

Grand Junction, Colorado

July 12, 1977

ROLL CALL

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in Special session at 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, 1977, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Present and answering roll call were Council members Larry Brown, Robert Holmes, Karl Johnson, Bill O'Dwyer, Jane Quimby, Elvin Tufly, and President of the Council Lawrence Kozisek. Also present were City Manager Jim Wysocki, City Attorney Gerald Ashby, and City Clerk Neva Lockhart.

WATER SUPPLY

Staff reported to Council that the Gunnison River has lowered approximately 2 feet in the last week. There has been some variation in the depth flow of Kannah Creek within the past week.

ADDITIONAL PUMP FOR GUNNISON RIVER Staff proposed the purchase of an additional pump to be placed in the Gunnison River with the capability of 7 million gallons per day. Discussed receiving funds for the purchase of the pump from the Economic Development Administration.

It was moved by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Holmes that the Staff be authorized to purchase the 7 million gallon pump to go into the Gunnison River and that funds up to \$60,000 be allocated for the purchase. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Johnson that the Staff provide a complete analysis of what is needed to pump 9 MGD from the Gunnison River to the reservoirs at the Treatment Plant and that this report be available at the next regular meeting.

SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY

There followed a discussion of various sources to obtain additional water. Such as, the Curecanti Dam through the Bureau of Reclamation, underground wells, Ditch companies for irrigation water and whether the City is exercising its rights, the Clifton water project for the Colorado River.

Council directed Mr. Jensen to get the answers regarding the water from Curecanti Dam and have this as an item on the regular agenda July 20, 1977.

It was moved by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Johnson that the Staff be directed to continue its negotiations with the Clifton Water District seeking the capabilities of 4 million gallons per day when the project is completed. Motion carried.

Staff was directed to explore the feasibility of underground wells.

Councilman Johnson requested that the water attorney summarize the City's water rights, where they are, how many shares, and whether the City is exercising its rights in all instances.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1692 - CHANGE IN RATE STRUCTURE

Council discussed changing the rate structure for water. The following Commercial users were present:

Bill Nunn, Holsum Bakery

Tom Dykstra, Coca Cola/7-Up Company

Doug Fraser, City Market

These users explained that their businesses had implemented water conservation programs some time before the City started its conservation of water by changing the rate structure. They requested that consideration be given Commercial users.

Council directed that Staff explore a commercial rate which would be an incentive to Commercial users to find ways to conserve water.

The following entitled emergency ordinance was introduced and read: AN ORDINANCE RAISING THE CHARGES FOR THE USE OF WATER IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

It was moved by Councilman Brown and seconded by Councilman Tufly that the Ordinance be passed and adopted as an emergency ordinance, numbered 1692, and ordered published. Upon roll call all Council members voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT DISCUSSION OF WATER

Councilman Johnson noted that the current U.S. News and World Report discusses water. He encouraged fellow members to read the article.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilman Brown and duly seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Neva B. Lockhart
City Clerk