

Grand Junction, Colorado

October 15, 1969

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock p.m. October 15, 1969 in the Civic Auditorium at City Hall. Councilmen present and answering roll call were Raymond R. Paruch, Harry O. Colescott, Ray A. Meacham, Stanley R. Anderson, Theodore N. Naff, and President Richard G. Youngerman. Councilman R. B. Evans was absent. Also present were City Attorney Gerald J. Ashby and City Clerk Helen C. Tomlinson. City Manager R. N. Gray was absent.

INVOCATION

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

MINUTES

HOUSING CODE

To recall to table (rescinded see minutes 2-4-70)

Councilman Meacham stated that he would like to go on record as stating that the way the motion went through at the last meeting of the Council, concerning the adoption of a Housing Code, was proper and understood, but that it was not necessarily the intent of those who voted for it, and that at some later date he would like to recall it to the table.

It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Naff that the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held on October 1, 1969 be approved as written. Motion carried.

1970 BUDGET

Public hearing

This date had been advertised for a hearing on the proposed 1970 budget. There was no one in the audience for the hearing. The President declared the hearing closed.

3.2 BEER RENEWALS

Willow Fruit 1840 N 12th

Southside Grocery 832 So. 7th St.

Applications for renewal of 3.2 beer licenses were presented by Tekla Fash and Arthur W. Fash dba Willow Fruit, 1840 North 12th Street and Eugene D. and Mary B. Erickson dba Southside Grocery, 832 South 7th Street. Letters were read from Police Chief Karl M. Johnson stating that he knew of no reason why the applications should not be approved and licenses issued for renewal. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Meacham that the applications of Tekla Fash and Arthur W. Fash dba Willow Fruit, and Eugene D. and Mary G. Erickson dba Southside Grocery be approved and licenses issued when State licenses have been received. Motion carried with Councilman Paruch voting AYE.

MILL LEVY 14 MILLS

Resol

The following Resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

LEVYING TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1969
IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

BE IT RESOLVED BY the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado:

That there shall be and hereby is levied upon all taxable property within the limits of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the year 1969 according to the assessed valuation of said property, a tax of fourteen (14) mills on the dollar (\$1.00) upon the total assessment of taxable property within the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the purpose of paying the expenses of the municipal government of said City, and certain indebtedness, including interest upon indebtedness of the City, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1970.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 15th day of October, 1969.

APPROVED:

R. G. Youngerman\President of the Council

ATTEST:

\City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Naff 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 and the Resolution duly adopted.

AIRPORT-AEROPLANE RESTAURANT

Lease Amendment with R. C. Pond for name change
Inst Airport restaurant

City Attorney Ashby presented a proposed change in the names on the lease for the Aeroplane Restaurant. Everett L. Pond, Jr. sold his interest in the lease to Richard C. Pond or Patricia M. Pond, who now hold the controlling interest. It was moved by Councilman Meacham and seconded by Councilman Anderson that the amendment to the lease be executed and signed by Airport Manager Gustav Byrom. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

Pure Air Week 10/19 thru 10/25

A proclamation for Pure Air Week was made. The week will begin October 19th and end October 25th.

COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

Clmn Anderson apptd Alternate Representative

Councilman Ray Meacham stated that he believed that Councilman Paruch had been appointed to serve as a

representative of the City on the Community Action Council. This representative should be a City Councilman as this was provided in the regulations setting up the Council. He noted that recently a Mr. Greenhalgh had been appointed by Councilman Paruch to serve in his place. Councilman Paruch stated that he had conflicting meetings, on the Regional Planning Commission and Community Action Council, and had asked Mr. Greenhalgh to go to the Community Action Council meeting.

It was explained that this should have been taken care of through the President of the Council, or a member of the Council. Councilman Anderson was asked to serve as an alternate on the Community Action Council. Council representation on all Boards will be reviewed to see if something can be worked out where there are conflicting meetings.

MESA CO. HEALTH DEPT.

Take out \$10,000 appropriation for 1970

Councilman Naff stated that he thought the Mesa County Health Department budget request was to be discussed. He stated that the Council had determined to keep the mill levy at 14 mills and had cut out many things in the proposed budget which they would have liked to include. He stated he had had to change his thinking on a number of projects he would have liked to include. Councilman Anderson stated that because City taxpayers are also County taxpayers, the City taxpayers are contributing an extra \$10,000. The request by the Mesa County Health Dept. was for \$15,000, and it would seem the City taxpayer is actually being doubly taxed for the purpose of maintaining a Health Dept. He realized the importance of a Health Dept. and a good one. Because this is a county-wide function, it is quite proper that it be supported on a county-wide basis, by a mill levy coming in to the general fund of the County of Mesa. For that reason, Councilman Anderson suggested striking the request for \$10,000 from the budget and the City taxpayer will then be paying his proportionate share at the same time he is paying his county general mill levy. Councilman Anderson moved to strike \$10,000 from the Mesa County Health Dept. budget.

Councilman Meacham seconded the motion stating that the Council in very carefully going through the proposed budget, found it necessary to strike out many things that they would like to have seen attempted and many new programs, etc. In regard to the Health Dept., they also had planned on several new projects which are all probably worthwhile. The time has come when it is necessary for the governing bodies to pull in their belts a little and do what is necessary to keep taxes down and keep them from continually rising through new programs; that different bodies, different facets, which are allowable by government find expedient to do each year.

Councilman Colescott stated that the County Commissioners are closer to the needs and wants of the Health Dept. and can control it better, and whatever amount of money they come up with, approximately half of it will be paid by the City taxpayers.

President Youngerman stated he thought the Council was being pretty harsh in cutting the whole amount of support at once. He could see the \$5,000 extra turned down, but is not in favor of striking the entire amount, at this time. The \$10,000 could be continued under the 14 mill levy, and support the same as we have. Vote on the question showed all Councilmen present excepting President Youngerman voting AYE. The vote being 5 to 1 in favor, the President declared the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Helen C. Tomlinson\City Clerk