

Grand Junction, Colorado

October 21, 1964

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., October 21, 1964. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Ray A. Meacham, R. B. Evans, Chas. H. Love, Harry Colescott, Warren D. Lowe, Herbert M. Wright and President Chas. E. McCormick. Also present were City Manager J. M. Lacy, City Attorney Gerald J. Ashby and City Clerk Tomlinson.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. Glenn S. Sharman, Pastor, Seventh Day Adventist Church.

MINUTES

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

3.2 BEER

Hearing Eugene D. & Mary B. Erickson dba Southside Groc

Granted

An application for a 3.2 beer license was presented by Eugene D. and Mary B. Erickson dba South Side Grocery, 332 So. 7th Street. A report by Chief of Police Karl Johnson was read stating he had no objection to granting this license. It was moved by Councilman Lowe and seconded by Councilman Wright that the application be approved and license be granted when State license has been received. Motion carried. (7 AYES)

POLICE ACADEMY

Resol endorsing need for

Further consideration was then given to the matter of establishing a Police Academy in Colorado. Police Chief Karl Johnson had been before the Council at its meeting on October 7th and presented the facts on the establishment of the Academy.

Councilman Colescott expressed the thought that there should be a State crime laboratory, and that this probably would be a stepping stone toward that end.

City Manager Lacy stated that the Colorado Municipal League has been asked to look into the matter of whether courses in police work should be given in colleges and universities. At the last Board of Directors meeting, several Police Chiefs met with the Board to discuss this matter. The Academy would be for basic training of new officers and the college courses for advanced training. The Municipal League deferred any action on the advance courses until the matter of establishing the Academy can be brought before the State Legislature next January.

The following Resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS there has been an ever-increasing rise in the crime rate throughout the nation and the State of Colorado with a promise of a continued increase in future years, and

WHEREAS the brunt of the responsibility of combating this increase in crime falls upon Municipal, County and State Law Enforcement Officers who must fight criminals who use modern technology in the commission of their crimes, and

WHEREAS there has not been, nor is there now, adequate training facilities and programs available for the training of local law enforcement officers in modern methods of criminal detection and prevention, and

WHEREAS it is in the interest of all citizens of the State of Colorado that law enforcement officers be adequately trained to meet this challenge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, support the establishment of a state-operated law enforcement training academy for the training of Municipal, County and State Law Enforcement Officers in the use of modern scientific devices and techniques for the fighting of crime.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 1964.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Love 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. (7 AYES)

BOND APPROVED

A license bond for Roy Herrera dba Valley Mobile Home Repair for a Gas Installer was presented. Being on the approved form, it was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Lowe that the bond be accepted and filed. Motion carried. (7 AYES)

SALES TAX

Resol fr Latin-Anglo Alliance protesting tax on food & drugs

The following Resolution was presented by the Latin-Anglo Alliance protesting the sales tax on groceries and drugs:

"LATIN-ANGLO ALLIANCE
P. O. Box 1734
Grand Junction, Colo.

RESOLUTION October 2, 1964

Whereas many of the members of the Latin Anglo Alliance are in low income classification;

and whereas many of these members do not own taxable property;

and whereas the city of Grand Junction has in effect a city sales tax that is an extra burden to low income families;

and whereas the city sales tax is on food and medicine, as well as on other retail commodities.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Latin Anglo Alliance urge that no city sales tax be placed on foods and medicine.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be presented to the Grand Junction City Council and to the local newspaper and radio stations.

Cora Garcia

Co-Secretary"

It was suggested that as there are several other proposed amendments to be made to the sales tax ordinance before it is presented to the voters on April 6, 1965, this matter be considered at the same time the other amendments are discussed, and that the Latin-Anglo Alliance be so advised.

City Manager Lacy stated that if the tax was taken off of foods and drugs, this would amount to about one-fourth of the income to be derived from the sales tax, or about \$110,000. Councilman Colescott suggested that the Finance Director be instructed to see how much work this would entail and the approximate amount of money the City would lose if the tax was taken off of food and drugs.

MILL LEVY

15 Mills for 1965 Resol.

The following Resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

LEVYING TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1964 IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado:

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 1964 according to the assessed valuation of said property, a tax of fifteen (15) 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 21, 1965.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 21st day of October, 1964.

It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Evans that the Resolution be passed and adopted. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried. (7 AYES)

PROPOSED BUDGET-1965

Public Hearing Nov. 18, 1964

The City Council had previously received the proposed budget for the year 1965. City Manager Lacy gave a resume of his budget message. He also stated that there had been a change in the Airport budget, as the County Commissioners felt that they did not wish to raise the mill levy to provide the additional \$31,781 as it was set up in the proposed budget. Instead of rebuilding the turning circle, it had been decided to fix the base and re-surface the paving. This will be done as a maintenance project rather than a capital improvements project and all of the work previously done by the County at the Airport will be properly credited to them. City and county crews and materials will be used to re-surface the turning circle. This changes the amount of the total budget to about \$3,012,00.

Councilman Wright asked several questions concerning the various items in the budget. It was explained that some of the money collected as sales tax in 1964 was being budgeted in accrual accounts so that the City could get on a pay-as-you-go basis for capital improvements.

President McCormick stated that the Health Department was quite anxious for the City to cover the reservoirs at the filter plant and to rebuild the plant as quickly as possible and wondered if it would be possible to do these things with accrual money. Councilman Wright stated that he would rather see the water and sewer divisions stand on their own.

City Manager Lacy explained that the Engineers will have a report to present to the Council in a few weeks recommending the covering of the reservoirs and rebuilding the filter plant so that it could be done gradually. This could be financed by selling bonds, if it seems that it should be done immediately, or the money borrowed from other funds. No decisions could be reached until the Engineer's report is available.

Councilman Wright stated that he might suggest a program for the Golden Age group in conjunction with the Recreation Program.

COUNCILMAN COLESCOTT

left the meeting at this time.

City Manager Lacy was instructed to go ahead and prepare the final budget, and November 18, 1964 was set for public hearing on the proposed budget for 1965.

CML MEETING

In Gunnison 11/5/64

A meeting of District 11 of the Colorado Municipal League will be held in Gunnison on November 5, 1964. City Manager Lacy asked that all Councilmen who could go, to please notify him so that he could make the necessary reservations.

TRAFFIC SIGNS

In School zones 15 mph fr 8 to 4 pm

Councilman Meacham brought up the matter of school zone traffic signs. It was suggested that the hours of 8:00 to 4:00 p.m. on week days be put on these signs so that everyone will know when the 15 mile per hour speed limit is being enforced; also that crosswalks be marked for protection of pedestrians.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Helen C. Tomlinson\City Clerk