

Grand Junction, Colorado

October 28, 1963

**ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in special session at 7:30 p.m., October 28, 1963. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Ray A. Meacham, Chas. H. Love, Harry O. Colescott, Warren D. Lowe, Herbert M. Wright and President C. E. McCormick. Also present were City Manager Lacy, City Attorney Ashby and City Clerk Tomlinson. This meeting was called in conformance with Section 2 of Chapter III of the 1953 Compiled Ordinances of the City of Grand Junction. It was called for the purpose of considering budgetary matters for 1964.

**MILL LEVY** - 21.5 Mill levy for 1964 retained

It was moved by Councilman Wright that the City Council change its certification on the mill levy by dropping it two mills. This is predicated on enacting a sales tax sometime next year.

Councilman Lowe stated that personally he did not believe that a two mill reduction would do enough good to take the risk involved in having a disorganized sales tax program. He felt that the financial study should be finished first so as to know exactly where we are headed to present the picture to the public before the Council does anything.

Councilman Meacham stated that the idea of reducing the mill levy was with the understanding that they would come up with a sales tax at least by mid-year of 1964, but in order to do this, the financial study should be available for study. Councilman Meacham seconded the motion as he felt that the reduction in the mill levy had to be considered.

Councilman Colescott stated that he was in favor of a sales tax going to a vote of the people. He would go along with an idea expressed by City Manager Lacy that the Council consider an ordinance enacting a sales tax if it automatically went to a vote of the people at the next election.

Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE; Meacham and Wright; Councilmen voting NAY; Love, Colescott, Lowe and President McCormick. A majority of Councilmen voting NAY, President McCormick declared the motion lost; therefore, the mill levy to cover the 1964 budget would stand at 21.5 mills as previously set.

**COUNCIL VACANCY** - Committee to select mbr to fill vacancy caused by Art Hadden resignation

President McCormick appointed Councilmen Colescott, Lowe and Meacham as a committee to secure a member of the Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Art Hadden.

**PLANNING COMM** - Colescott aptd

President McCormick appointed Councilman Colescott to serve as a member of the Planning Commission in the place of Art Hadden.

**OCCUPATIONAL TAX**

Councilman Meacham brought up the matter of raising - possibly doubling - the amount of occupational taxes on liquor and cigarettes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Meacham that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. (6 AYES)

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk