

## **Resolution No. 30-24**

### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A BUREAU OF RECLAMATION GRANT FOR THE JUNIATA ENLARGED DITCH PIPING PROJECT**

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado that:

The City of Grand Junction by, with and through this Resolution of the City Council supports the WaterSMART Planning and Project Design Grant application that the City of Grand Junction has made to the United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). The application, in anticipation of a grant award, will assist the City in planning and design of the Juniata Enlarged Ditch Piping Project.

The BOR provides assistance to states, tribes and local governments for collaborative planning and design projects to support water management improvements. This includes funding for Project Design Grants to conduct project-specific design for projects to improve water management. In accordance with the grant purposes, the City Utilities Department proposes to develop a design to pipe the Juniata Enlarged Ditch. The Juniata Enlarged Ditch has a diversion right of 129 cfs from Kannah Creek. The ditch is approximately 2.3 miles and conveys water to the Juniata Reservoir for municipal water supply. In addition, the Juniata Enlarged Ditch conveys water to the Juniata Ditch which serves downstream agricultural water users. The Juniata Enlarged Ditch experiences about 30% water loss due to evaporation and seepage. Piping the ditch would conserve this water and make more water available for municipal and agricultural uses in support of BOR WaterSMART goals.

The City staff is seeking BOR grant funding in the amount of \$160,000 with an anticipated award in 2025. The City Council of the City of Grand Junction authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations, including established deadlines, of any Grant awarded.

If the grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant agreement with Bureau of Reclamation for the Juniata Enlarged Ditch Piping Project grant program.

The City staff has recommended that the City Council support the grant application and if awarded, that the grant be utilized for the important purposes of continuing to carefully manage the City's water resources.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024



Abram Herman  
President of the Council

ATTEST:



Amy Phillips  
City Clerk