

**Grand Junction, Colorado**

**September 20, 1967**

**ROLL CALL**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock P.M. September 20, 1967 in the Civic Auditorium at City Hall. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Chas. E. McCormick, R. B. Evans, Stanley Anderson, Harry O. Colescott, R. G. Youngerman, Herbert W. Wright and President Ray A. Meacham. Also present were City Manager R. N. Gray, City Attorney Gerald J. Ashby and City Clerk Helen C. Tomlinson.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Reverend J. Kenneth Baird, First Christian Church.

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Evans that the minutes of the regular meeting held September 6, 1967 be approved as written. Motion carried.

**HEARING - ZONING CHANGE LOT 9 FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION (2638 F ROAD) TO B-1)**

This date had been scheduled and advertised for hearing on a change of zoning for Lot 9 Fairmount Heights Subdivision to B-1. No protests had been filed and there were no objections from anyone present. This change of zoning request had been before the Planning Commission and had been approved. President Meacham closed the hearing.

**HEARING - ZONING CHANGE - NW COR 5TH & BELFORD TO B-3**

This date had been scheduled and advertised for hearing on a change of zoning for Lots 17, 18, and 19, Block 8 from R-2 to B-3. No written protests had been filed and no objections were made from anyone present. The Planning Commission had approved this change of zoning. President Meacham closed the hearing.

**TELLER ARMS SHOPPING CENTER - REQUEST AID CONTROL JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ON PARKING LOT**

Mr. Marion M. Magruder, Jr., Owner and Manager of McDonald's located in the Teller Arms Shopping Center, and approximately 175 citizens of the City appeared before the Council concerning a problem that has been developing over the past few years in the Teller Arms parking lot. The delegation was prompted by a series of articles recently printed in The Daily Sentinel concerning the

use of marijuana at this location, and a letter to the Editor of The Sentinel written by Mr. Magruder and published September 19th. People in the audience ranged in age from teen-agers to elderly couples and all were aware of the serious problem caused by teen-agers and young adults congregating in the parking lot at night. Some of the people who spoke, backing up Mr. Magruder's complaints were: Edith Ramsey, owner of Isle of Fabric, Mrs. Wm. Eberhart, 640 No. 15th, O. R. Dowdell, 2858 Elm Ave., Juanita Edelen, D'Juan Coiffeurs, Charles Edelen, K.W.S.L. Radio, Cynthia Cross, 1424 No. 24th, Paul Breddecke, Frank Davies, 626 Hill, Joe Hughes, 609 North Ave., R. W. McArthur, 716 Vista Drive, W. D. Hart, Hart Music Company, Chuck Thomas, Lee Bemis, 459 E. Scenic Drive, Blanche Brundridge, 537 No. 26th, Donna Copeland, Bar X Motel, Janice Waller, 2130 N. 20th, Robby Westbrook, 475 No. 24th, Eli Fresquez, 1705 Chipeta.

Mr. Magruder was represented by Mr. Jim Robb, Attorney, who stated that Mr. Magruder represented himself and also the 15 merchants who comprise the Teller Arms Merchants Association. He told the Council Mr. Magruder was not dealing in personalities with the Police Department but he feels a problem exists and there should be something done about it.

Mr. Magruder stated that he had watched the problem grow for several years. He apologized for attacking the Police Department, but felt he had run up against a stone wall in trying to get anything done. He had filed charges at one time when one of his employees was beaten but charges were dismissed and he wasn't advised. He stated several conditions that were existing in the parking lot at all times.

1. The complete lack of respect of young adults for officers and the law.
2. The use of profanity and obscene language.
3. Fighting.
4. Gang fights.
5. Illicit love making.
6. Throwing beer and liquor bottles at Police going by on North Avenue and at each other.
7. As many as 20 cases of beer and liquor bottles smashed in the lot.
8. Drunk and disorderly.
9. Guns, chains, knives, etc. in plain sight on car seats.
10. Speeding and drag racing in parking lot.

11. Yelling and screaming until all hours of the night.
12. Known dope users parked in the lot.
13. He had hired a known dope user and tried to help Police get information but nothing came of it.

As many as 250 persons congregate in this area at one time. Mr. Magruder commended the officers in the field and stated that he had received the best cooperation from them. They could only do so much and he now turned to the Council for guidance.

President Meacham stated that this had all come as a bomb shell, and, as the parking lot was private property, the Police Department had only limited authority in enforcing laws.

City Attorney Ashby explained the ordinance that applied to private parking lots. Several people who operate businesses in Teller Arms expressed their fear in being out there at night and protested the destruction to property and cited many instances of the problems which have come up in connection with the congregating of the young adults in the parking lot. The fact that the Courts are so lenient with teen-agers was discussed at length.

It was brought out that the young people need places to go and things to do, and need some guidance in getting activities started.

The Police Department is understaffed especially if all of them have to be in this area to try to keep order. It was also brought out that if the lot were fenced at night, these young people would soon find another area where they would congregate. The owners of the Shopping Park live in Denver and should be requested to meet with the Council.

Mr. McArthur, who recently came to Grand Junction from Pueblo to manage a store in the Shopping Center, stated that the answer in Pueblo was a curfew law which is strictly enforced.

Several young people stated that there was an increasing use of marijuana in Grand Junction and that many of the users and pushers are among those who are frequently in Teller Arms parking area. Miss Brundridge suggested that the young people get out and find constructive things to do.

It was suggested that twelve citizens be selected to act as a Committee to come up with some solution to this problem. Members of the Council expressed great concern over the problem and thanked Mr. Magruder for bringing it to its attention. City Manager Gray thanked the people for coming and expressing their opinions. The matter will be taken under advisement and something done in the near future.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1269 (EMERG) - WATER - RAISE RATES, \$4 RECONNECTION CHARGE - USE OF K COPPER PIPE**

The Proof of Publication to the following entitled proposed emergency ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31-12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION TO PROVIDE A CHANGE IN CERTAIN WATER RATES WITHIN THE CITY; AMENDING SECTION 31-6 OF SAID CODE TO RAISE THE RE-CONNECTION CHARGE FOR WATER SERVICE; AND AMENDING SECTION 31-24 TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF COPPER PIPE IN CITY WATER SERVICE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Evans that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Evans that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried. The Ordinance was then read.

Mr. O. R. Dowdell asked why should the City furnish sewage facilities for residents outside of the City limits. City Manager Gray explained that a survey financed by H.U.D. was for a metropolitan plant, and that if the facilities are used by an area surrounding the City limits, a federal grant of approximately \$1,000,000 will be given.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Anderson that the Ordinance be passed and adopted as an emergency ordinance, numbered 1269 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1270 (EMERG) - RAISE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES - ESTABLISH WATER & SEWER FUND**

The Proof of Publication to the following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-1 a OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION RAISING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES AND AMENDING SECTION 25-5 OF SUCH CODE TO PROVIDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATER AND SEWER FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Wright that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the ordinance be called up for final passage. The Ordinance was then read and it was moved by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the ordinance be passed and adopted as an emergency ordinance, numbered 1270 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1271 (EMERG) - RAISE RATES FOR REFUSE REMOVAL-  
ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR REFUSE CONTAINERS**

The Proof of Publication to the following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-12 (A) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION INCREASING THE RATES FOR REFUSE REMOVAL IN THE CITY AND AMENDING SECTION 14-10 (B) OF SAID CODE CONCERNING REFUSE CONTAINERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was then read and it was moved by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the ordinance be passed and adopted as an emergency ordinance, numbered 1271 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Councilman Colescott was excused from the meeting.

**DAYS - SWEET ADELINES - OCTOBER 14TH FOR ONE DAY**

Sweet Adelines, Inc. requested that they be allowed to sell tickets in the downtown Shopping Park on Saturdays October 7 and October 14. They are having a show, "Harvest Harmony," on Oct. 21st with the proceeds from the show to be used for a donation to Mental Health work. The City Council has limited the time for each organization to sell on the downtown streets to one day. It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that Sweet Adelines, Inc. be granted permission to sell tickets on the street on Saturday, October 14th. Motion carried. Mrs. Raleigh Flanders was present on behalf of Sweet Adelines and she was advised that tickets could be sold from entrances to stores at any time, but they could not stop pedestrians or sell out on the sidewalk or streets.

**DAYS - DONKEY DAYS - SEPTEMBER 23RD - CITY MANAGER TO ARRANGE FOR  
USE OF LINCOLN PARK**

Mr. Wm. Pilgrim, representing Grand Valley Boy's Club, wrote a letter asking that they be allowed to exhibit a baby donkey at various places on Main Street prior to their "Donkey Days" celebration on September 30th. They would also like to use the football field at Lincoln Park or the Junior High field at Lincoln Park to hold the "Donkey Days" performance. City Manager Gray stated that this was the first that he had heard of the request to use Lincoln Park and he would not be able to make any recommendations for that at this time. Mr. Pilgrim was advised that tickets could be sold on Main Street only on one day. It was

moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Evans that the City Manager be authorized to work out arrangements with the Grand Valley Boy's Club concerning the display of the donkey in the Shopping Park, and that they be allowed to sell tickets on Sept. 23rd only. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Evans that the City Manager work with the Grand Valley Boys' Club and that whatever facility the City has that could be used for the "Donkey Day's" celebration be made available. Motion carried.

**PROCLAMATION - GRAND JUNCTION BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB  
OCTOBER 15/21 AS NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK**

The Grand Junction Business and Professional Women's Club asked that the City proclaim the week of October 15 through 21st as National Business Women's Week, and presented a proposed proclamation for the Mayor to sign. It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Evans that President Meacham be authorized to sign the proclamation and that publication be at the expense of the Business and Professional Women's Club. Motion carried.

**3.2 BEER RENEWALS**

An application for renewal of 3.2 beer license was presented by Eugene and Mary B. Erickson, dba Southside Grocery, 832 S. 7th Street.

An application for renewal of 3.2 beer license was presented by E. L. Waddell, Mildred M. Waddell and Larry E. Waddell dba Waddell's Markets, Inc., 2231 No. 7th Street. Letters were read from Police Chief Karl M. Johnson stating that there had been no violations or complaints on either of these applicants and he had no objection to renewal of 3.2 beer licenses. It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Anderson that the applications be approved and licenses granted when State licenses have been received. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE - ZONING LOT 9 FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS TO B-1**

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP A PART OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION BY THE ZONING OF CERTAIN LANDS WITHIN THE CITY. It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman McCormick that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

**PROPOSED ORDINANCE - ZONING LOTS 17, 18, 19, BLK 8 CITY (NW COR  
5TH & BELFORD) TO B-3**

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP A PART OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE

