

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**November 18, 1998**

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, convened into regular session the 18th day of November, 1998, at 7:32 p.m. in the City/County Auditorium at City Hall. Those present were Cindy Enos-Martinez, Gene Kinsey, Earl Payne, Jack Scott, Mike Sutherland, Reford Theobald, and President of the Council Janet Terry. Also present were City Manager Mark Achen, City Attorney Dan Wilson, and Acting City Clerk Christine English.

Council President Terry called the meeting to order and Councilmember Scott led in the Pledge of Allegiance. The audience remained standing during the invocation by Pastor Gene Hughes, Clifton Bible Chapel.

**PRESENTATION OF THE SILVER BUCKLE AWARD FOR SEATBELT ENFORCEMENT TO THE GRAND JUNCTION POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Duke Smith, Colorado Department of Transportation, presented the Colorado Silver Buckle Award for Seatbelt Enforcement to the Grand Junction Police Department and recognized Sgt. Paul Frey as the coordinator of the Grand Junction Program. Sgt. Frey was presented with a Silver Buckle pen and pencil set.

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE FORESTRY BOARD**

Upon motion by Councilmember Scott, seconded by Councilmember Enos-Martinez and carried, Vince Urbina and Terry Hamm were reappointed to a three year term, and Mitch Elliott was appointed to a three year term on the Grand Junction Forestry Advisory Board; said terms to expire November, 2001.

Mayor Terry presented the appointees with Certificates of Appointment.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

Upon motion by Councilmember Scott, seconded by Councilmember Sutherland and carried by roll call vote, the following Consent Items #1-10 were approved:

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

*Action: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 4, 1998*

2. **Banking Services with Alpine Bank, Grand Junction**

Based on the triennial request for proposals for city banking services, Alpine Bank is recommended for selection for a three year banking services contract, being in the City's best interest.

Resolution No. 69-98 – A Resolution Designating a Depository and Approving an Agreement for Banking Services between the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Alpine Bank, Grand Junction

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 69-98 and Authorize the Finance Director to Sign the Contract*

3. **Audit Services with Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Co., P.C.**

Based on the request for proposals for the external audit of the City, Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Co., P.C. is recommended for selection for a four year term of auditing services, being in the City's best interest.

Resolution No. 70-98 – A Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Audit Services between the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, and Chadwick, Steinkirchner, Davis & Co., P.C.

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 70-98 and Authorize the Finance Director to Sign the Contract*

4. **Employee Assistance Program Services with EAP, Inc.**

The City of Grand Junction has had an employee assistance program since 1981 when its group health insurance carrier began offering these services as an additional benefit for an additional charge. Services were originally provided through Rocky Mountain Health Management Corporation. In 1997, Rocky Mountain HMC moved out of the EAP business and transferred EAP staff and existing clients to Community Hospital's EAP. The City received thirteen proposals, and four companies were interviewed. EAP, Inc. is being recommended.

*Action: Approve the Agreement with EAP, Inc. to Provide Employee Assistance Program Services to the City of Grand Junction and Authorize the Administrative Services Director to Sign the Agreement*

5. **Police Department Block Grant**

The Police Department has applied for and received a block grant in the amount of \$62,583 from the U.S. Department of Justice. The funds for this grant are to be applied towards the purchase of police equipment. These funds may be used to supplement, not supplant, existing funding for equipment purchases or allow the procurement of non-funded equipment needs.

*Action: Authorize the City Manager to Sign the U.S. Department of Justice Block Grant in the Amount of \$62,583*

6. **Defense of Police Employee**

A Federal District Court action has been filed alleging a violation of civil rights and other misconduct by Sgt. Brian Franklin. Because the City Council finds that Sgt. Franklin acted appropriately and within the scope of his employment, the City Council acknowledges defense of Sgt. Franklin as a police employee.

Resolution No. 71-98 – A Resolution Acknowledging Defense of a Police Employee in Federal District Court for the District of Colorado Civil Action No. 98-S-624

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 71-98*

7. **Occupant Protection Twist Campaign Grant**

The Colorado Department of Transportation, Office of Traffic Safety has approved the Grand Junction Police Department to receive a grant in the amount of \$4,800 for enforcement during five seatbelt law enforcement periods from December, 1998 through October, 1999. No matching funds required.

Resolution No. 72-98 – A Resolution Approving Occupant Protection Twist Campaign Contract

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 72-98*

8. **Setting a Hearing on Rezoning Country Crossing Subdivision at 25 Road and G Road from PR-3.8 to PR-4.4** [File #RZP-1998-183]

Rezone a property on the southeast corner of 25 and G Roads from Planned Residential 3.8 units per acre (PR-3.8) to Planned Residential 4.4 units per acre (PR-4.4).

Proposed Ordinance Zoning a Parcel of Land at the Southeast Corner of 25 and G Roads from PR-3.8 to PR-4.4

*Action: Adopt Proposed Ordinance on First Reading and Set a Hearing for December 2, 1998*

9. **Setting a Hearing on Rezoning Land at the Northeast Corner of 24 ½ Road and F ¼ Road from RSF-R to HO** [File #RZ-1998-177]

This is a request for a rezone of one parcel containing 4.07 acres from RSF-R to H.O. (Highway Oriented). The Future Land Use Map in the Growth Plan designates this property as commercial. The proposed H.O. zone district is consistent with the goals and policies of the Growth Plan.

Proposed Ordinance Rezoning the Northeast Corner of 24 ½ Road and F ¼ Road from RSF-R to H.O.

*Action: Adopt Proposed Ordinance on First Reading and Set a Hearing for December 2, 1998*

10. **Federal District Court Indemnification for Teen Court**

In order for the City to use the Federal Courthouse for the newly established Teen Court, an indemnification of the Federal District Court is being requested.

Resolution No. 73-98 – A Resolution Authorizing the City to Indemnify the Federal District Court for the Use of the Federal Courthouse for Teen Court

*Action: Adopt Resolution No. 73-98*

**\*\*\* END OF CONSENT CALENDAR \*\*\***

**\*\*\* ITEMS NEEDING INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION \*\*\***

NONE

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**CML/CCI Workshop**

Mayor Terry reported that she and City Manager Mark Achen attended a jointly sponsored CML (Colorado Municipal League)/CCI (counterpart organization for counties) workshop held on Friday, November 13, 1998. The emphasis of the workshop was City/County cooperation. Various issues and examples were presented where cities and counties had put together their resources in trying to resolve issues. Mayor Terry was a panelist at one of the sessions and was able to use the recent Persigo agreement as an example of City/County cooperation. She noted one of the overriding themes was the importance of elected City officials to be at the table initially to resolve issues or conflicts with County counterparts. It was a key element in other success stories that were reported at the workshop.

The workshop also concentrated on citizen concern about cities and counties needing to cooperate and take the initiative in trying to resolve some of the growth issues with cooperative planning.

City Manager Achen said the session was very valuable.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Terry adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Christine English  
Acting City Clerk