that someone was needed to take care of the course who understood golf courses and the care of greens and fairways. It was suggested that it might be possible to use the services of the greenskeeper from the Country Club at least as an advisor. They could use the Scott's program of seeding and fertilizing. This is expensive but is guaranteed, or the City could hire a technical nurseryman as an overseer to take over the fairways and greens. The fairways are kept more or less in the same manner as the parks but the greens need special care by someone who knows how to care for them. He stated that the Committee did not mean to be critical of anyone but that they did feel that they did not want any more hard luck with the Golf Course.

City Manager Lacy reported that a fence was still to be put in on the course this year and that the total budget of \$32,000 would be spent this year. He thought there was still a need for an eighteen hole course, and they would continue to work on this as a capital project. He also stated that in the proposed 1962 Budget, there is additional funds for improving the course.

President McCormick asked the Committee to continue to act and to work with the Men's Club in connection with the operation of the Golf Course.

**WATER** Geo. Lockhart lease for Anderson Ranch - to negotiate settlement

City Manager Lacy requested permission to negotiate with Mr. George Lockhart on the lease price for the Anderson Ranch land on Kannah Creek. The amount paid for the lease depends on the amount of water available and the City has used approximately 20% of the available water this year.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Wright that the City Manager and Public Utilities Director be authorized to negotiate with Mr. Lockhart on the basis of approximately 20% of the water used. Motion carried. (6 Councilmen voted AYE)

**MILL LEVY SET** 17.5 MILLS for 1961 - Resolution passed

City Manager Lacy stated that the assessed valuation for the City as basis for the Budget is \$38,163,730. This is \$2,349,000 more than the valuation for this past year. The net increase in revenue on the same levy would be \$39,874. At the present time, some of the high lights of the 1962 Budget are: four additional firemen; three police dispatchers; fringe benefits to all employees approximately \$10,000; longevity pay raises approximately \$9,000; capital improvements - this will depend on whether or not "Operation Foresight" goes through.

He recommended that the levy for the next year remain at 17.5 mills, and the following Resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

LEVYING TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1961 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 1961 according to the assessed valuation of said property, a tax of seventeen and five-tenths (17.5) mills 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, 1962.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 20th day of September, 1961.

APPROVE:

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President of the City Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Hadden 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. (6 Councilmen voted AYE)

**WATER** Indian Wash Project - Authorize CM to sign agreement to be coordinator

City Manager Lacy stated that Mesa County had authorized the City to be the coordinating agency on the improvement of Indian Wash to go ahead and sign papers to get the federal grant for the building of the dam at the head of Indian Wash. It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Love that the following Resolution be passed and adopted as read:

Instr #4114 copy Mesa Co Comm Minutes to pay 1/2 cost of improving & widening Indian Wash

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, that Joe M. Lacy, City Manager of said City, be and he is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of said City the Watershed Work Plan Agreement between the Upper Grand Valley Soil Conservation District, City of Grand Junction, Mesa County and the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for assistance in preparing a plan for works of improvement for the Indian Wash Watershed, State of Colorado.

Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried. (6 Councilmen voted AYE)

**CIVIL DEFENSE and/or COMMUNITY DISASTER PROGRAM** Discuss approp. for Director

Councilman Wright brought up the matter of Civil Defense and/or a Community Disaster Program for the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County. He felt that it was very important at this time for the City to become more interested in doing something about such a program. He said there was a 200-bed hospital in storage at Hilltop House but there is no one who has the responsibility for seeing that it would be set up in case of community disaster. Judge Miles Kara is, at the present time, the Civil Defense Officer for Mesa County, but, inasmuch as he has many other duties, it is not possible for him to do too much towards setting

up a plan. Mr. A. Bolotin of the Veterans Hospital set up a community disaster plan a short time ago, but it has not gone very far toward becoming a workable plan in case of emergency.

It was suggested that City Manager Lacy put between \$2,500 and \$3,000 in the 1962 Budget to help pay for a Director for Community Disaster and/or Civil Defense. Mr. Lacy was also asked to get in touch with Judge Kara and the Mesa County Commissioners to see if such a plan could be worked out on a county-wide basis with the County assisting financially.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk