

## City Officers and Employes

CITY ATTORNEY - - - - - HENRY TUPPER  
Office, Currie Building. Phone Junction 99

CITY ENGINEER - - - - - E. R. ROMBERG  
Office, 212 Fair Building. Phone Junction 253

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Phone Junction 770

CHIEF OF POLICE - - - - - C. H. WALLIS  
ASSISTANT CHIEF OF POLICE - - - - - WILLIAM C. HERMANN  
DAY POLICEMAN AND TRUANT OFFICER - - - - - J. J. ALLISON

### WATER DEPARTMENT

Phone Superintendent Water Works, Residence, Junction 614  
Phone, City Reservoir, Hickory 802  
Phone, Kannah Creek Intake, Whitewater, Purple 7512

FOREMAN CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS - - - - - CHARLES GARBER  
CARE-TAKER, Kannah Creek Intake - - - - - JAMES WOODS

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Phone Junction 10

FIRE CHIEF AND CITY WEIGHER - - - - - J. S. HYNES  
DRIVER FIRE AUTO - - - - - A. P. CROOKS

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

CITY HEALTH OFFICER - - - - - DR. CARL W. PLUMB  
Office, Fair Building. Phone Hickory 731

A. O. SHAFF - - - - - Garbage Collector  
Phone Linden 72

S. J. SCOVILL - - - - - City Scavenger  
Phone Junction 568

### CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

O. D. WILLIAMS, President                      J. MONROE STEWART, Secretary

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## CITY of GRAND JUNCTION

### Publication of Annual and Other Reports

66. **Publicity Records and Reports.**—Each of said commissioners shall keep a record book in which shall be recorded a brief, but comprehensive record of all department affairs under his charge as soon as performed and shall quarterly render to the city council a full report of all operations of such department, and shall annually, and oftener if required by the city council, make a synopsis thereof for publication. All such records shall be kept open for public inspection. The council shall provide for the publication of such annual or other reports, and of such portion of the quarterly reports, as to it may seem advisable. Each commissioner shall also make and keep a complete inventory and permanent record of all the personal property of his department and what disposition, if any, has been made of the same.—Article VII, Section 66 of the City Charter.

The executive and administrative power, authority and duties of the city are distributed among five departments:

Department of Public Affairs

Department of Water and Sewers

Department of Finance and Supplies

Department of Highways

Department of Health and Civic Beauty

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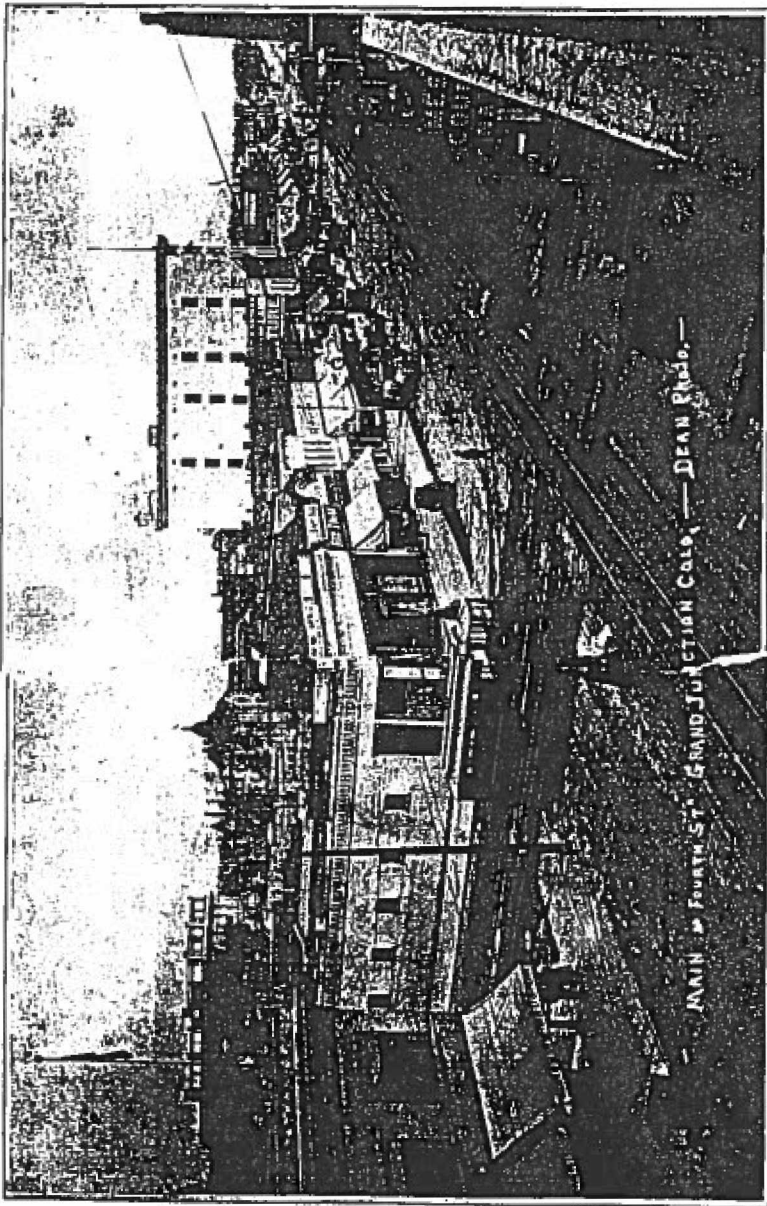
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CORNER MAIN AND FOURTH STREETS

## ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

### ORDINANCE NO. 211

The Annual Appropriation Ordinance of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, Providing for the Expenses and Liabilities of the City of Grand Junction for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1st, A. D. 1916, and ending December 31st, A. D. 1916.

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

Section 1. That the following sums of money or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same are hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, A. D. 1916, and ending December 31, A. D. 1916, to-wit:

First—For the General Fund	\$ 4,800.00
Second—For salaries of City officers and employees	8,460.00
Third—For lighting the streets and public buildings	8,500.00
Fourth—For maintaining the Police department	5,150.00
Fifth—For maintaining the Fire department	6,700.00
Sixth—For maintaining, improving and repairing the streets and alleys, and water for irrigation	13,300.00
Seventh—For maintaining the Health department	1,500.00
Eighth—For maintenance and repairs of City sewers	300.00
Ninth—For maintaining, extending, repairing and operating the City water works	8,500.00
Tenth—For care and improvement of the public parks	2,500.00
Eleventh—For the maintenance of the free public library	2,000.00
Twelfth—For special assessment in paving districts	819.13
Thirteenth—For interest on Water bonds	29,500.00
Fourteenth—For principal on Water bonds	5,000.00
Fifteenth—For principal on Funding bonds	2,000.00
Sixteenth—For interest on Funding bonds	1,100.00

Sec. 2. That for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses and liabilities of the said City of Grand Junction, Colorado, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1916, and ending December 31, 1916, there shall be and hereby is levied and assessed upon all the taxable property situated within the corporate limits of the City of Grand Junction, both real and personal, the following amounts for special and general taxes, to-wit:

First—For the purpose of defraying the expenses and maintenance of the Free Public Library, a tax of two-tenths of one mill on each dollar of said property so assessed or to be assessed.

Second—For the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses and liabilities of the said City of Grand Junction, and for the payment of interest on outstanding bonds and warrants and for the payment of a portion of the bond indebtedness of said City, a tax of seven and eight-tenths mills on each dollar of said property so assessed or to be assessed.

Passed and adopted this 23rd day of November, A. D. 1915.

(Seal)

CHAS. E. CHERRINGTON,

Attest:

Mayor.

CHARLES K. HOLMBURG, City Clerk.

## SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

YEAL 1915

January 5—Petition for traffic ordinance received. Annual report of Chief of Fire department and quarterly reports of city officers submitted. Council agreed to pay \$12.50 per month for maintenance of public rest room. Daily Sentinel designated official newspaper to July 1.

January 12—Quarterly and annual reports of commissioners submitted. Ordinance No. 233, concerning Sunday closing, passed and adopted. Resolution passed instructing city treasurer to deposit funds of the city as nearly as possible in equal amounts in the three city banks.

January 19-20—Resolution passed striking from special water assessment roll certain property in Milldale subdivision. Quarterly reports of commissioners and city officers accepted. Annual reports of city officers submitted. City clerk instructed to have 2,000 copies of annual reports printed and distributed.

January 26—Annual reports accepted. Commissioner of finance and supplies instructed to purchase 700 feet of fire hose; also to place order for 30 tons of 6-inch cast iron pipe for delivery in March.

February 2—Ordinance No. 234, relating to street traffic, passed and adopted. Depository bond of U. S. Bank and Trust Co. accepted.

February 9—Bid of H. A. Polker to remove old fire bell for \$30.00 accepted. Ordinance No. 235, concerning interest on warrants, passed and adopted. The purchase of a motorcycle for use of Police department authorized.

February 16—Petition of A. R. Wilson and others presented protesting against the taking effect of Sunday closing ordinance (No. 233) and asking that the same be repealed or submitted to a vote of the people. Report of S. R. Schaeffer, certified public accountant, on examination of books and records of Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co. submitted.

February 23—Ordinance No. 233, relating to Sunday closing, reconsidered and ordered submitted to vote of the people at the next regular election. Arc light ordered placed at intersection of Sixth street and White Ave. Commissioner of finance and supplies authorized to advertise for bids for furnishing 10,000 sacks cement. Depository bond of G. V. National Bank accepted.

March 2—Resolution passed granting revocable permit to the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co. to operate and maintain a telephone line in the city, the said company agreeing to pay, during the life of the permit, 2 per cent of the gross receipts from all local exchange service. Arc lights ordered placed at intersections of First street and Gunnison Ave., Fourth street and Plitkin Ave., and Seventh street and Struthers Ave. Resolution passed declaring intention to create Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5.

March 9-10—Bids for 10,000 sacks cement opened and read. Resolution passed exempting U. S. postoffice site from special water assessment. Report of city engineer on increasing capacity of sewer outlet for Sewer Districts Nos. 1 and 2 received and filed. Bid of Gibson Lumber and Mercantile Co. for furnishing cement, being the lowest, accepted.

March 16—City agreed to take a page space in Colorado-Utah logbook for \$100. Fremont Wall Paper & Paint Co. awarded contract to clean and kalsomine interior of City hall.

March 23—Manning and Aupperle awarded contract for repairing roof of City hall. Resolution passed to change name of Crawford's Addition to "West Side," and Milldale to "South Side." Commissioner of finance and

supplies instructed to purchase playground apparatus for the Children's Park.

March 30—Agreement entered into with Frank J. Lander and others granting permit to cross Kannah creek pipe line with irrigation ditch. S. R. Schaeffer employed to audit city's books and accounts for year 1915.

April 3—Resolution passed creating Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5.

April 6-7—Council voted to appropriate \$100 for maintenance of Orchard Mesa cemeteries. Quarterly reports of city officers submitted. Bids for bonds of Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5 opened. Bid of German American Trust Co. for purchase of \$21,000 Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5 bonds accepted.

April 13—Quarterly reports submitted. Council voted to offer one cent per pound for dandelion roots brought to City hall on or before May 1.

April 20—Report of S. R. Schaeffer, certified public accountant, on audit of city's books and accounts received and accepted. Resolution adopted creating a Water Sinking fund and crediting said fund with \$5,000.00.

April 27-30—Communication received from Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co. accepting provisions of resolution passed March 2, granting permit to said company. Commissioner of finance and supplies instructed to pay \$5,000 of matured water bonds. Resolution passed guaranteeing by the city the payment of bonds of Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5.

May 4—City attorney instructed to revise city ordinances. The terms of payment of balance of \$22,000 matured water bonds, as proposed by Ben Safley, holder of said bonds, accepted.

May 18—Ordinance No. 236, concerning the cutting of weeds and brush and removal of brush and rubbish, passed and adopted. Resolution passed authorizing payment of \$388.15, overdraft on Fire House Construction fund, out of Fire and Police funds. John E. Blake appointed a regular fireman under civil service.

June 8—City trenching machine rented to B. W. Veauer for \$10 per day. Commissioner of water and sewers instructed to shut off water supply from Oasis Mutual Water company, Orchard Mesa, unless amount due for water be paid before July 1.

June 16—Mayor and clerk authorized to execute agreement between City and U. S. Department of Agriculture, providing for co-operative supervision of water shed of Kannah creek.

July 6—Ministerial Alliance granted permit to erect tabernacle on block 84. The Daily News designated official newspaper to December 31.

July 13—Quarterly reports submitted. Ordinance No. 237, to protect the purity of the water from Kannah creek, passed and adopted. E. Beatty, O. D. Williams and C. P. Bliss appointed civil service commissioners.

July 20—Council authorized the erection of advertising signs at Union depot. Resolution passed allowing the county treasurer \$262.50, the proportion of city funds lost by county through failure of the Colorado State bank. The purchase of a lungmotor for the city authorized.

August 17—Commissioner of finance and supplies reported 213 water users delinquent one quarter, 17 two quarters, 8 three quarters and 3 over one year.

August 31—Commissioner of finance and supplies instructed to purchase 1,070 feet of 10-inch sewer pipe for First street sewer.

September 7—Council appropriated \$125 out of General fund for making exhibit of Grand Junction manufactured products at the International Soil Products exhibition at Denver. Agreement with U. S. Forest Service for protection of Kannah creek water shed received and ordered filed.

September 14—Report of S. R. Schaeffer on audit of city's books and accounts received and accepted.

September 21—Statement showing whole cost of improvements made in Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5 presented to council by mayor and accepted by the council.

September 28—E. A. Beatty tendered resignation as civil service commissioner. Mrs. H. C. Olson given permit to connect property with sewer in District No. 3 on payment of \$20.

October 5—Petitions of Henry R. Rhone, C. P. McCary, O. D. Williams and others, asking council to submit several Charter amendments at the next general election, received. Quarterly reports of city officers and commissioners received. Ordinance No. 240, concerning theaters, passed and adopted. Commissioner of finance and supplies instructed to transfer \$2,000 from Water fund to Water Sinking fund and to pay Ben Saffley \$2,000 for matured water bonds.

October 12-15—Proposed Charter amendments ordered published and submitted to a vote of the people at next regular election. Resolution passed to submit to a vote of the people the proposition to issue funding bonds to pay outstanding city warrants.

October 23-25—Judges and clerks of election for election to be held November 2, appointed. On request of petitioners proposed ordinance in relation to appraisement of electric light and gas plants was withdrawn.

October 26—Commissioner of finance and supplies instructed to purchase carload of cement for Highways department. November 5 designated as time for submission of annual city estimate.

November 3-4—Offer of Sweet, Causey, Foster & Co. for purchase of \$20,000 issue of funding bonds accepted. Returns of regular municipal election held November 2 canvassed. L. E. Blackstone declared elected commissioner of highways; H. F. Vorbeck, commissioner of finance and supplies, and Charles K. Holmburg, commissioner of health and civic beauty. All proposed Charter amendments defeated. Proposition to issue funding bonds to pay outstanding city warrants carried. Sunday closing ordinance defeated.

November 5-9—Annual city estimate submitted by commissioner of finance and supplies. Official bonds of commissioners-elect accepted. Commissioners Vorbeck, Blackstone and Holmburg took oath of office. Resolution passed levying amount for defraying necessary expenses and liabilities of City for year 1916. Annual appropriation ordinance introduced and ordered published. Henry Tupper appointed city attorney; Dr. Carl W. Plumb, city health officer, and E. R. Romborg, city engineer.

November 16-23—Report of commissioner of finance and supplies showed over 200 delinquent water users, accounts amounting to \$2,094.84. Annual appropriation ordinance passed and adopted. Opinion of city attorney rendered in reference to objections of D. & R. G. Railroad Co. against assessment in Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5.

November 26—Resolution passed overruling objections of Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Co. to payment of assessment in Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5. City clerk submitted list of persons not voting at last city election. December 8, 15 and 22 designated as days for registration committee to sit and hear reasons why names of persons not voting at last election should be retained on registration lists.

December 7-14—Council offered to furnish D. & R. G. Railroad water at Whitewater. Ordinance No. 242, approving whole cost of improvements in Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5, passed and adopted; also ordinance No. 243, levying special water assessment. Water ordered shut off from all delinquent water users.

December 21-28—James H. Rankin appointed a member of civil service commission. Commissioner of highways instructed to improve Ute avenue lots by constructing thereon barn and storage sheds. Ordinance No. 244, concerning Fire and Police departments and fire limits, passed and adopted.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK AND AUDITOR

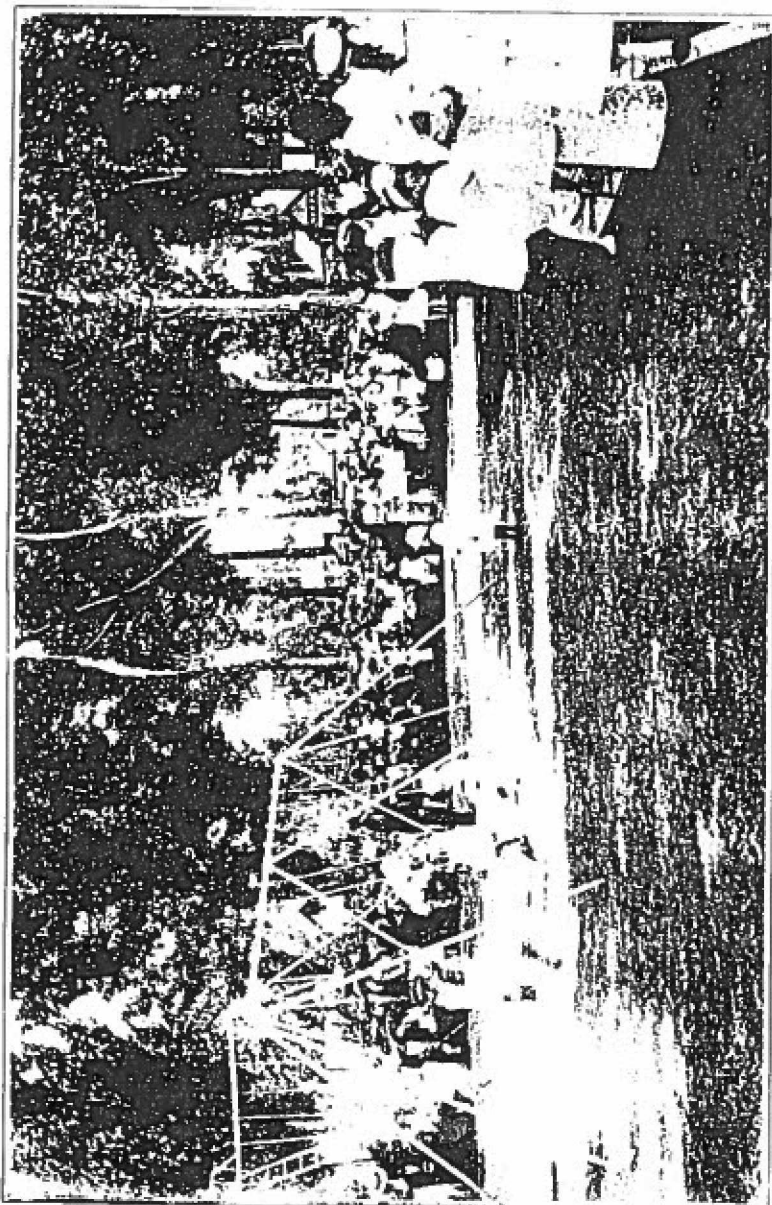
Grand Junction, Colorado, January 1, 1916.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Gentlemen: Herewith I submit my annual report, covering the fiscal year ending December 31, 1915, showing in detail the expenditures of the several departments of the city government; also the total cash revenues as reported by the city treasurer.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

<b>Police Fund</b>		
Annual appropriation .....		\$ 5,300.00
Expenditures: Account of—		
Salaries, chief and regular police .....	\$ 2,870.00	
Salaries, special and extra police .....	847.50	
"Bootlegging" cases .....	432.40	
Board and meals for prisoners .....	140.00	
Care and transportation of prisoners .....	41.51	
Disposal of dead animals .....	41.50	
Fuel and supplies .....	143.89	
Miscellaneous; equipment, jail supplies, telephone printing, etc. ....	568.96	
<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$ 6,085.76</b>	
Balance appropriation .....		\$ 214.24
<b>Fire Fund</b>		
Annual appropriation .....		\$ 5,600.00
Expenditures: Account of—		
Salaries, chief and regular firemen .....	\$ 3,571.25	
Services volunteer firemen .....	201.00	
Repairs and renewal building .....	283.63	
Repairs and renewal equipment .....	794.74	
Fuel and supplies .....	269.72	
Miscellaneous; water for fire hydrants, telephone, etc. ....	478.46	
<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$ 5,598.80</b>	
Balance appropriation .....		\$ 1.20
<b>Light Fund</b>		
Annual appropriation .....		\$ 8,300.00
Expenditures: Account of—		
Arc lights .....	\$ 7,512.45	
Light service—City hall .....	32.30	
Light service—Fire house and jail .....	80.10	
Light service—Public library .....	81.30	
Lamps and conduits .....	10.25	
<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$ 7,716.40</b>	
Balance appropriation .....		\$ 583.60
<b>Public Library Fund</b>		
Annual appropriation .....		\$ 2,000.00
Expenditures: Account of—		
Salaries, librarian and assistants .....	\$ 1,294.80	
Repairs and renewal building and grounds .....	222.00	
Repairs and renewal equipment .....	71.61	
Books and publications .....	327.52	
Miscellaneous; supplies, printing, fuel, etc. ....	82.90	
<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,998.83</b>	
Balance appropriation .....		\$ 1.17



DEDICATION AND OPENING PLAYGROUND, CHILDREN'S PARK, MAY 27, 1915

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWERS

Water Fund	
Annual appropriation .....	\$ 7,000.00
Expenditures: Account of—	
Office expense; clerical work, postage, telephone, printing, etc. ....	\$ 580.23
Pipe line and reservoirs; labor, team work, supplies, telephone, etc. ....	601.60
Street mains; construction and repairs—labor, team work, pipe and supplies. ....	3,766.21
Equipment; repairs and renewal machinery, tools, repairs and supplies auto, etc. ....	575.49
Kannah creek intake, labor, supplies, telephone. ....	949.85
<b>Total expenditures</b> .....	<b>\$ 6,473.41</b>
Balance appropriation .....	\$ 526.59
Sewer Fund	
Annual appropriation .....	\$ 500.00
Expenditures: Account of—	
Maintenance and repairs, labor. ....	\$ 133.50
Material and supplies .....	366.50
<b>Total expenditures</b> .....	<b>\$ 500.00</b>

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND SUPPLIES	
General Fund	
Annual appropriation .....	\$ 6,000.00
Expenditures: Account of	
Office expense; supplies, clerical work, postage, telephone, etc. ....	\$ 684.18
Legal advertising and court costs .....	538.66
Printing and stationery .....	256.94
Repairs and renewal City hall .....	224.95
Repairs and renewal equipment .....	394.70
Expense election and registration .....	799.98
City real estate; payments on the avenue lots .....	175.50
City forestry; planting, trimming and care of street trees .....	224.13
Insurance and taxes .....	62.75
Public benefit; care of O. M. cemeteries, public rest room, hand concerts, First street sewer construction, charts, cutting weeds, street lights and decorations, drainage, soil products, exhibition, etc. ....	1,895.87
Miscellaneous; fuel, telephone, city work shop towel service, clock rent, etc. ....	476.96
<b>Total expenditures</b> .....	<b>\$ 5,731.89</b>
Balance appropriation .....	\$ 268.11
Salary Fund	
Annual appropriation .....	\$ 8,160.00
Expenditures: Account of—	
Salaries: Commissioners .....	\$ 6,600.00
City attorney .....	1,080.00
City health officer (city physician) .....	480.00
City hall janitor .....	900.00
<b>Total expenditures</b> .....	<b>\$ 8,160.00</b>
Special Assessment Fund	
Annual appropriation .....	\$ 852.39
Expenditures: Account of—	
Paying District assessments .....	\$ 852.33
Balance appropriation .....	\$ .06

**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS**

**Highways Fund**

Annual appropriation .....	\$ 13,300.00	
Expenditures: Account of—		
Labor; street cleaning and construction.....	\$ 7,599.15	
Livestock; replacement and keep.....	676.82	
Equipment; repairs and renewal.....	705.99	
Construction; sidewalks, crosswalks, culverts and bridges .....	3,855.83	
Water for irrigation and street sprinkling.....	350.00	
Miscellaneous; supplies, fuel, rent of ground for crusher, etc. ....	105.65	
<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$ 13,293.44</b>	
Balance appropriation .....	\$ 6.56	
<b>Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5 Fund</b>		
Receipts: Account of—		
Proceeds, bonds sold, including premium.....	\$ 16,569.89	
Personal payments sidewalk construction and assessments .....	495.89	
Highway department for crossing.....	1,235.00	
Miscellaneous receipts .....	290.00	
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 18,599.78</b>	
Expenditures: Account of—		
Engineering, advertising, clerical work, printing, etc. ....	\$ 1,094.56	
Construction; labor and team work .....	3,664.44	
Cement, sand and gravel.....	8,199.82	
Machinery and tools .....	420.72	
Miscellaneous; fuel, lumber, telephone, etc.....	118.45	
<b>Total expended .....</b>	<b>\$ 13,497.99</b>	
Credit balance .....	\$ 5,101.79	

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CIVIC BEAUTY**

**Health Fund**

Annual appropriation .....	\$ 4,200.00	
Expenditures: Account of—		
Garbage disposal and grease trap cleaning.....	\$ 1,232.75	
Cleaning alleys and disposal of trash.....	2,476.72	
Maintenance Red Mesa hospital.....	217.72	
Miscellaneous expenditures .....	236.04	
<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$ 4,162.23</b>	
Balance appropriation .....	\$ 37.77	
<b>Park Fund</b>		
Annual appropriation .....	\$ 3,000.00	
Expenditures: Account of—		
Maple park; improvements and maintenance....	\$ 875.13	
Walnut par; improvements and maintenance....	1,777.72	
Cottonwood park; improvements and maintenance	281.65	
Chestnut park; improvements and maintenance..	57.25	
<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,991.75</b>	
Balance appropriation .....	\$ 8.25	

**REVENUES**

**General Fund**

Cash balance in treasurer's hands January 1, 1915 .....		\$ 4,476.91
Receipts—		
Licenses collected .....	\$ 1,492.15	
Dairy permits .....	70.00	
City scales .....	226.90	
Municipal court—costs .....	265.25	
Grease Traps—cleaning of.....	1,257.00	
Mesa county; account Red Mesa hospital.....	33.76	
Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph Co.....	526.42	
G. J. Electric, Gas and Manufacturing Co.....	2,359.39	
County treasurer; general taxes (less com.).....	52,416.29	
Miscellaneous receipts .....	403.91	59,051.06
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$ 63,527.97</b>
<b>Water Fund</b>		
Cash Bal. in treasurer's hands January 1, 1915 .....		\$ 8,618.27
Collections—		
Rated and metered water.....	\$ 39,639.16	
Main assessments .....	2,534.02	
City highway, park and fire departments .....	810.00	
Miscellaneous .....	1,132.81	44,116.01
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$ 52,734.28</b>
<b>Library Fund</b>		
Cash Bal. in treasurer's hands January 1, 1915 .....		\$ 539.62
Receipts—		
Municipal court—fines collected.....	\$ 235.00	
Co. treasurer—taxes (less com's).....	1,519.00	1,754.00
<b>Total .....</b>		<b>\$ 2,293.62</b>

**SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**

**General Fund**

Total revenues; receipts all sources and balance .....	\$ 63,527.97
Expenditures—	
Department of public affairs.....	\$ 18,400.96
Department of finance and supplies.....	15,044.22
Department of highways.....	13,293.44
Department of health and civic beauty.....	7,153.98
Department of water and sewers (account sewers) .....	500.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 54,392.60</b>
Cr. balance; receipts and balance above expenditures .....	\$ 9,135.37
<b>Water Fund</b>	
Total revenues, including balance.....	\$ 52,734.28
Total expenditures .....	\$ 6,473.41
Cr. balance; receipts and balance above expenditures .....	\$ 46,260.87
<b>Library Fund</b>	
Total revenues, including balance.....	\$ 2,293.62
Total expenditures .....	\$ 1,998.83
Cr. balance; receipts and balance above expenditures .....	\$ 294.79

**SUMMARY**

Total revenues; general and miscellaneous funds.....	\$118,565.85
Total expenditures .....	62,864.84
Cr. balance; receipts and balance above ex- penditures .....	\$ 55,691.01
Water bonds, interest on bonds, and old warrants paid .....	40,445.35
Balance in treasury .....	\$ 15,245.66

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

<b>Assets</b>	
Cash in treasurer's hands January 1, 1915.....	\$ 15,245.66
City hall .....	12,000.00
New fire house and jail .....	15,000.00
Public library .....	5,000.00
City parks (not including Palmer park).....	30,000.00
Part of block 84.....	3,000.00
Lots owned by city.....	6,000.44
City water system.....	705,000.00
City sewer system.....	200,000.00
Equipment fire department.....	12,000.00
Equipment and supplies water department.....	3,900.00
Equipment highways department.....	13,000.00
Equipment health and park departments.....	500.00
Equipment city offices.....	200.00
Total assets .....	\$1,020,845.66
<b>Liabilities</b>	
City warrants outstanding January 1, 1916... \$	19,920.31
Water bonds outstanding.....	580,000.00
Total liabilities .....	\$599,920.31
Amount of assets over liabilities.....	\$ 420,925.35

**Liabilities of Public Improvement Districts**

The outstanding bonded indebtedness of the several public improvement districts on January 1, 1916, was as follows:

Paving District No. 1.....	\$ 72,500.00
Paving District No. 2.....	62,500.00
Paving District No. 3.....	13,500.00
Paving District No. 4.....	3,000.00
Sewer District No. 3.....	19,000.00
Sewer District No. 4.....	1,900.00
Sidewalk District No. 1.....	6,200.00
Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5.....	12,000.00

Total .....

Total bonded indebtedness of city and improvement districts.....	\$770,650.00
The bonded indebtedness of the old improvement districts was reduced \$30,600.00 during the year 1915. One new district (No. 5), was created, with a bonded indebtedness of \$12,000.00.	
The water bond indebtedness of the city was reduced \$7,000.00.	
The outstanding warrant indebtedness was reduced \$11,440.31.	
The total assessed valuation of the city, not including city property, for 1915-16 is \$6,825,698.00.	

Respectfully submitted,  
**CHARLES K. HOLMBURG,**  
 City Clerk and Auditor.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSIONER  
 OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Grand Junction, Colorado, January 14, 1916.

To the Honorable City Commissioners, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Gentlemen: Please find herewith my annual report for the year 1915 of the departments under my supervision

**Light Department**

Arc lights .....	\$7,512.45	Appropriation Balance	\$ 8,300.00
City hall .....	32.30		
Fire house and jail .....	80.10		
Public library .....	81.30		
Lamps and conduits .....	10.25		
Total .....		\$7,716.40	\$583.60

**Police Department**

Salaries, chief and regulars.....	\$2,870.00	5,300.00	
Salaries, special police .....	847.50		
Bootlegging cases .....	432.40		
Prisoners board .....	140.00		
Care and transportation prisoners.....	41.51		
Disposal of dead animals.....	41.50		
Fuel and supplies .....	143.89		
Equipment and jail supplies.....	348.34		
Miscellaneous .....	220.02		
Total .....		\$5,085.75	214.24

**Fire Department**

Salaries, chief and regular firemen.....	\$3,571.25	5,600.00	
Salaries, volunteer firemen.....	201.00		
Repairs, renewal of equipment.....	794.74		
Repairs, renewal of building.....	283.63		
Fuel and supplies .....	269.72		
Miscellaneous .....	118.46		
Paid water department, hydrant rent....	360.00		
Total .....		\$5,598.80	1.20

**Public Library**

Salaries, librarian and assistants.....	\$1,294.80	2,000.00	
Repairs, building and grounds.....	222.00		
Repairs, renewal of equipment.....	71.61		
Books and publications.....	327.52		
Miscellaneous .....	82.90		
Total .....		\$1,998.83	1.17

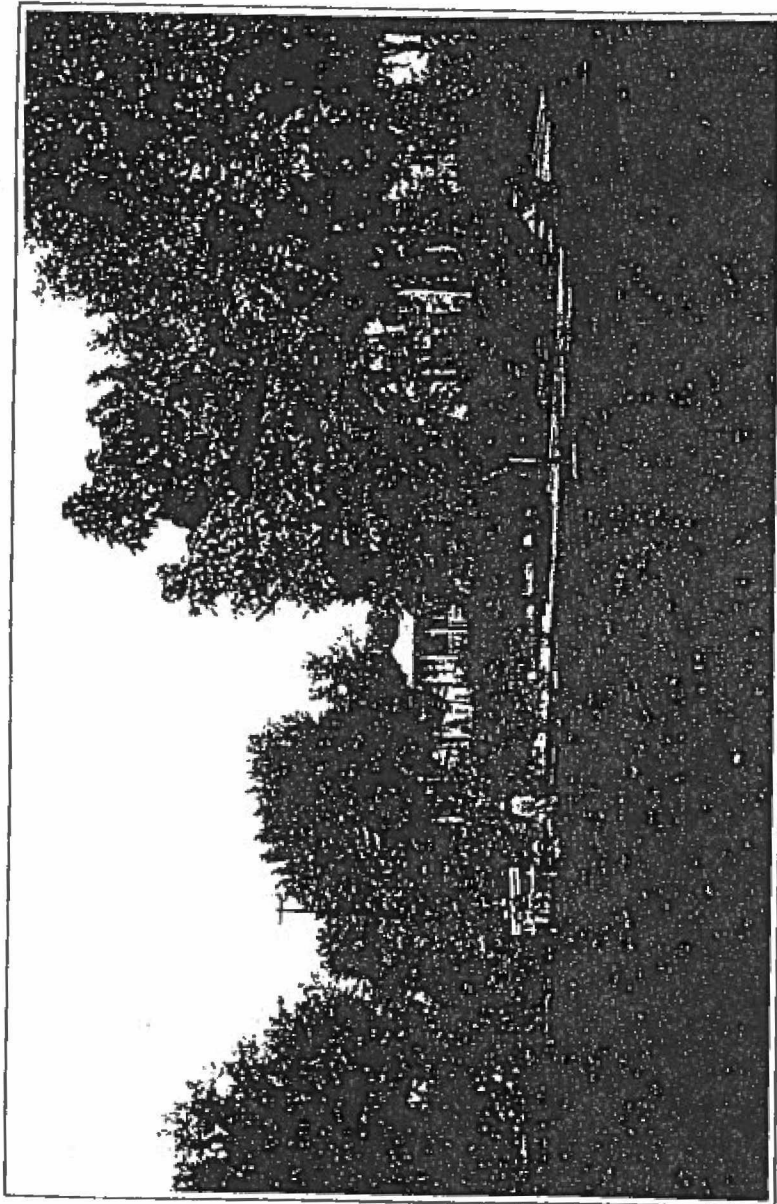
Grand totals .....

