

Grand Junction, Colorado

March 6, 1968

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock P.M. March 6, 1968 in the Civic Auditorium at City Hall. Councilmen present and answering roll call were R. D. Evans, Stanley Anderson, R. O. Youngerman, Herbert M. Wright and President Ray A. Meacham. Councilmen absent: Charles E. McCormick and Harry O. Colescott. 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 Dr. Allen N. Williams, Pastor, Faith Baptist Church.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman R. B. Evans and seconded by Councilman Stanley Anderson that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 21, 1968 be approved as written. Motion carried.

HEARING

This was the date set for hearing on the assessments for Sanitary Sewer District 22-67. The hearing had been continued from the advertised date of February 21, 1968 in order for the Council to study thirteen letters which had been sent in protesting the high cost of the sewer and the fact that on some properties on Wellington Avenue and Patterson Avenue it had been impossible to put the sewer deep enough so the basement service could be furnished. Those people sending in written protests were:

Ralph and Florence Collins, 1321 Wellington Ave.  
Mrs. Florence Shirk, 1314 Wellington Ave.  
Charlie Walker,, 2708 F Road  
Lela M. Ellis, 1250 Bookcliff Ave.  
Henry E. Snyder, 1405 Wellington Ave.  
Hattie Senter, 1308 Wellington Ave.  
E. Fay Carpenter, 1340 Wellington Ave.  
Mrs. Warren Ashurst, 1350 Wellington Ave.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Massard, 1452 Wellington Ave.  
Delmer F. Born, 2628 1/2 N. 12th St.  
William G. Blakeslee, 2705 Patterson Road  
George L. Kruse, 1324 Wellington Ave.  
St. Matthews Episcopal Church

Several of the residents in the Wellington Avenue area were present. Mr. George Kruse spoke on behalf or these property

owners. President Meacham stated that this meeting is for the purpose of hearing any possible inequities as to the assessments.

The Council cannot pe back into the ordinance itself which provided for the formation of the sewer district itself. This has already been clone. He stated that he understood there were some valid complaints concerning basements; further, that the Council would listen to comments on the validity of the assessments themselves.

Mr. George Kruse stated that the sewer line in front of his house was one foot higher than his basement floor. He also went on again about the square foot assessment of property not being a fair way to charge for sewers and that at a meeting before the area was annexed, the people were told the cost of the sewer would be about \$450 per lot.

City Manager Gray stated that the people were told the cost of sewer would be three cents per square foot plus \$150 for each tap. This system would not pay for the construction of sewers, so the Council decided to go back to the method of charging for sewers which had been used in Grand Junction since 1910, - that of assessing, by square foot of area. He also explained that the City had taken service lines to the property line where there was construction already there, and when property is later developed, the service lines will he extended from the lateral in the street to the property line at no expense to property owner. Mr. Gray also explained that there was apparent confusion between the flat rate charge for sewer treatment maintenance which is \$1.85 per month regardless of size of family. Construction of sewer is charged on lineal feet.

Councilman Wright stated that Wellington Avenue would be resurfaced. City Engineer Hickman stated that larger water mains to provide fire protection would be laid in the area under the water improvement prop-ram and this would be at no cost to the property owners.

Another question which had been brought up in the protesting letters was that of constructing the sewers in the summer when the irrigation ditches were full and apparently the water table was high. The City had hired Western Engineers to do an independent survey in February at a cost to the City of \$250. This report showed the water table to be higher than at the time the sewers were built. Also the cost for construction work is much higher in the winter than it is in the summer.

President Meacham suggested that those property owners who cannot use basement drains, talk to the City Manager and see if the problem cannot be resolved. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Evans that the City Manager be riven authority, within reason, to resolve the problem for these people where they cannot hook basements to the sewer. Motion carried.

Mr. Gray explained that Mr. Delmer Born at 2628 1/2 N. 12th Street should be given a cash allowance of \$140.72 because sewer service was provided to him on 12th Street in lieu of a tap on Patterson Road. This represents the difference in the cost of the two taps. It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the cash allowance as recommended by Mr. Gray be given to Mr. Born. Motion carried.

President Meacham stated that he usually enjoyed being on the Council and acting as Chairman, but it was unpleasant when districts are being formed and people have to be hurt financially in order to pay for the improvements. President Meacham closed the hearing.

HEARING - PLAT COTTONWOOD MEADOWS 1ST ADDITION - APPROVED

A plat was presented for development of Cottonwood Meadows 1st Addition which is north of 28 1/2 Road and Elm Avenue and contains mobile homes. The plat had been approved by the Planning Commission. It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Wright that the plat of Cottonwood Meadows 1st Addition be accepted and signed by the President of the City Council; attested by the City Clerk; that it be approved and filed with the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder; that a copy thereof be placed on file in the office of the County Assessor and City Engineer. Motion carried.

HEARING - LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR SWORD CLUB POSTPONED TO MARCH 20

The hearing on the application for a hotel and restaurant liquor license for the Sword Club advertised for this date was postponed to March 20, 1968.

JR C OF C REQUEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN LINCOLN PARK APRIL 19 - GRANTED

Mr. Harry Walls representing the Junior Chamber of Commerce requested permission to put on a fireworks display in connection with Home, Boat & Sport Show April 19th at 9 P.M. in Lincoln Park. He stated they had a \$500 surety bond and the necessary liability insurance. They had contacted Fire Chief Kreps who had approved use of the area adjacent to the Golf Course and they had secured the services of several members of the Orchard Mesa Lions Club to assist with the firing. It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Evans that permission be granted the Jr. Chamber of Commerce to present a fireworks display in Lincoln Park on April 19. Motion carried.

Permit 3 Kiddie Rides

Mr. Walls asked about using three carnival-type children's rides in the northwest corner of the cinder part of Lincoln Park during

the show. It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Evans that the City Manager be authorized to issue licenses for the three rides and permit them to be installed at the recommended location if there is no conflict with Mr. Guyton's Kiddie Park contract or other Council regulations against it. Motion carried.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - WOMEN'S DIVISION - PRESENT DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR CLEANEST TOWN CONTEST

Mrs. Maxine Zanett, President of the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce, presented President Meacham with the Distinguished Achievement Award for National Cleanest Town Contest, which had been presented in Washington, D. C. a short time ago. She requested that a steering committee be appointed from service clubs, civic organizations, city and government agencies, youth groups, the press and others, and that they meet very soon in the City Hall to formulate plans so that there will be more civic participation in the campaign. President Meacham accepted the plaque and thanked the Women's Chamber of Commerce for their active interest in participating in this contest.

DAYS - LILY MARCH 16, 1968

A letter from Mesa County Society for Crippled Children and Adults requesting permission to sell lilies on downtown streets on March 16, 1968 was read. It was moved by Councilman Youngerman and seconded by Councilman Wright that the request be granted. Motion carried.

DAYS - FORGET ME NOT MAY 4, 1968

A request from Disabled American Veterans was read asking permission to sell forget-me-nots on the streets on May 4, 1968. It was moved by Councilman Evans and seconded by Councilman Anderson that the request be granted. Motion carried.

RECREATION BOARD - RUTH SLOMER RESIGNS - RUTH CHESKATY APPOINTED - ED VANDERTOOK REAPPOINTED

A letter from Miss Ruth Slomer, resigning her position as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Recreation Board was read. The Council accepted Miss Slomer's resignation and thanked her for doing a very commendable job on the Board. The terms of both Ed VanderTook and Miss Slomer on the Board expire at this time. President Meacham appointed Mrs. Ruth Cheskaty to serve as a member of the Board and re-appointed Mr. VanderTook as a member. The Council approved the appointments.

3.2 BEER RENEWALS

Applications for renewal of 3.2 beer licenses for the following were presented:

Archie J. Hall & Ernest W. Hill d  
ba Colecott's, 551 South Ave. Safeway Stores, 23rd St. & North  
Ave.  
Safeway Stores, 525 Ouray Ave.  
City Market, 1133 Grand Ave.  
Valley Bowling Lanes, Inc., dba Freeway Bowling Lanes, 1900 Main

Letters from Police Chief Karl Johnson were read on each of the applicants stating there was no reason known to him why the applications should not be approved and licenses be granted. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Evans that the application be approved and licenses be granted when state licenses have been received. Motion carried.

WATER/SEWER BILL - ADJUSTMENT FOR ROCKY MTN SUPPLY CO., 515 S. 4TH STREET - SEWER \$53.01 NO WATER ADJUSTMENT

A letter was read from Rocky Mountain Supply Co., 515 S. 4th Street, requesting an adjustment in water-sewer bill. On the weekend of January 27th, their sprinkler system burst from freezing causing 451,000 gallons of water to flood their basement. The bill rendered was for \$137.15 for water and \$54.86 for sewer, whereas, normal use of water and sewer is \$7.37 per month. It was felt that there was some negligence on the part of the owner as there was not sufficient heat in the building to keep the exposed pipe from freezing. It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Wright that the sewer bill for \$514.06 less the \$1.85 monthly charge, or \$53.01, be forgiven and no adjustment made for the water used. Motion carried.

WATER IMPROVEMENTS - ARMCO ACCEPTS CONTRACT FOR PIPE AS BID

A letter was read from Mr. Bredar of Henningson, Durham & Richardson stating that following Council meeting of Feb. 21st and awarding of contracts for Water Treatment Improvements, he had contacted Armco Metal Products Co. advising them that the City would permit them to withdraw their bid because of their stated error upon payment of \$2,198.40, the amount that the next low bidder, Thompson Pipe & Steel Co., was higher, or if they did not care to make this payment, contract would be awarded to them. They advised that they would accept the contract and bid and contract documents will be forthcoming accordingly. Mr. Bredar advised that all of the contracts will be forthcoming soon for signature.

ELECTION PROCEDURES - CA AND CC TO MAKE STUDY TO CHANGE ORDINANCE SO SINGLE REGISTRATION CAN BE USED

A letter from Max Krey, President elect of the Grand Junction Chamber of Commerce, requested that in accordance with a study made a year or so ago concerning election procedures for city residents, the City and County cooperate to put in a voter

registration system whereby an elector would have to register only once for all elections. A "memo" had been presented to the Council stating that if the City were requested to accept County registrations for City elections, an ordinance change would be necessary. The City Attorney and City Clerk were requested to make a study of this matter and to present the proper ordinance amendments to make the one registration possible.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - SANITARY SEWER 22-67 ASSESSMENTS

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE WHOLE COST OF THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN AND FOR SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 22-67, IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 178, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THE 11TH DAY OF JUNE, 1910, AS AMENDED; APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST TO EACH LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT; ASSESSING THE SHARE OF SAID COST AGAINST EACH LOT OR TRACT OF LAND OR OTHER REAL ESTATE IN SAID DISTRICT; APPROVING THE APPORTIONMENT OF SAID COST; AND PRESCRIBING THE MANNER FOR THE COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF SAID ASSESSMENTS. It was moved by Councilman Youngerman and seconded by Councilman Wright that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - VACATE RIGHT OF WAY (CUL-DE-SAC IN COTTONWOOD MEADOWS)

The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING CERTAIN ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION. It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Evans that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - PROPERTY - SELL LOTS 23/24 BOOKCLIFF MANOR SUB TO HOWARD JENSEN

The following Resolution was presented and read:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Howard M. Jensen has offered to purchase for the sum of \$1,600.00 certain lots owned by the City of Grand Junction, described as follows:

Lots 23 and 24 in Bookcliff Manor Subdivision  
Mesa County, Colorado,

and,

WHEREAS, such price is a fair amount for such lots, and,

WHEREAS, said lots were not acquired, used or held for park or other governmental purpose, and it would be in the best interest

of the City to sell said lots;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION:

That the City Manager, as the act of the City and on behalf of the City, be, and he is hereby, authorized to convey, by Special Warranty Deed and without an abstract of title or title insurance, the interest of the City in said lots to Howard M. Jensen upon receipt of the stated purchase price.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of March, 1968.

Ray A. Meacham  
President of the Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION - D&RGW RR PROTEST DISCONTINUANCE OF CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR

The following Resolution was presented and read:

R E S O L U T I O N

CONCERNING THE PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE OF THE CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR, OPERATED BY THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY BETWEEN SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, AND SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

WHEREAS, the Western Pacific Railroad Company has petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission to discontinue the operation of the California Zephyr, Trains 17 and 18, over its segment of the line from Salt Lake City, Utah, to San Francisco, California, and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, is on the segment of the line of the Zephyr operated by the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad, and

WHEREAS, said train is an integral part of the transportation network or pattern for said City, bringing people from and transporting people to Salt Lake City, Utah, and San Francisco, California, on the west and Denver, Colorado, and Chicago, Illinois, on the east and from cities between said points on the line - a strong economic factor for the City of Grand Junction;

and

WHEREAS, it would seem that if the request of the Western Pacific Railroad Company for discontinuance is granted, it would inevitably be followed by such a request from the other railroads operating segments of the line, using the same or similar arguments for such discontinuance, leading to the prospect that the City of Grand Junction would lose all passenger rail service through the City, as the Denver & Rio Grand Western Railroad has previously secured the discontinuance of the Prospector, a train that ran from Denver, Colorado, to Salt Lake City, Utah, through Grand Junction, and

WHEREAS, proper and improved operation of the train service could be made to enhance attraction to it as a mode of travel lessening or eliminating any supposed burden on the railroads involved, and

WHEREAS, it is believed that the overall financial condition of the railroads involved would not be materially affected by the requirement that the service be continued, and such continuance is demanded by public convenience and necessity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

1. That the Interstate Commerce Commission be respectfully urged to deny the application of the Western Pacific Railroad Company for discontinuance of Trains 17 and 18, known as the California Zephyr, between San Francisco, California, and Salt Lake City, Utah.
2. That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the Congressional representatives from Colorado and to such others as may seem proper.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of March, 1968.

Ray A. Meacham  
President of the Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

VIDEO TAPE CAMERA - \$855 APPROVED TO PURCHASE FOR CITY-COUNTY USE

City Manager Gray stated that he had received a request from the County Commissioners that the City participate in the cost of a



video tape camera and courtroom projector for use in drunken driver investigations. The City has been asked to pay \$855 toward the purchase of this equipment which will cost about \$3,100. The City General Fund participates in revenues derived from fines for drunken driving. Mr. Frank Spiecker, District Attorney, is hoping that this equipment can be purchased and if the City does participate, a videocorder would not have to be transported from the Police Station to the Court House, but would be used whenever a person taken to the station on suspicion of drunk driving was booked. Police Chief Johnson recommends that the City participate in this purchase. It was moved by Councilman Youngerman and seconded by Councilman Anderson that the City participate in the purchase of the video tape camera and projector in the amount of \$855 and that the money be taken from Budget Account 141.19.002, which is the General Government account. Motion carried.

#### PAVING

Councilman Wright suggested that possibly some seal coating material might be used for street cuts when repairs are made to water and sewer lines, or when new lines are made.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was declared adjourned by the President.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk