

Grand Junction, Colorado

June 26, 1968

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock P.M. June 26, 1968 in the Civic Auditorium at City Hall. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Charles E. McCormick, P. B. Evans, Stanley Anderson, Harry O. Colescott, Ray A. Meacham, Herbert M. Wright and President R. G. Youngerman Also present were City Manager R. N. Gray and City Clerk Helen C. Tomlinson. City Attorney Gerald J. Ashby was absent.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Reverend Mabel Donaldson, Unity Church of Grand Junction.

MINUTES

It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Evans that the minutes of the regular meeting held June 5, 1968 be approved as written. Motion carried.

JCS REQUEST USE MAIN STREET FOR POLITICAL RALLY 8-23-68 - GRANTED

Mr. Harry Walls, representing the Grand Junction Jaycee's, was present in regard to a plan which they have for promoting an old-fashioned political rally on August 23rd in the west half of the 400 block of Main Street. They had requested that the traffic be blocked off in this area from 3 P. M. to 11:30 P. M. The idea has been approved by the Downtown Retail Trade Committee and Brownson's, Audrey's and Bynum's. Also the two political party County Chairmen are enthusiastic about the plan. Mr. Gray, City Manager, read "Memos" from Karl Johnson, Police Chief, and Gus Byrom, Traffic Engineer. Mr. Johnson questioned the need for blocking the street for the full time requested unless there is a continuing activity of public interest. There would be no problem if they wanted to use the parking bay in this partial block and to temporarily block traffic at such times as such activity was going on that warranted the closing of the street. Gus Byrom stated that it probably would be necessary to close Main Street For two hours only, between 7:00 and 9:00 P.M. at which time political aspirants would be speaking on a stage, and it could be possible the street would not have to be closed at all. It should be left to the Police Department to determine when and for how long this would be necessary. The Parking Area would be closed so that a stage could be set up. Mr. Walls agreed to this.

It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman

Colescott that the Jaycees he allowed to use the parking area as defined by the Police and Traffic Departments subject to whatever extra is necessary being approved and set up by the two departments. Motion carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLAN - REPORT BY DALBY, WENDLAND & JENSEN

The following letter had been previously provided for the Council by Mr. Earl Jensen of Dalby, Wendland and Jensen concerning a supplemental retirement plan:

"DALBY - WENDLAND - JENSEN  
Certified Public Accountants  
400 First National Bank Building  
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

June 24, 1968

Honorable City Council  
City of Grand Junction, Colorado

RETIREMENT PLAN

At your request we have made a brief review of the procedures and cost involved in proposing to the Council a retirement plan for City employees. Our position in this matter would be to serve as independent advisors and assist the Council and City Administration in selecting a plan.

As independent advisors we would be in a position to objectively consider either a trustee plan or an insured plan. When the Council has made a choice between these two basic funding alternatives, representatives of an insurance company or bank could be asked to assist in establishing a plan. In addition to being independent, we have a fair amount of experience in this field, we have a working knowledge of the tax rules governing qualification of a plan, and, as present City auditors, we are acquainted with City Personnel and operations.

Although the City is not a taxpayer, we do recommend a tax-qualified plan. There are tax advantages to the employee with such a plan.

Our work then, would generally consist of the following:

Phase I:

1. Meet with members of the Administration and employee groups to determine the objectives of the parties involved.
2. Interpret these objectives in the form of a general type of plan and determine the alternatives available in accomplishing such a plan.

3. Gather the data necessary to determine costs and the extent of participation in the plan.

Phase II:

1. Present the suggested plan to the Council, including alternatives, estimated costs and forecasted benefits to typical employees.

Phase III:

1. Review and evaluate the proposals made by insurance companies or banks that are interested in funding the plan.

Phase IV:

1. Work with the City Attorney and representatives of the funding agency in drafting the plan.

2. Assist in filing the request for a determination letter with Internal Revenue Service and follow up on obtaining qualification of the plan.

It is difficult to determine the time that would be spent on all of the above tasks, but we estimate that our fee for these services would be between \$800 and \$1,200.