	\$21,200.00	\$800.21
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Respectfully submitted,

**CHARLES E. CHERRINGTON,**  
 Commissioner of Public Affairs.





VIEW IN MAPLE (CITY) PARK

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JUDGE OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT

Grand Junction, Colorado, January 1, 1916.  
 To the City Commissioners, Grand Junction, Colorado.  
 Gentlemen: Please find herewith my annual report as Judge of the Municipal Court for the year 1915:

Total fines collected.....	\$281.50	
Total costs collected.....	210.00	
Total paid city treasurer .....		\$521.50
	\$521.50	\$521.50

The arrests made are as follows:

Drunkenness .....	105
Vagrancy .....	21
Gambling .....	3
Auctioneering without license .....	1
Automobile speeding .....	7
Riding bicycle on sidewalk .....	19
Minor offenses of children .....	8
Selling milk without license .....	1
Carrying concealed weapons .....	1
Disturbing the peace .....	1
Shooting in city limits .....	1
Placing obstructions in street .....	1
Digging in street without permit .....	1
Halloween arrests .....	12
Prostitution .....	3

Total arrests .....

Comparing conditions with the year 1914, there were fewer arrests and a general healthier condition.

Respectfully submitted,  
 CHARLES E. CHERINGTON,  
 Judge of the Municipal Court

Grand Junction, Colorado, January 29, 1916.

To the Honorable Board of City Commissioners and the Citizens of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Gentlemen and Citizens: Following my annual reports, I have the honor to submit the following statement and suggestions:

There are a few things I would like to mention regarding the several departments under my supervision for the benefit of citizens who might not otherwise have it called to their attention.

In our Fire Department we have one truck that I believe it would pay us to dispose of and purchase a larger one with more capacity. The reason is that with only 80 to 95 pounds maximum pressure we could not handle successfully an extremely large conflagration with our present equipment. Whereas, if we had a combination hose and pump with a capacity of 700 gallons or more, we could, when necessary, throw four streams at a good pressure even when irrigation is going on. During the irrigation season since I have been in office, I have seen the pressure under 25 pounds and this is dangerous. Our small Thomas is a good machine, but not what we want for Grand Junction, and I am of the opinion that we had better dispose of it, if we can, while it is in such good shape, and get something that is more in keeping with the requirements of a city of this size.

Following the idea that men are better and happier when at work, we have established a small machine shop in the fire house for the benefit

of all the departments, with the idea that our firemen, who are all good mechanics, could help do a lot of work and thereby save the city money and keep themselves employed. The "shop" has already paid more than twenty per cent on the original cost, and bids fair to be one of the best investments the city has in the way of equipment.

In this connection, I wish to speak of the efficiency of the Fire Department. Our Chief, J. S. Hynes, has shown the ability and the interest he has in the department by having his men in perfect training all the time, by making practice runs, hydrant connections, ladder climbing, etc., when the weather permits. The cleanliness of the building and the general appearance and neatness of everything about his department speaks for itself. He keeps all the men in perfect training, both the regular and volunteer firemen, and the way the men respond to the rules of the department shows a harmony and training seldom seen in a station of this kind. The commissioners have added a sectional bookcase this year for the use of the department, and it has already commenced to fill with useful reading in which there is no "trash" allowed. We believe our efforts in trying to have the fire house "homey" has been amply repaid and will prove to be a good investment for the city.

I also want to mention the efficient Police Department, whose quarters are in the same building and who in a way enjoy the privileges accorded the firemen. While we are doing with one less man on the department at this time, I am sure we are succeeding in keeping down crime with our present force in splendid shape, and it is because of the interest they all take in their work. While the resignation of our chief was regretted at the time, our assistant chief, William C. Herrmann, and the other men of the department have kept the city in splendid shape with their alertness and care. No task has been too hard nor hours too long when it was necessary to do extra work and there was need of their help. The city should look with pride on these two "Departments of Safety" and do all it can to encourage them when opportunity offers.

Following our suggestion of 1914, the City Hall has been put in repair and we now have a much needed Council Chamber where citizens can come and be comfortable. Am also pleased to report that the stable we also suggested be built is now becoming a certainty which will relieve our somewhat crowded storage space, and will allow us to build the jail yard where we can have our friends, "the enemy," exercise their muscles on rock piles and saw bucks.

Reference is here made to the Water Department which has succeeded in keeping expenses down and collections up in a very satisfactory manner. Never have collections been up so close as at this time. In addition to our good collections for water we have received \$750.00 rent from our digger. I would, however, recommend that we do not rent it outside any more and that we repair it at once, getting it in shape for necessary work to be done on the water lines the present year. In connection with this, I will state that it will be necessary to fix the small reservoir as soon as the weather will allow, as it is leaking badly and might cause trouble if neglected. I also advise the repairing before high water comes the apron or dam at the intake, the securing of the pipe at the Whitewater creek crossing and a thorough investigation of the entire pipe line from the intake to the reservoir. I also believe the citizens would appreciate very much the fixing up of the grounds around the intake for the purpose of ultimately having a park that can be enjoyed by our people. It can be made "a thing of beauty and a joy forever" if our Park Commissioner, who has made such a success of the City Parks, is allowed to look after it.

I would like here to speak of the good work accomplished by our retiring Commissioner of Highways. More culverts, sidewalks and crossings have been put in than any previous year, and the surfacing work started in some of the residence districts has been so satisfactory and opened the eyes of the people to the possibility of good streets that every one wants the same thing in his section as soon as possible. I advise that our present commissioner, who has been continuing the work, keep it up whenever the money is available.

There has been a saving in nearly all the departments this year over and above the budget we thought to be necessary to run them, and a close observance of the report of the Commissioner of Finance ought to make the citizens of Grand Junction feel that their affairs have been administered in a very satisfactory manner.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the citizens in general for their hearty co-operation at all times. It is much appreciated, and with the same feeling to look forward to in the future, I am sure we ought to continue our forward movement, keeping our place as the most progressive city in Colorado.

Very Respectfully,  
**CHARLES E. CHERRINGTON,**  
 Commissioner of Public Affairs.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF WATER AND SEWERS

Grand Junction, Colorado, January 17, 1916.

Honorable City Commissioners, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Gentlemen: Please find herewith the report of the commissioner of water, showing expenditures and balance of appropriation on hand for the year 1915:

<b>Office Expense</b>			
Clerical work, postage, etc.....	\$	365.48	
Printing and stationery.....		211.75	
Miscellaneous.....		3.00	
<b>Pipe Line and Reservoirs</b>			
Labor and team work.....	\$	540.90	
Tools and supplies.....		4.20	
Miscellaneous.....		56.50	
<b>Street Mains</b>			
Construction and repairs.....	\$	2,434.65	
Pipe and supplies.....		1,277.33	
Miscellaneous.....		54.26	
<b>Equipment</b>			
Repairs, renewal machinery and tools.....	\$	118.66	
Automobile account.....		310.30	
Livestock, keep, etc.....		116.53	
<b>Kannah Creek Intake</b>			
Labor.....	\$	844.00	
Material and supplies.....		33.40	
Miscellaneous.....		72.45	
Total expenditures for 1915.....	\$	6,473.41	
Surplus.....		526.59	
Appropriation.....			\$7,000.00
		\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00

Respectfully submitted,  
**CHARLES E. CHERRINGTON,**  
 Acting Commissioner of Water.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND SUPPLIES

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF CASH FUNDS FOR 1915

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the city of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Gentlemen: In accordance with Sec. 66, Art. 7, of the City Charter, I herewith submit to you my annual report for the year 1915.

My financial statement appended will show in detail the items of the source of revenues received, which will be interesting in serving as a comparison with previous years.

It is most gratifying to note that our financial condition is on the upward trend. We have made some progress in the reduction of our indebtedness, and have made arrangements for the continuation of still further reductions.

Sec. 96, Art. 12 of the Charter, which formerly prohibited the creation of a Sinking Fund, since being amended by our people at the special election of October 1, 1914, enables us to create a water Sinking Fund, so that we can now use any surplus from our water fund for the purpose of paying off water bonds, and thereby reduce our outstanding bonded indebtedness from time to time.

We have made a beginning by paying off seven bonds of \$1,000.00 each in the year 1915. These were the first water bonds ever paid by the city of Grand Junction.

In a very few years we will have the \$22,000.00 issue that matured December 1, 1914, paid off, and should have quite an amount in the Sinking Fund to take up some of the issues which are optional July 1, 1919. \$34,700.00 of public district improvement bonds were paid during this year.

The warrant indebtedness has been reduced by several thousand dollars and the entire amount of remaining warrants will be taken up and paid by funds from the sale of funding bonds, which reduces the interest from 6 per cent to 5 1/2 per cent; and these funding bonds are payable serially in ten annual equal amounts, and by this arrangement this item is taken care of by such small annual payments that it will be scarcely noticeable in the annual tax levy—so, such a thing as a warrant indebtedness is practically eliminated, and it should be seen to that no future warrant debt is ever created, and the city do its current business on a cash basis.

In the last annual report I expressed myself as opposed to a bond issue for taking up these warrants; this opposition was based on a bond issue running for a period of from ten years up for the full amount, but the bonds now to issue, arranged to pay off absolutely one-tenth each year, eliminated this objection that I made.

The total receipts for the year shows an increase over 1914 of \$30,218.84.

Most of this is from bonds sold for the sidewalk district for the west half of the city. However, our water fund shows an increase in receipts of \$6,527.14. Taking amounts received from water main assessments, amounts received for water used in other city departments and other sundries not in 1914 receipts from this, it still shows the gratifying increase in regular water receipts as compiled in last year's report of \$2,832.78.

Receipts from licenses show an increase over 1914 of \$191.90.

When it will be noted that the revenue in nearly all funds showed an increase in 1914 over 1913, and now showing a substantial increase again over 1914, and in addition a flattering decrease in our indebtedness, proves beyond a doubt, as I have stated, that the financial condition of Grand Junction is on the "Upward trend," which fact should be gratifying to our people.

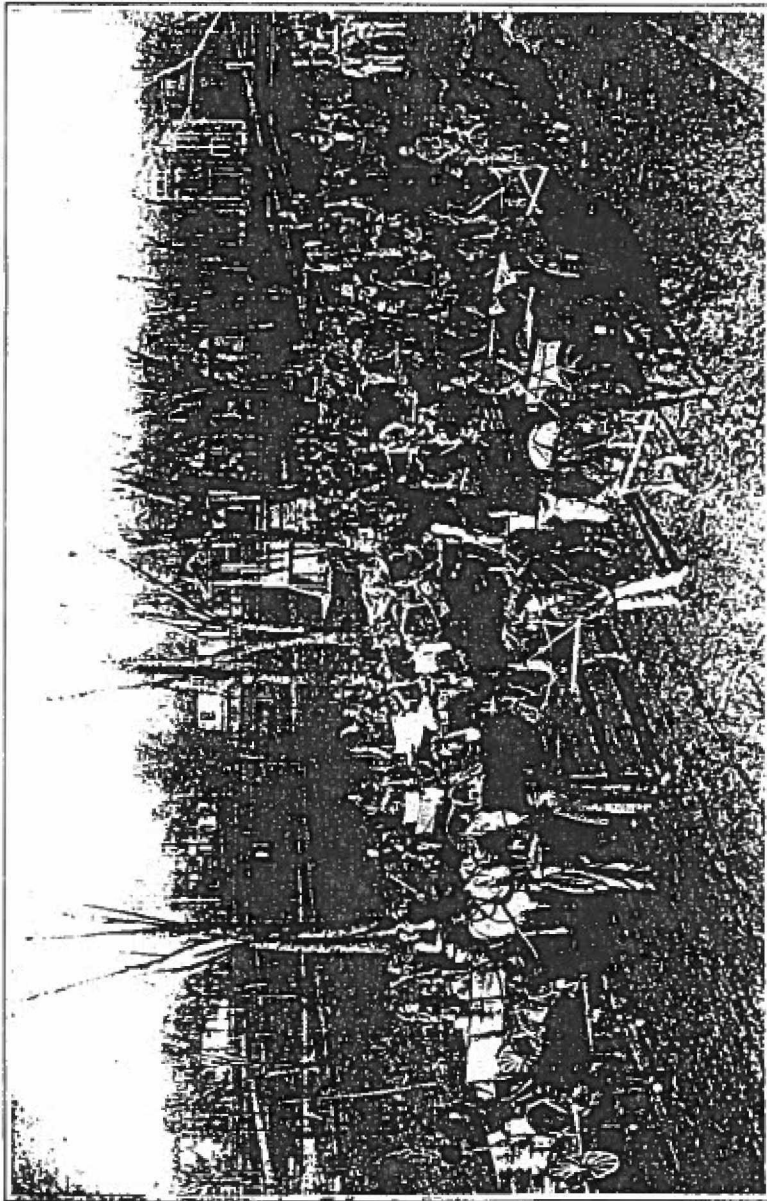
Respectfully submitted,  
H. F. VORBECK,  
Commissioner of Finance and Supplies.

### Water Fund

Balance Jan. 1, 1915...	\$ 22,576.88
Receipts—	
From metered water...	\$ 8,710.96
From rated water.....	30,928.22
From main assessments..	2,534.02
From tank water.....	163.00
From city street sprinkler	300.00
From city parks.....	150.00
From fire hydrants.....	350.00
From rent of trenching machine.....	720.00
From material sold.....	100.56
From tap permits.....	149.25
	\$ 44,116.01

### General Fund

Licenses—	
Dogs.....	\$ 305.00
Peddlers, hawkers and street stands.....	83.00
Plumbers.....	35.00
Express and passenger conveyances.....	324.25
Theaters and shows....	165.00
Billiard and pool.....	195.00
Cigarette dealers.....	156.40
Pawnbroker.....	75.00
Sidewalk contractors...	10.00
Junk dealer.....	20.00
Auctioneers.....	34.00
Merry-go-round.....	12.00
Shooting gallery.....	60.00
Ten-pin alley.....	17.50
Total Licenses.....	\$ 1,492.15
From county treasurer, taxes.....	\$53,468.54
From G. J. Elec. Gas & Mfg. Co., per cent....	2,359.39
From Mt. States T. & T. Co., per cent.....	526.42
From dairy inspection..	70.00
From city scales.....	226.90
From police magistrate (costs).....	265.25
From cleaning grease traps.....	1,257.00
From Mesa county, n/c hospital.....	33.75
From rent of crushing plant.....	168.23
From manure sold.....	29.90
From screening plant sold.....	75.00
	58,480.38



ANNUAL CLEAN-UP DAY--CLEAN-UP GANG STARTING TO WORK

From old nose sold . . . . .	101.60	
From plumbers' examina- tion fees . . . . .	6.00	
From sign permits . . . . .	3.00	
From sundries . . . . .	20.18	
	<hr/>	130.78
Total general . . . . .		60,103.31

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS

Warrant Interest and Special Assessment Fund		
From taxes collected . . . . .	5,567.11	
From assessments paid . . . . .	43.11	
Fire House Construction Fund		
From taxes collected . . . . .	\$ 1,135.31	
From fire and police fund . . . . .	388.15	
From freight rebate . . . . .	1.33	
	<hr/>	1,514.79
Library Fund		
From taxes collected . . . . .	\$ 1,549.34	
From pollen court fines . . . . .	235.00	
	<hr/>	1,784.34
Paving District No. 1		
Assessments paid . . . . .	15,766.68	
Paving District No. 2		
Assessments paid . . . . .	\$ 12,397.13	
Freight rebate . . . . .	222.87	
	<hr/>	12,620.00
Paving District No. 3		
Assessments paid . . . . .	3,531.80	
Paving District No. 4		
Assessments paid . . . . .	797.03	
Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5		
From bonds sold . . . . .	\$ 16,500.00	
From Prem. and Int. on bonds . . . . .	69.89	
From highway depart- ment for crossings . . . . .	1,235.00	
From assessments paid . . . . .	401.28	
From extra work paid in cash . . . . .	94.61	
From material and tools sold . . . . .	299.60	
	<hr/>	18,599.78
Sewer District No. 3		
Assessments paid . . . . .	\$ 2,835.70	
From sewer connections . . . . .	56.00	
	<hr/>	2,891.70
Sewer District No. 4		
Assessments paid . . . . .	\$ 102.14	
Refund fiscal agent's con. . . . .	31	
	<hr/>	402.76
Sidewalk District No. 1		
Assessments paid . . . . .	920.65	
	<hr/>	64,440.34
Total receipts . . . . .		\$ 168,659.66
		<hr/>
		\$ 191,236.54

**DISBURSEMENTS**

<b>Water Fund</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$ 7,007.73	
Interest paid .....	30,138.87	
Commission & exchanges	87.41	
		\$ 37,234.01
<b>General Funds</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$61,745.01	
Com. on taxes paid .....	1,052.25	
		62,797.26
<b>Library Fund</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$ 1,993.46	
Com. on taxes paid .....	30.34	
		2,023.80
<b>Water Sinking Fund</b>		
Bonds paid .....	\$ 7,000.00	
		7,000.00
<b>Warrant Interest and Special Assessment Fund</b>		
Special assessments paid .....	\$ 852.33	
1913 warrants paid .....	2,411.04	
Interest paid .....	2,410.42	
Com. on taxes paid .....	109.44	
		5,783.23
<b>Fire House Construction Fund</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$ 797.73	
Com. on taxes paid .....	21.20	
		818.93
<b>Special Sower Fund</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$ 11.87	
		11.87
<b>Sower District No. 3</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$ 14.25	
Bonds paid .....	2,000.00	
Interest paid .....	1,186.75	
Commissions & exchange	7.63	
		3,208.63
<b>Sewer District No. 4</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$ 4.25	
Bonds paid .....	450.00	
Interest paid .....	125.32	
Commissions & exchange	91	
		580.48
<b>Sidewalk District No. 1</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$ 4.25	
Bonds paid .....	250.00	
Interest paid .....	386.63	
Commissions & exchange	1.47	
		642.35
<b>Paving District No. 1</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$ 18.25	
Bonds paid .....	17,500.00	
Interest paid .....	4,730.00	
Commissions & Exchange	50.38	
		22,298.63
<b>Paving District No. 2</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$ 14.25	
Bonds paid .....	7,500.00	
Interest paid .....	3,987.74	
Commissions & exchange	26.46	
		11,528.45

<b>Paving District No. 3</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$ 4.25	
Bonds paid .....	2,500.00	
Interest paid .....	905.02	
Commissions & exchange	7.68	
		3,416.95
<b>Paving District No. 4</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$ 4.25	
Bonds paid .....	500.00	
Interest paid .....	179.67	
Commissions & exchange	1.53	
		685.45
<b>Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5</b>		
Warrants paid .....	\$13,495.74	
Bonds paid .....	4,000.00	
Interest paid .....	459.66	
Commissions & exchange	5.44	
		17,960.84
Total disbursements		<u>\$175,990.88</u>
Balance .....		\$ 15,245.66
Balances carried as follows—		
Grand Valley National Bank .....	\$ 113.69	
United States Bank & Trust Co. ....	50.00	
Bank of Grand Junction .....	100.00	
Kountz Brothers, New York, fiscal agents .....	14,791.40	
Check, currency and coin .....	190.57	
		<u>\$ 15,245.66</u>

**FUND BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1915.**

<b>Water Fund</b>		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915 .....	\$ 8,618.27	
Receipts .....	44,116.01	
		\$ 52,734.28
Disbursements .....	\$37,234.01	
Transfers .....	7,020.07	
		44,254.08
		\$ 8,480.20
<b>General Funds</b>		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915 .....	\$ 4,476.91	
Receipts .....	60,103.31	
		\$ 64,580.22
Disbursements .....	62,797.26	
		1,782.96
<b>Library Fund</b>		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915 .....	\$ 539.62	
Receipts .....	1,784.34	
		\$ 2,323.96
Disbursements .....	2,023.80	
		300.16
<b>Water Sinking Fund</b>		
Receipts from transfer ..	\$ 7,000.00	
Bonds paid .....	7,000.00	
		\$ 0.00
<b>Warrant Interest and Special Assessment Fund</b>		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915 .....	\$ 363.80	
Receipts .....	5,567.11	
		\$ 5,930.91
Disbursements .....	5,783.23	
		147.68

Fire House Construction Fund		
Overdraft, Jan. 1, 1915.	\$ 696.86	
Disbursements	818.93	
	<u>1,514.79</u>	
Receipts		1,514.79
Special Sower Fund		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915...	\$ 107.28	
Receipts	43.41	
	<u>150.69</u>	
Disbursements		11.87
		138.82
Sower District No. 3		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915...	\$ 733.74	
Receipts	2,891.70	
	<u>3,625.44</u>	
Disbursements		3,208.63
		416.81
Sower District No. 4		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915...	\$ 235.79	
Receipts	402.75	
	<u>638.54</u>	
Disbursements		580.48
		58.06
Sidewalk District No. 1		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915...	\$ 69.45	
Receipts	920.65	
	<u>990.10</u>	
Disbursements		642.35
		347.75
Paving District No. 1		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915...	\$ 6,348.14	
Receipts	15,766.08	
	<u>22,114.22</u>	
Disbursements		22,298.63
		184.41
Overdraft		\$ 184.41
Paving District No. 2		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915...	\$ 925.33	
Receipts	12,620.00	
	<u>13,545.33</u>	
Disbursements		11,528.45
		2,016.88
Paving District No. 3		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915...	\$ 571.44	
Receipts	3,531.80	
	<u>4,103.24</u>	
Disbursements		3,416.95
		686.29
Paving District No. 4		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915...	\$ 303.04	
Receipts	797.93	
	<u>1,100.97</u>	
Disbursements		685.45
		415.52

Paving and Sidewalk No. 5		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915...	\$ 0.00	
Receipts	18,599.78	
	<u>18,599.78</u>	
Disbursements		17,960.84
		638.94
Less overdraft, paving district No. 1		\$ 15,430.07
		184.41
Balance		\$ 15,245.66
SUMMARY		
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915	\$ 22,576.88	
Total Receipts for year	168,659.66	
	<u>\$191,236.54</u>	
Total disbursements for year		175,990.88
		\$ 15,245.66
Balance in funds, Dec. 31, 1915		\$ 15,245.66

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS

Grand Junction, Colorado, Jan. 11, 1916.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners.

Gentlemen: Herewith I submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1915:

### DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

#### Expenditures

Labor; street cleaning and construction	\$ 7,599.15
Livestock; replacement and keep	675.82
Equipment; repairs and renewal	705.99
Construction; sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.	3,855.83
Water for irrigation and sprinkling	350.00
Miscellaneous expenditures	105.65

Total expenditures for the year.....\$12,293.44

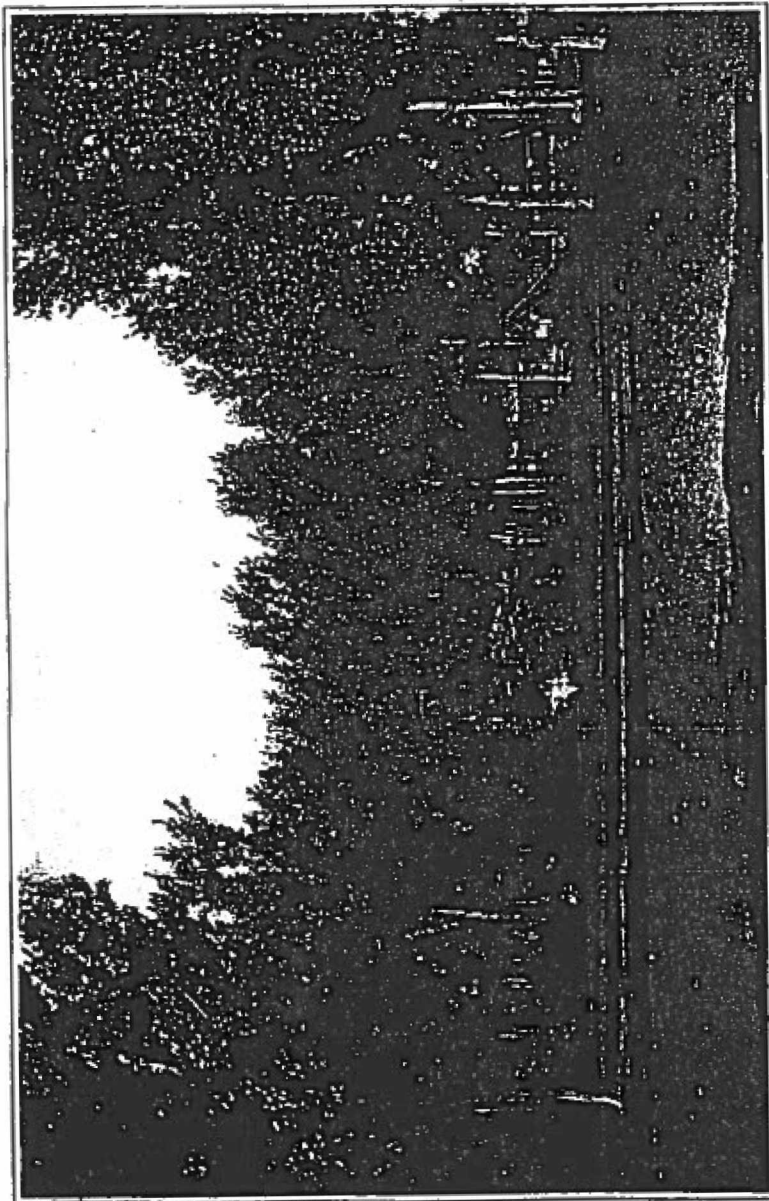
### PAVING AND SIDEWALK DISTRICT NO. 5

#### Expenditures

Engineering, advertising, clerical work, etc.	\$ 1,094.55
Labor and team work	3,864.44
Cement, sand and gravel	8,199.82
Machinery and tools	420.72
Miscellaneous expenditures	118.45

Total expenditures for the district.....\$13,497.98

Since taking office last November I have continued the street surfacing, completing 10 blocks during my term in office and making a total of 14 blocks surfaced by the department during the year. It is my opinion that the use of the surfacing material on our streets is very beneficial, and since it can be done at such a light cost I recommend that this work



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be continued just as rapidly as the funds of the department will permit. As the cost of the 10 blocks which have been surfaced under my supervision have cost only \$1,500.00, it will be readily seen that a considerable section of some of our most traveled streets could be treated each year without greatly adding to the expense of the department.

In addition to the street surfacing I have also put in 63 culverts in various parts of the city, the total cost of which is \$250.00.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. BLACKSTONE,

Commissioner of Highways

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND CIVIC BEAUTY

Grand Junction, Colorado, January 1, 1916.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Grand Junction,  
Colorado.

