

Grand Junction, Colorado

March 20, 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 20, 1968 in the Civic Auditorium at City Hall. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Charles E. McCormick, R. B. Evans, Stanley R. Anderson, Harry O. Colescott, R. G. Youngerman, Herbert M. Wright and President Ray A. Meacham. Also present were City Manager Richard N. Gray, City Attorney Gerald J. Ashby and City Clerk Helen C. Tomlinson.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. C. S. Kuhlmann of the Veterans Administration Hospital.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the minutes of the regular meeting held March 6, 1968 be approved as written. Motion carried.

LAW & ORDER - REPORT OF COMMITTEE BY COUNCILMAN ANDERSON -
RECOMMENDATIONS

Councilman Stanley Anderson read a report from the Citizens Committee for Law and Order giving recommendations that could be implemented in order to improve conditions in Grand Junction.

Law enforcement agencies were found to be efficient organizations, but some areas could be improved.

1. One additional man could be added to Police Department with training to work with juveniles.
2. Qualifications for Police Recruits should be upgraded and patrolmen should be sent to State or F.B.I. Academy for training.
3. In order to hire men with necessary skills and qualifications, pay should be increased. The City might pay for costs of night school.
4. The Chief of Police should direct more time to public relation and understanding between officers and public.
5. Recruit officers from minority groups.
6. Strict adherence and enforcement of liquor laws.

7. A committee should be appointed to establish closer communication between the Council, and agencies connected with lawlessness.
8. Schools should provide social adjustment classes.
9. City Recreation Department and School District should cooperate in scheduling use of facilities.
10. Schools should make special efforts to keep young people in school. Drop-outs are potential delinquents.
11. Schools should provide anti-crime programs.
12. City Council, social agencies and churches should combine to bring in a professionally trained marriage counselor.
13. Courts and news media should use good judgment in releasing young offender's names. Repeated offenders should not be given benefit of anonymity.
14. Justice should be forthcoming from courts as speedily as possible.
15. Possibility of work program as a Form of punishment should be investigated. Could start this through County and Municipal Courts.
16. Probation Department should look into the possibility of "attention" homes for young people who do not have an adequate home life.
17. The Probation Department should keep a closer tab on probationers and be more severe in requiring strict performance of probation rules.
18. More personnel should be given to the Probation Department so that a closer tab can be kept on probationers.
19. Citizens should familiarize themselves with the problem of crime and the criminal justice system and express their views when legislation is proposed.
20. Law enforcement agencies should enforce the laws appertaining to parents' responsibilities for the acts of their children.
21. Lack of jobs for youth. Employment opportunities for youngsters should be expanded.
22. Provide adult leadership for existing recreation facilities.
23. Should look into providing facilities similar to Y.M.C.A.

24. Study a plan for more stringent rules for students driving automobiles.

The Committee felt there is an increase in crime and delinquency across the nation. While it is lower in Grand Junction than in some other places, a plan should be made to cope with the present problems. Citizens should get in and help wherever they can.

A full sub-committee report will be given to the Council soon.

Mr. Anderson stated that the laws are quite adequate if they are enforced properly, and citizens stand behind the law enforcement agencies, courts, etc.

Councilmen felt the Committee had done a very commendable job and hoped that everyone would make a study of the report and decide what practices could be improved.

Citizens interested in giving of their time and talents could contact Mr. Anderson, Mr. Youngerman, or members of the Committee. President Meacham stated that he felt something should be done about the types of movies being shown and also the literature that is for sale.

City Manager Gray stated that a steering committee is being organized now, made up of organizations to continue with the cleaning up and beautification of the City of Grand Junction. Possibly, they could furnish the leadership to carry out the recommendations made by the Law and Order Committee. It was suggested that President Meacham try to find a group to be the nucleus to implement the program. He agreed to do this with Councilmen Anderson and Youngerman to help him.

HEARING - APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE FOR IRMA SCHENKELBERG AND EDWARD UZELAC DBA SWORD CLUB, INC., 307 S. 12TH - DENIED

This was the date set for hearing for a liquor license for the Sword Club, Inc. at 307 S. 12th. A letter from police Chief Karl Johnson stated that he believed a license such as the one applied for could not legally be granted.

City Attorney Ashby stated that there were businesses of this nature being operated in the State. He stated that the character of the applicants, reasonable requirements of the neighborhood and the desires of the inhabitants were all the Council should consider in a liquor license hearing.

A report from Joe Pritza, who was employed to make a survey of the district, showed that there were:

63 people in favor of issuing the license
53 opposed to issuing the license
55 who have no opinion

6 vacant residences
7 would not sign
11 unable to contact after several calls

The restaurant would be operated for members who belonged to a so-called "singles" club or group, but would be run for profit. The membership would be restricted to unmarried adults of varying ages.

Councilman McCormick asked about the "off-street parking." Mr. Dufford, Attorney for the applicants, stated that there was some off-street parking available and that several businesses had stated their parking could be used during the time the businesses were closed and the restaurant in operation. There are similar operations in other places in the state, similar to the one proposed here. Councilman McCormick stated that the parking situation was one of the problems when this location was in operation before. Charles Lopas, 1261 Colorado Avenue, also spoke concerning the parking situation. President Meacham closed the hearing.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that a hotel & restaurant liquor license application by Irma Schenkelberg and Edward Uzelac dba Sword Club, Inc., 307 S. 12th, be approved and license granted when state license has been received. The motion was lost with two members of the Council voting AYE and five members voting NAY. Councilman McCormick qualified his "NAY" vote by saying he did not feel that a sufficient number of the inhabitants of the neighborhood have shown their desire to have this business. The President declared the application denied.

DAYS - APPROVE MARCH 23 FOR JC'S FOR BEAUTY PAGEANT AND HOME BOAT AND SPORT SHOW

Larry Kozisek, Jr. representative from Junior Chamber of Commerce and several other Junior Chamber of Commerce members, appeared before the Council requesting permission to sell tickets on Main Street on March 23, 1968 for the Miss Grand Junction Beauty Pageant and the Home Boat & Sport Show. A letter from Terry Wild, ticket chairman, was also read. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Evans that the request be granted. Motion carried.

Mr. Howard Brouse requested permission for a right-of-way for a pipeline to his cistern to be constructed across property owned by the City of Grand Junction, north of the Girl Scout Campground and run north about 900 feet across City property. Mr. Brouse asked for a tap on the City flow line. This was approved by the Utilities Superintendent, and a letter from James Dufford, Attorney, explained the City's position. City Manager Gray showed the Council a map indicating the location of the line and tap.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Evans that this matter be tabled. After discussions the motion, with the consent of the second, was withdrawn. Discussion was had concerning the feasibility of a revocable permit with Mr. Brouse indemnifying the City against any costs of litigation that might be forthcoming.

Councilman Colescott moved and Councilman Wright seconded the motion that the matter be tabled until the next meeting of the Council, and that the City Manager be instructed to get any further information that is pertinent and discuss it at the informal meetings of the Council on March 27th. Motion carried.

3.2 BEER RENEWAL - FOOD STORE #10, INC., 1134 N. 12TH STREET - APPROVED

An application for renewal of 3.2 beer license was presented by Food Store #10, Inc., 1134 No. 12th Street. A letter was read from Police Chief Johnson stating he knew of no reason why application should not be approved. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the application be approved and license be granted when State license has been received. Motion carried.

DAYS - LAPEL FLAG DAY MAY 18

A letter was read from the Daughters of Union Veterans requesting permission to sell small lapel flags on the downtown streets on Saturday, May 18, 1968 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Anderson that the request be granted. Motion carried.

LINCOLN PARK - WAIVE GREEN FEES 5-18/19 FOR AMATEUR GOLF TOURNAMENT

A letter was read from the Tournament Committee, Western Slope Firestone Amateur Golf Tournament, asking the Council to waive green fees on tournament days, May 18th and 19th, the same as last year. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the request be granted. Motion carried.

RUBBISH DISPOSAL - LETTER REGARDING ESTABLISHING COMPOST PLANT

A letter was read from Marilyn L. Thomas concerning the establishment of a compost plant to dispose of rubbish and garbage. City Manager Gray stated that in high density metropolitan areas this method was used successfully because of the long haul and lack of available landfills; however, in Grand Junction there is still available open land for sanitary landfills without involving long hauls. Sanitary landfills are the least costly and the best method at the present time. He

appreciated the correspondence and interest shown by Mrs. Thomas.

SS 23-67 BONDS - \$7000 SOLD TO WYLIE INVESTMENT COMPANY AT 5% INTEREST AT \$99

A memorandum from Finance Director William Manchester was read concerning the sale of \$7000 of SS 23-67 bonds. Because of the small district, private arrangements had been made to sell the bonds to Wylie Investment Company at 5% interest at \$99 when the bonds are received. It was moved by Councilman Youngerman and seconded by Councilman Wright that the Council approve the sale of SS 23-67 bonds to Wylie Investment Company at 5% interest at \$99.00. Motion carried.

LILAC PARK - LETTERS FROM EMERSON PRIMARY III CHILDREN TO KEEP FLOWERS AND SLEDDING

A number of letters had been received from the children of Primary III at Emerson School. President Meacham stated that the children seemed to have a good grasp of the situation, and the consensus seems to be that something could be done to keep both the flowers and sledding in Lilac Park. He thanked the children of Primary III for their letters and interest.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - AMEND SALES TAX ORDINANCE - COLLECTION DATES 20TH OF MONTH - REFUNDS TO TAX EXEMPT AGENCIES

The following proposed entitled ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 54 AND 65 OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, THE CITY'S RETAIL SALES AND USE TAX ORDINANCE, AMENDING THE COLLECTION DATES THEREIN; AND AMENDING SECTION 68 THEREOF CONCERNING THE REFUNDING OR COLLECTIONS TO TAX EXEMPT AGENCIES. It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman Youngerman that the proposed ordinance be passed for exempt agencies publication. Motion carried. Councilman Colescott asked if there was some way that citizens could be protected from paying sales tax to vendors who are collecting the tax on items that are not subject to tax. This matter should be called to the attention of Finance Director William Manchester.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE - CONTRACTORS - SPECIAL DEFINED - ADD CONTRACTOR NOT TO EXCEED \$5000 LICENSE FEE \$25

The following proposed entitled ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 31 (a) OF CHAPTER 7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF CONTRACTOR; AMENDING SECTION 32 OF SAID CHAPTER, TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL CATEGORY OF CONTRACTOR; AND AMENDING SECTION 39 OF SAID CHAPTER TO PROVIDE A LICENSE FEE FOR SUCH CONTRACTOR. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Anderson that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

PAVING - ELM AVENUE AT 28 1/2 TO 28 3/4 ROAD - REQUEST BY LLOYD POWERS

Mr. Lloyd Powers, 525 Elm Drive, was present and asked when the City intended to oil the street as it was very dusty. He had been told at the time he bought his lot in Cottonwood Meadows that it would be oiled. City Manager Gray stated that the City does not put down an oil coat, but he understood that there was a petition being circulated for paving in this area, and that the owner of Cottonwood Meadows had indicated he would sign for his portion. It will take 51% of the property owners to sign the petition. The City would be glad to consider a street improvement district for this area, or any portion of it.

ADJOURNMENT

President Meacham declared the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk