

Grand Junction, Colorado

July 1, 1964

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., July 1, 1964. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Ray A. Meacham, Chas. H. Love, R. B. Evans, Harry O. Colescott, Warren D. Lowe, Herbert M. Wright and President McCormick. Also present were City Manager Joe N. Lacy, City Attorney Gerald J. Ashby and City Clerk Tomlinson.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. W. F. Wilson, Pastor, Assembly of God Church.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Evans that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 24, 1964 be approved as written. Motion carried. (7 AYES)

LINCOLN PARK

Sheriff's Posse pays \$667.40 for rodeo

6-23/26-65 to be dates next year

Mr. Virgil Van Dyke, representing the "Sheriff's Posse," appeared before the Council regarding the use of Lincoln Park for the rodeo held June 24 through the 27th. He thanked the Council for the use of the Park and stated that they had talked to Mr. Stocker, Director of Parks, who was satisfied with the way they had cleaned up the park as agreed. He stated their total attendance was 6,674 and he would send a check to the City for \$667.40 for 10¢ per admission and \$198.30 for the lights. He wondered if next year their rodeo could be scheduled so that it would not conflict with other events in the park as their attendance was down some 2,300 this year.

City Manager Lacy stated that there is no way to control this as the park is for the use of everyone, on a first come first served basis. Councilman Evans asked if perhaps the reason for the lower attendance might not be in the rodeo performance and the fact that the Park is not large enough to provide the type of action patrons of rodeos expect. Mr. Van Dyke stated the Producer of their show, said it was one of the nicest places where they put on rodeos and it was now within a few feet of being as large as Denver's coliseum. Mr. Van Dyke asked for June 23-24-25-26, 1965 for next year's rodeo. He was advised to talk to Mr. Stocker to get these dates set up.

PHOTOGRAPH LICENSE

Granted Austin Studios (Los Angeles) to set up at Gibson's Aug 27-30th

Austin Studios presented an application for a photograph license to set up at Gibson's on August 27th to 30th. It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Wright that the license granted as the person, or responsible party in this case, would be Gibson's. Motion carried. (7 AYES)

RECREATION PROGRAM

Youth Opportunity Committee requests supervised rec program

Members of the Youth Opportunity Committee presented a petition and Resolution requesting that the City provide a supervised recreational program in the City Parks. President McCormick stated that this should have been brought to the

Recreation Commission for recommendation before the 1964 Budget was approved; and that there is nothing that can be done in this year's program. Councilman Wright stated that he thought the Resolution should be referred to the Recreation Board for its recommendation.

PROP. ORD.

City Retail Sales & Use Tax Ord.

(Filed in 'Council Correspondence')

The following proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION THEREOF AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

Mr. Oscar Pomery Noble was present and presented a "MEMORIAL" stating his philosophy on government which was filed. He also spoke to the Council on municipally-owned utilities.

Annual Report

Mr. Hugh Pinger asked what the cost of the Annual Report, which was printed by the Daily Sentinel and copies of which were sent to each and every Daily Sentinel subscriber. City Manager Lacy stated that it cost \$2,000. This method was used to tell every citizen of the Community "Where the Money Came From" and "For What It Was Spent."

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Meacham that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried. (7)

RIVERSIDE PARK

Playground Equip. appreciated

Councilman Colescott thanked the Council for putting the playground equipment in Riverside Park and stated that if the City has any more equipment that other parks cannot use, it could be put to good use in Riverside Park where it was used and appreciated.

TAXES

Pres. McCormick comments

President McCormick made the following comments which were brought on by the brutal murder of an eighteen-year old girl in the northeast part of the City Tuesday night June 30th:

"I have often times said that our community is known as a City of churches and parks. Many people whom I have talked with from outside Grand Junction in other states who have been here remark about the same thing. I had hoped that the sickness which seems to have been sweeping the larger communities in the United States would miss our community. Apparently, it has not after the crime last night. I dislike taxes as much as anyone, but I am perfectly willing to pay taxes to hire whatever police we need to prevent and track down such events. However, neither the City administration nor the Police Department alone can do this job. The citizens of our community must also take an obligation to not only obey our laws and ordinances, but to, in all ways, give assistance to our law enforcement officers."

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Evans that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried. (7 AYES)

Helen C. Tomlinson\City Clerk

EMPLOYEES' COMMITTEE MEETING

After the Council meeting adjourned, the Council met in closed session with the Employees' Committee.