Gentlemen: Herewith I submit the annual report of the Department of Health and Civic Beauty for the year ended December 31, 1915. The following statement shows the expenditures of the department in detail:

### Health Fund

Garbage disposal and grease trap cleaning	\$1,232.75
Cleaning alley and disposal of trash	2,476.72
Red Mesa Hospital; maintenance and repairs	217.72
Stationery, advertising and printing	43.41
Equipment; repairs and renewal	36.00
Health officer; drugs and supplies	134.85
Miscellaneous; supplies, care contagious cases, water analysis, etc.	20.78
<b>Total expended, account of health fund</b>	<b>\$4,162.25</b>

### Park Fund

<b>Account of Maple Park--</b>	
Permanent improvements; labor and material	\$ 149.38
Maintenance; labor	632.50
Miscellaneous; water, tools and supplies	93.25
	<b>\$ 875.13</b>
<b>Account of Walnut Park--</b>	
Permanent improvements; labor and material	\$ 396.67
Maintenance; labor	676.20
Miscellaneous; tools, supplies and water	110.85
	<b>1,175.72</b>
<b>Account of Cottonwood Park--</b>	
Permanent improvements; labor and material	\$ 202.40
Maintenance; labor	20.90
Miscellaneous; water and tools	48.35
	<b>281.65</b>
<b>Account of Chestnut Park--</b>	
Improvements; labor and material	\$ 13.75
Maintenance; labor	12.50
Miscellaneous; tools and supplies	1.00
	<b>27.25</b>
<b>Total park expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,991.75</b>

## NOTATIONS

The total amount expended by the department under my control, as appears from the above statement, was \$7,153.98. There were \$1,257.00 collected for cleaning grease traps; \$33.75 from Mesa county on account of Red Mesa Hospital, and \$70.00 for dairy permits—a total of \$1,360.75, making the net cost of maintaining the health department \$2,801.48.

### Inspections and Notices.

The several dairies and places where milk is produced for sale were regularly inspected by the health officer and by the commissioner. Conditions were found to be generally satisfactory. Milk was tested by the health officer, and found to come up to the requirements in reference to butterfat. Groceries, markets and other places where food is prepared and sold were also inspected from time to time. In general, conditions were found to be satisfactory. Apparently, most dealers are willing to comply with the provisions of the city ordinances and anxious to attain a reputation for cleanliness and wholesomeness of the goods handled.

During the year 38 complaints were made to the department, and 68 notices, verbal and written, were served by the commissioner to abate nuisances and remedy unsanitary conditions. Seventy-seven permits to sell milk were granted by the commissioner.

### Clean-up Work

During the greater part of the year good sanitary conditions were maintained. The annual spring clean-up of alleys was had early in April, and 1,195 loads of trash and filth were gathered up and hauled away to the dumping grounds. The city scavenger, with some extra help one week in midsummer and late in the fall, collected and disposed of 1,179 loads, making a total of 2,374 loads cleaned up during the year. The cost of this work was \$2,476.72.

### Contagious Diseases

Grand Junction was particularly fortunate during the year just closed in that it was free from any epidemic of contagious disease. Indeed, for over six months of the year—from May to December—there were no cases of contagious disease reported. Not one case of smallpox was reported during the year.

The record of contagious and communicable diseases, as reported by the city health officer, is as follows: Scarlet fever, 16; diphtheria, 1; smallpox, 0; measles, 24; typhoid fever, 0.

### Vital Statistics

During the year there were 156 births reported, 73 being males and 83 females. The total number of deaths was 90, 55 males, 35 females.

The death rate is about the same as for the previous year; there was a slight decrease in the birth rate.

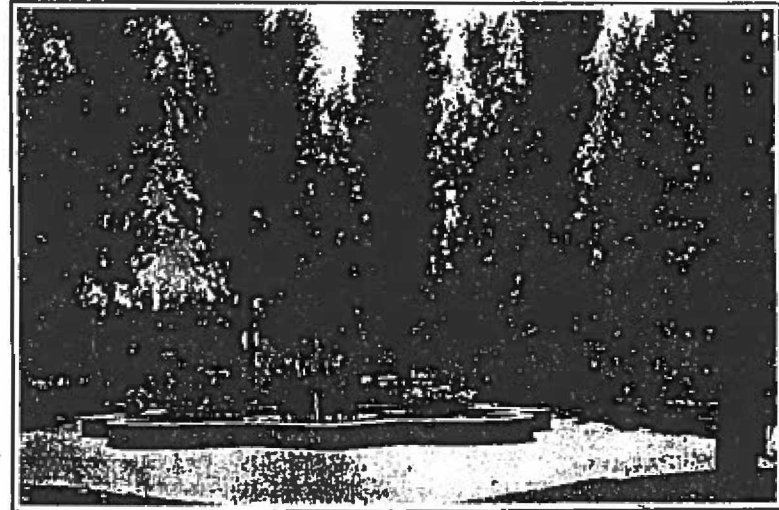
### Sanitation and Health

The saying that "sanitary instruction is even more important than sanitary legislation," is as true today as when first declared by an eminent English legislator. The fact that, notwithstanding continuous clean-up work and the serving of notices in reference to the violation of health ordinances, we still find here and there back yards, vacant lots and alleys littered with weeds, tin cans and trash, with foul-smelling heaps of garbage and refuse piles with dead cats and chickens buried therein, proves that many people are still ignorant as regards sanitary laws and wholly indifferent as to the general appearance of their home city. This evident lack of civic pride is sometimes very discouraging to those who labor for civic betterment and the public welfare. Notwithstanding many verbal and posted notices against it, the repetition of such nuisances as the throwing

of slops, garbage and refuse into alleys and on vacant lots is still too frequent. If there were more of the spirit of co-operation instead of so much apparent antagonism to the efforts of health officers to keep the city sanitary and healthy, how much more might be accomplished for the conservation of the public health. A little attention every day, or every week, by every resident of the city to his own home surroundings in the way of cleanliness and beautification, and it would be easy to keep the whole city constantly clean, and in time it would become beautiful and attractive.

I believe that the majority of our citizens want to see Grand Junction the healthiest city of its class in the world, and I am confident that all who have the best interests of our city at heart are willing to support the health department in any and all work that has for its object the conservation of the health and safety of the people. It is the ignorance and indifference of the minority that stand in the way of complete success.

The health department has done everything in its power, and so far as its funds would permit, to keep the city clean and healthy; but the fact



FOUNTAIN AND AQUATIC BASIN IN WALNUT (CHILDREN'S) PARK

should not be lost sight of, that public health is largely the result of intelligent, co-operative work on the part of the people themselves. In other words, just to the degree that all the people are willing to work for community health and safety will the city be free from those diseases that are preventable by sanitary regulation and administration.

So, with the beginning of a new year, I urge upon all good citizens to co-operate with this department in the work before us. Let us pull together in the work that will mean the lessening of disease, suffering and death, and make Grand Junction a cleaner, more beautiful and a better city in which to live. It is a work that is more than worth while.



**HISTORICAL**

Grand Junction was selected, located, staked, and founded as a Townsite under and by virtue of the laws of the United States, September 26, 1881, by and in the names of George A. Crawford, Richard D. Mobley, M. Rush Warner, James W. Bucklin, and their associates, Allison White and H. E. Rood, who, pursuant thereto, on October 10, 1881, incorporated "The Grand Junction Town Company."

June 22, 1882, a vote was taken to incorporate the municipality by the name of the "Town of Grand Junction," which incorporation was completed July 19, 1882.

February 14, 1883, the town was made the County seat of the new County of Mesa.

April 20, 1891, the town was graded into a city of the second class.

April 6, 1909, Grand Junction became a Charter city by vote, pursuant to the State Constitution, and on June 8, 1909, the 21 Charter delegates were elected who completed and filed the Charter on August 7, 1909.

September 11, 1909, the City Charter was adopted and the first election thereunder occurred November 2, 1909.

The population of Grand Junction as shown by official census was in round numbers in 1885, 500; in 1890, 2,000; in 1900, 3,600; in 1910, 7,754; in 1915 (estimated), 8,500.

The elevation as fixed by the U. S. Government is 4,587 feet above sea level.



**CITY OFFICIALS**

**CHAS. E. GERRINGTON, Mayor**  
 President of the Council      Commissioner of Public Affairs  
 Office: City Hall  
 Hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m.

**FRANK L. CARSON**  
 Commissioner of Water and Sewerage      President of Council  
 Office: City Hall  
 Hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m.

**H. R. VORBECK**  
 Commissioner of Finance and Supply  
 Ex-Officio: City Treasurer  
 Office: City Hall  
 Hours: 9 to 11 a. m. and 2 to 4 p. m.

**W. E. BLACKSTONE**  
 Commissioner of Health  
 Office: City Hall  
 Hours: 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.

**CHARLES K. HOLMBURG**  
 Commissioner of Health and Public Safety  
 Ex-Officio: City Clerk and Auditor  
 Office: City Hall  
 Hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**  
 Every Tuesday at 7 o'clock p. m.

**CITY HALL PHONE**  
 Junction 8, branch exchange connecting all departments.

\*Deceased January 31, 1916.