A major factor would be the assistance that might be provided by City personnel and representatives of funding agencies. In the event the Council should choose not to continue through to the completion of the plan, the cost by phase is estimated as follows:

Phase	Cost Range
I	\$200 to \$300
II	100 to 150
III	100 to 150
IV	400 to 600
Total	\$800 \$1,200

(Signed) Earl A. Jensen  
DALBY, WENGLAND & JENSEN"

Mr. Jensen stated that it would possibly take from five to eight month to get Internal Revenue approval of the plan. City Manager Gray stated that be needed to know by September 1st how much it is so that money could be provided in the 1969 Budget. Mr. Jensen thought they could have a plan by September 1st but it would not be in final Form. Councilman McCormick stated that at the Colorado Municipal League meeting in Colorado Springs, the League had adopted a Resolution asking the State to furnish

further participation in the Policemen's and Firemen's Pension plans, and it could be possible to include other employees in the plan. He felt this matter might be in a state of flux, not knowing what the State Legislature is going to do. Councilman Meacham felt that since the Council is interested in a plan and had authorized Mr. Jensen to bring back estimated costs and procedures, the Council should have this information if it decides to act, or should the State provide funds, would be in a position to know which way to go. Pertinent information will come from the first two stages to determine what the objective is and what plan best meets that plan. If it appears practical the City could go to Phase III for factual evaluation and then to Phase IV for actual paper work.

It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Evans that Dalby, Wendland and Jensen be authorized to proceed with Phases I and II in this study. Motion carried.

LINCOLN PARK BASEBALL FIELD - DENY WAIVER OF FEES FOR USE BY GRAND VALLEY LEAGUE OF CONNIE MACK BASEBALL

A letter was read from Mrs. Connie O. Oberholtzer, Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand Valley League of Connie Mack Baseball League, requesting that the Connie Mack Baseball League be allowed to use Lincoln Park without charge or at least at a reduced charge. This is their second season of baseball for 16 to 18 year old boys who are too old for Little League and not old enough for college or semi-pro ball. A memorandum was read from Ralph Stocker, Director of Parks & Recreation, and James Wysocki, Recreation Supervisor which stated that the minimum fee of \$20 barely covers the cost of getting the field ready and cleaning up the next day; \$12.50 per hour is the cost for the lights. They recommended denying the request in all fairness to other baseball groups using the field and paying the minimum costs.

City Manager Gray stated that he concurred with their recommendation. The minimum fee for use of the field to cover actual costs of maintenance was raised recently from \$10 to \$20. It was suggested that this matter be turned over to the Recreation Dept. to subsidize the program if they felt it worthwhile. They could do this, but it was brought out there are three Little Leagues and the Old Timers Association which are entirely self-supporting and if consideration is given for one, then consideration should be given for all. Councilman Meacham concurred and stated the Council might find itself in an untenable situation with the Eagles and N.J.C.A. if special consideration were given to one group. City Manager Gray stated that the staff does not in any way suggest that the Connie Mack is not a worthwhile activity, but granting a request of this kind would mean granting everyone the same privilege.

It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Meacham that the request of the Grand Valley League of Connie

Mack Baseball be denied. Motion carried.

3.2 BEER RENEWALS - SHAKEY'S PIZZA PARLOR & WADDELL'S MARKETS,  
1630 HIGHWAY 50

Applications for renewal of 3.2 beer licenses were presented by Kubena, Inc. dba Shakey's Pizza Parlor, 827 North Ave., and Waddell's Markets, Inc. dba Waddell's Markets, Inc., 1630 Hwy 50. Letters were read from Karl M. Johnson, Chief of Police, stating there was no reason why these licenses should not be renewed as there have been no violations during the term of their present licenses. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Evans that the applications be approved and licenses granted when state licenses have been received. Motion carried.

LEASE EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH XYZ TV INC FOR HATHAWAY WATER  
PROPERTY - TO DECEMBER, 1968 - \$400

A lease extension agreement for XYZ Television, Inc. for a tract of land in the Whitewater area was presented. City Manager Gray explained that this lease had expired last December. The original lease agreement with Western Slope Broadcasting Co., Inc., dated December 7, 1961 and later extended to December 7, 1967, was for land for use of a larger tower when approval of application by F.C.C. was received. Approval has now been received so the exact needs will soon be known. The lease was assigned to XYZ Television, Inc. and is for \$400 a year rental. Attorney D. J. Dufford had reviewed the Agreement and made suggestions for some changes. City Manager Gray suggested the extension agreement which will expire in December he signed and then a new long term lease be negotiated.

