

Grand Junction, Colorado

November 22, 1965

**ROLL CALL**

In accordance with Chapter 2 of the 1965 Code of Ordinances, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction was called into special session at 8:00 o'clock A. M. Monday, November, 22, 1965, in the Civic Auditorium. Answering roll call were Councilmen McCormick, Evans, Love, Colescott, Wright and President Meacham. Councilman Otto was absent. City Manager Lacy, City Attorney Ashby and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

**HORIZON DRIVE SEWER CONTRACT**

The meeting was called for the purpose of further discussing the construction of a sewer line at Horizon Drive and Interstate 70.

The minutes of the meeting on November 17th pertaining to the letting of a contract for this sewer were reviewed. Councilman McCormick explained a "Memo" which had been received from City Manager Lacy in which announcement had been made that Mr. A. L. Partee was the low bidder on the job with a bid of \$134,381.00. The next low bid received was from Bookcliff Construction Company in the amount of \$148,004.00. Mr. McCormick explained that the Council was worried because Mr. Partee was inexperienced as a contractor on sewer jobs and felt that he might not be able to complete the job in the short time allotted for the work. He has no equipment and would be forced to rent all equipment necessary for the job and also to hire additional help.

Mr. Richard Mandeville, Engineer, stated that Mr. Partee had been a successful contractor in other ventures and would be bondable; that the Council's reasoning in feeling that Mr. Partee might not be able to get the job done in the required time should be taken into consideration.

President Meacham stated that it seemed to be the consensus of opinion of the Council members that the work should proceed and the sewer be constructed. The members did feel, however, that this was an unusual type of job and might pose problems. The time element is very critical. He stated that he had talked to other contractors and to Mr. Hickman, City Engineer. It has been suggested that possibly a saving could be made by making a cut across Interstate 70 instead of boring underneath, and this was being investigated by Mr. Hickman; also possibilities for building the sewer with City crews and with several contractors taking a small footage. These were neither feasible. Mr. Meacham also stated that the City usually made a practice of accepting the lowest bid, but this had not always proved to be a good practice.

Mr. Hickman reported that he had just talked to Mr. McCoy, State Highway Engineer, and it was believed that all contingencies could be met in putting a cut across the Highway instead of boring,- underneath, and in the case of the second low bidder, Bookcliff Construction, this would make a difference of approximately \$9,000. Mr. Partee had bid this part of the job at \$3,000 so it would not cut his cost to a great extent.

Councilman Colescott called attention to the fact that the City Engineer and Mr. Mandeville had both recommended that the contract be let to Mr. Partee. Mr. Hickman stated that he recommended that the contract be let to Mr. Partee, and felt that if he could furnish a performance bond, that the City would be protected, but that possibly it would be impossible for him to meet the time schedule because he did not have sufficient equipment available. Mr. Mandeville stated that he thought the City might be in a weak position in not accepting the low bid; the sewer was a simple installation and with adequate supervision could be put in without too much trouble; if the Council felt that they had the extra money, and that Mr. Partee might not be able to get necessary equipment, it would be permissible for the contract to be awarded to the second low bidder.

Councilman Wright stated that he would have no objection to extending the contract thirty days and he did not feel that there was actually a conflict of interest in Mr. Partee's doing the work.

It was moved by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the bid of Bookcliff Construction Company be accepted, if the State Highway Department will allow a cut across the Interstate Highway instead of boring underneath allowing the cost of the project to be reduced by the sum of \$9,000. Motion carried. (6 AYES)

Mr. Hickman stated that he, Mr. Mandeville, and Mr. Dye, (Bookcliff Construction) would see Mr. McCoy immediately to see what arrangements could be made for the change in the plans.

Mr. Lacy explained the reason the City is considering building a sewer line outside of the City. He stated that the purpose is to provide urban services at the fairest arrangement for everyone for the ultimate growth of the Grand Valley center urban area which includes Grand Junction. The alternative is to not do anything, and in turn there are many improvement districts set up at a high mill levy cost and then people are not interested in joining the City for any reason. He also stated that the money for the construction of the sewer is not general fund money, but sewer fund money. This will be paid back by tap fees, and will again be available for use when the City has to extend sewage disposal plant facilities.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk