

August 1, 1962

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. August 1, 1962. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Meacham, Hadden, Love, Colescott, Lowe, Wright and President McCormick. Also present were City Manager Lacy, City Attorney Ashby and City Clerk Tomlinson.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. Gosa, Pastor, First Baptist Church.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Love that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 18, 1962 be approved as written. Motion carried. (7 voted AYE)

POOL HALLS

Committee to investigate letting minors play

President McCormick stated that he had talked to different members of the Council and he did not think that the Council wished to do anything about changing the ordinance concerning minors playing pool; that the Council believed that it would be well to leave the ordinance as it is. Minors should not be allowed in pool halls where there are pin ball machines or where 3.2 beer is served. It was mentioned that this would not satisfy Mr. Harris as he wants to teach young children to play pool. The Council felt that there was no harm in young children learning to play pool but it is the environment involved. President McCormick appointed Councilmen Meacham, Hadden and Colescott as a committee to consider this matter and do some investigating in connection with it and report back at a later meeting.

3.2 BEER RENEWALS

1st St. City Mkt & North Ave. City Mkt

Applications for renewal of 3.2 beer licenses were presented for First Street City Market, 104 Orchard Avenue, and North Avenue City Market, 865 North Avenue. A letter was read from Chief of Police Johnson stating there had been no complaints or violations by the present licensees. It was moved by Councilman Hadden and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the applications be approved and licenses granted when state licenses have been received. Motion carried. (7 voted AYE)

WATER BILL ADJUST.

Mrs. Bertha McPheters, 604 1/2 W. Ute Ave

Mrs. Bertha McPheters, 604 1/2 W. Ute Ave., requested an adjustment in her water bill of \$23.88. A broken service line had caused an excessive amount of water to go through the meter. Last month, Mrs. McPheter's bill was \$4.05. This adjustment was recommended by the Utilities Director. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Lowe that Mrs. McPheters' water bill be adjusted on the same basis as water used in the previous month. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried. (7 voted AYE)

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

The Planning Commission at its regular meeting July 25, 1962, recommended that a revocable permit for usage of unused right of way on Tenth Street between 1st and 2nd Avenues be granted instead of vacation as requested. Also, that

no change be made in the zoning ordinance regarding front yard fences. There is nothing for the Council to do on these recommendations until the requests come before it.

ORD. 1162 PASSED

Annexing KSL Subd. North of Orchard = near Indian Wash

The Proof of Publication to the following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Hadden that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried. (7 voted AYE)

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Love that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried. (7 voted AYE)

The ordinance was then read, and it was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Hadden that the ordinance be passed and adopted, numbered 1162 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried. (7 voted AYE)

SIDEWALK

Mrs. DeRose, 505 W. Main St.

City Manager Lacy reported that City Engineer Jerry Fossenier had reported to him on the matter of Mrs. DeRose's sidewalk at 505 W. Main St. This sidewalk had been repaired several years ago in an improvement district at a cost of approximately \$105.00. When it became necessary to take out sidewalks in this area (including that of Mrs. DeRose) in order to construct the sewer in Operation Foresight, Mr. Fossenier had called the people together and explained the matter to them and told them that the City would pay for putting the sidewalk back in place. Mr. Fossenier agreed to place them wherever they wanted them. Mrs. DeRose was out of town at this time. Everyone else seemed to be very happy with the way this matter was handled and after explanation, Mr. DeRose is satisfied.

CATS

Control of

City Manager Lacy reported that he had received only two letters concerning the matter of controlling cats. One was from a party out of State who didn't want the cats molested and the other was from a person who thought it might be worth a try to work out some method of control. President McCormick stated that he had had a few telephone calls and a few letters which were about 50/50 for and against the control. Messrs. Krutzner and Caudle were present; Mr. Krutzner insisting that the Council pass some sort of ordinance which would permit a person to trap any cat that was found on his premises. The cat could then be turned over to a pound where after a certain length of time it could be done away with in a humane manner. Mr. Caudle stated that he thought it was the duty of the City Council to provide a pound where cats could be put away in a humane manner. H stated the City does not have a leash law at night as dogs run around all over town after dark. There might be too many cats from a sanitary standpoint, and the City should have a City cat trapper, with trapping cats a duty and not in the manner of a cat hater.

Several of the Councilmen stated that they would be willing to do something if there was an effective method which would be workable. City Manager Lacy stated that there were two ways to handle the situation:

1. Neuterize all cats and dogs, but it is difficult to tell whether this operation has been taken care of.
2. The problem of identifying the owner of the cat and who is responsible for keeping it in. This is similar to the dog leash law as it puts the burden on the owner of the dog to identify. As you can't keep collars on cats, you can't identify them. This is where the matter was left a year ago, and why it has not been found practical in any City to try to put a controlling ordinance on cats. Paonia has about the only ordinance effective and they provide a door to door inspection

to license cats. This would be extremely expensive in a City the size of Grand Junction.

City Attorney Ashby stated anyone had the usual legal procedure where they could have a cat declared a nuisance and have the owner enjoined to keep the cat from being on their premises. He agreed to have something prepared for the next meeting of the Council in the way of an ordinance.

D&RGW RR

Closing of Hump Yard

President's RR Commission report

Mr. Bob Rose was present and thanked the Council for assisting in getting the Hump Yard opened again. He stated that there needed to be improvements made in the yard if it is to be kept open continuously from now on. Improvements can be made in Denver or Salt Lake or here.

Mr. John Schoening asked if the Council had come to a decision on whether they would take any action on his request concerning the report of the President's Railroad Commission on "featherbedding." He explained that sometime this year there would be a railroad employees' strike which would be national in scope and far-reaching in effect if this rule goes into effect. After discussion, it was decided that the President of the Council should write to the members of the House of Representatives and Senators asking that both sides sit down and try to settle the matter in an amicable way, if at all possible.

MICROSTRAINER PLANT

Councilman Colescott suggested that the members of the Council go up to the micro-strainer plant and observe the results being accomplished.

MESA CO. DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

A letter was read from the Mesa County Democratic Central Committee thanking the City for the use of the Auditorium on July 21, 1962.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Wright that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. (7 AYE)

Helen C. Tomlinson\City Clerk