It was moved by Councilman McCormick and seconded by Councilman that the City Manager be authorized to sign the Extension Lease Agreement with XYZ Television, Inc. to December 7, 1968. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION - SERTOMA CLUB SPONSORING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The following Resolution was presented and read:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The Sertoma Club of Grand Junction is sponsoring a Youth Employment Service for the teens of Grand Junction, Fruita, Palisade and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Y.E.S. began operation May 31, 1968 with an office at the First Congregational Church, at which time two teenagers were appointed as Directors of the Service; and

WHEREAS, the purpose is to solicit work, full or part time, for young adults between the ages of 14 and 19; and

WHEREAS, through this program, youths will be able to better themselves, their education and their adult responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, that it does hereby express its recognition, interest and wishes in the success of this program, YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, Y.E.S.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 1968

President of the Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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

SAN SEWER SYSTEM - PLANS FOR EL POSO TO BE GIVEN TO DAVID MUNNS, O.E.O. DIRECTOR

City Manager Gray presented detailed drawings and specifications for a sanitary sewer system for the El Poso area which had been prepared by the Engineering Department under the direction of Davis Hickman, City Engineer, as authorized at the last Council meeting. The system would require a pumping system, and if it were to be let at bid, would probably cost in the neighborhood of \$27,000. The City would supervise the construction if it is built by the residents so that if the area were to be annexed, it would conform to City specification. Such things as responsibility for maintenance, in case of annexation, should also be decided upon. The plans will be given to Mr. Dave Munns, O. E. O. Director, for consideration by the interested parties.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO HIRE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES - CORRECTIONS TO CODE OF ORDINANCES

City Manager Gray stated that in view of the fact that there will be a new filter plant and probably new sewage treatment plants, that the City is in need of a Sanitary Engineer or biochemist who could provide the proper supervision for the Utilities Department. In most cities, the organization will show the Utilities Department separated from the Engineering and Public Works Department. At several times in the past, this has been the case in the City of Grand Junction, but since Mr. Hickman has been here as City Engineer, he has been in charge of more than half of the employees and over \$2,000,000 in the budget. There have also been problems and suggested remedies to some of the problems on the reservoirs on Grand Mesa, and the fact that more

records concerning the distribution of reservoir water will have to be kept indicates the need for more help in this department. Mr. Gray suggested that a Director of Utilities with the qualifications mentioned above, be recruited on a national basis, at a salary between \$10,000 and \$12,000 per year to direct the Utilities Department which will include water supply, systems, customer service, filter plants, disposal plants and sanitation.

City Engineer Hickman will serve as City Engineer and will continue to be the Public Works Director and his Engineering, Department will serve as a Staff Department to plan and design improvements for the Utilities Department. The following proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-29 OF THE CODE Or ORDINANCES Or THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, CONCERNING THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; AMENDING SECTION 2-31 OF SAID CODE, CONCERNING THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; REPEALING SECTION 2-35 OF SAID CODE, CONCERNING THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT, AND SUBSTITUTING A SECTION ON THE AIRPORT DEPARTMENT.

It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Wright that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried with Councilman Colescott voting NAY. The President declared the motion carried as a majority of the Council had voted AYE.

#### WATER - TO CHECK ON POOR SERVICE ON THIRD FRUITRIDGE

Councilman Meacham stated that some lady had called him about poor water service on Third Fruitridge. Mr. Gray stated that he had asked the Engineering Department to go out and check on this matter and see if anything can be done to help the situation.

#### GAVEL PRESENTED TO COUNCILMAN MEACHAM

President Youngerman presented Councilman Meacham's gavel to him. Mr. Meacham had used the gavel during his term of office as President of the Council and Ex-officio Mayor and it had been properly engraved and was presented to him as a memento of his years of service to the City as Mayor.

#### COLORADO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE - CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE PRESENTED TO COUNCILMAN MC CORMICK

A certificate of Service as a member of the Executive Board of the Colorado Municipal League was presented to Councilman C. E. McCormick, and he was congratulated on his long term of service to the League.

#### COUNCILMAN C. E. MC CORMICK RESIGNATION 8-1-68 - COMMITTEE TO SUGGEST REPLACEMENT

A letter from Mr. C. E. McCormick resigning as City Councilman from District "D" was read by President Youngerman. Mr.

McCormick is seeking election to the office of State Representative, and as this is a political position, he felt it wise to resign from the Council. He also desires to devote more time to his campaign; the resignation to be effective the last of July. Councilman Meacham moved to accept the resignation of Councilman McCormick with regret and stated that the Council was losing a tremendous Councilman. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, wishing Mr. McCormick all kinds of luck in his political aspirations. Motion carried. President Youngerman appointed Councilmen Meacham, Wright and Anderson to act as a Committee to suggest names for a replacement as Councilman from District "D".

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Evans that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk