

Grand Junction, Colorado

May 19, 1965

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 p.m., May 19, 1965. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Charles E. McCormick, R. B. Evans, Charles H. Love, Dr. Hurst F. Otto, Herbert M. Wright and President Ray A. Meacham. Councilman Harry O. Colescott was absent. Also present were City Manager J. M. Lacy, City Attorney Gerald J. Ashby and City Clerk Helen C. Tomlinson.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. W. V. Prindle, Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Love that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 5, 1965 be approved as written. Motion carried. (6)

APPOINTMENTS TO RECREATION BOARD, PLANNING COMMISSION, MESA COUNTY HEALTH

President Meacham stated that he had contacted Ed Vander Took and Ruth Sloomer and they both were agreeable to serving another term on the Recreation Board. He, therefore, with the approval of the Council, re-appointed Ed Vander Took and Ruth Sloomer on the Recreation Board for three year terms. He also appointed Councilman Charles H. Love to serve on the Planning Commission and Dr. Hurst Otto as a member of the Mesa County Health Board.

RECREATION - SUMMER SUPERVISED PARK PLAN PROGRAM - RESCIND \$2 CHARGE

A group came before the Council protesting the payment of a token charge of \$2 per child for the supervised park play program to be conducted in Melrose, Emerson, Riverside and Hawthorne parks this summer. The group was lead by Judge James Carter representing the Youth Opportunity group. Others present and speaking to the Council were Mrs. Mary Mumby, Mrs. Jean Farrell, Mrs. Maldonado, Mrs. Charles Goddard, Mrs. Gladys Thomas, Warren Lewis, Rev. Zoppel, Fred Allen and Ray Tony. They felt that the \$2 fee would prohibit many of the children from homes in the lower income bracket from participating in the program. They felt this should be a free program so that the under privileged children could participate. Councilmen and City Manager Lacy stated the reason for the charge for the program was made was because they felt that where people have invested something in a program, they get

more out of it.

A number of years ago, supervised play was in the recreation program each year but School District #51 felt this was not a good program and withdrew their financial support for the recreation programs. There has been no supervised park program since 1962. Several asked that it be re-instituted and when the budget was made up, the Council agreed to again participate with every child who registered paying a fee of \$2. It was moved by Councilman Wright that the Council rescind the \$2 charge this year and that the program be re-evaluated at the end of 1965. Motion was seconded by Councilman Evans. Motion carried with Councilman McCormick voting NAY. (5 AYES)

The Council instructed the group who were present that it was up to them to get the children whom they had been talking about to participate in the program.

BONDS APPROVED

It was moved by Councilman Love and seconded by Councilman Evans that the following bonds, being on the approved forms, be accepted and filed:

Milton J Wershow Co	Auctioneer	Natl Surety L-7-058	976	#182
Marion F. Crenshaw	Gen Contr	Western Cas & Surety	339490	#183
Margareta G. Kerr dba				
Gretel's Antiques	2nd Hand	Fid & Dep of Md	78 70 039	#184
Bill J. Sorter	Gen Contr	Transamerica Ins	9701-69-51	#185

Motion carried. (6 AYES)

I.D. #60 TIME SCHEDULE

City Manager Lacy reported on proposed Paving District No. 60 giving a tentative time schedule. Petitions for three blocks of streets and five blocks of alley paving are being prepared by the Engineering Department. Anyone else who would like to participate in this district can contact the Engineering Department. Time-to present petitions to the Council is June 2nd with Plans and Specifications to be ready for Council approval on June 23rd after which time the Council would order a notice to be published in the newspaper and also certified letters to be sent to every person interested in the District. A hearing would be set up for Aug. 4th.

City Manager Lacy stated he hoped the Council would order paving included in the District of Grand Avenue from 19th to 22nd, 15th Street from North to Orchard Avenue and 1st Street from North to Lorey Drive.

COUNCIL MEETINGS - CONCEPT OF INFORMAL

City Manager Lacy explained that he had been working on the concept of informal meetings of the Council. He had contacted

all of the news media; Daily Sentinel, County Mail, KREX radio and TV, Radio Stations, KWSL, KSTR and KEXO, in the hope that informal meetings could be held again on the 4th Wednesdays of each month. These meetings are for the purpose of keeping the City Council and Press informed on City projects but where no Council action is taken and for the most part no published report in the news is given. Most everyone agreed that there should be a clear understanding on the part of both the Council and the Reporters. There would be no clear cut agreement; it would have to be up to the discretion of the Reporters, but it is hoped these meetings could be resumed on such a basis.

Mr. Barclay Jamison, City Editor of the Daily Sentinel, was present and stated that he was not wholly in accord with the way the program was set up. The first meeting will be held on May 26th.

I.D. #60 - PAVING PROTEST BY MR. HENRY PRICE

Mr. Henry Price was present and told the Council he was not in favor of paving in front of his property on Walnut Avenue. It was explained to him that this was not the time to protest because petitions for paving are not on file; that he will be notified by letter when to appear to make a protest after a petition is filed, and that his letter is already on file and will be considered at the proper time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

s Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk