

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS
OF THE
CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.
AND
SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1917



COMPILED BY THE CITY CLERK

THE DAILY SENTINEL PRINT, GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.

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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ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 259

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. 1918, and ending December 31st, A. D. 1918.

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. 1918, and ending December 31, A. D. 1918, to-wit:

First—For the General Fund.....	\$ 4,500.00
Second—For salaries of City officers and employees.....	9,300.00
Third—For lighting the streets and public buildings.....	10,530.00
Fourth—For maintaining the Police department.....	5,000.00
Fifth—For maintaining the Fire department.....	6,900.00
Sixth—For maintaining, improving and repairing the streets, and alleys and water for irrigation.....	13,800.00
Seventh—For maintaining the Health department.....	4,400.00
Eighth—For maintenance and repairs City sewers.....	300.00
Ninth—For maintaining, extending, repairing and operating the City water work.....	9,500.00
Tenth—For care and improvement of the public parks.....	4,100.00
Eleventh—For the maintenance of the free public library.....	2,000.00
Twelfth—For special assessment in paving district and water frontage assessment.....	967.39
Thirteenth—For interest on Water bonds.....	28,900.00
Fourteenth—For principal on Water bonds.....	3,000.00
Fifteenth—For principal on Funding bonds.....	2,000.00
Sixteenth—For interest on Funding bonds.....	880.00
Seventeenth—For interest on Park bonds.....	1,127.50

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, 1918, and ending December 31, 1918, 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 three-tenths of one mill on each dollar of said property so assessed or to be assessed.

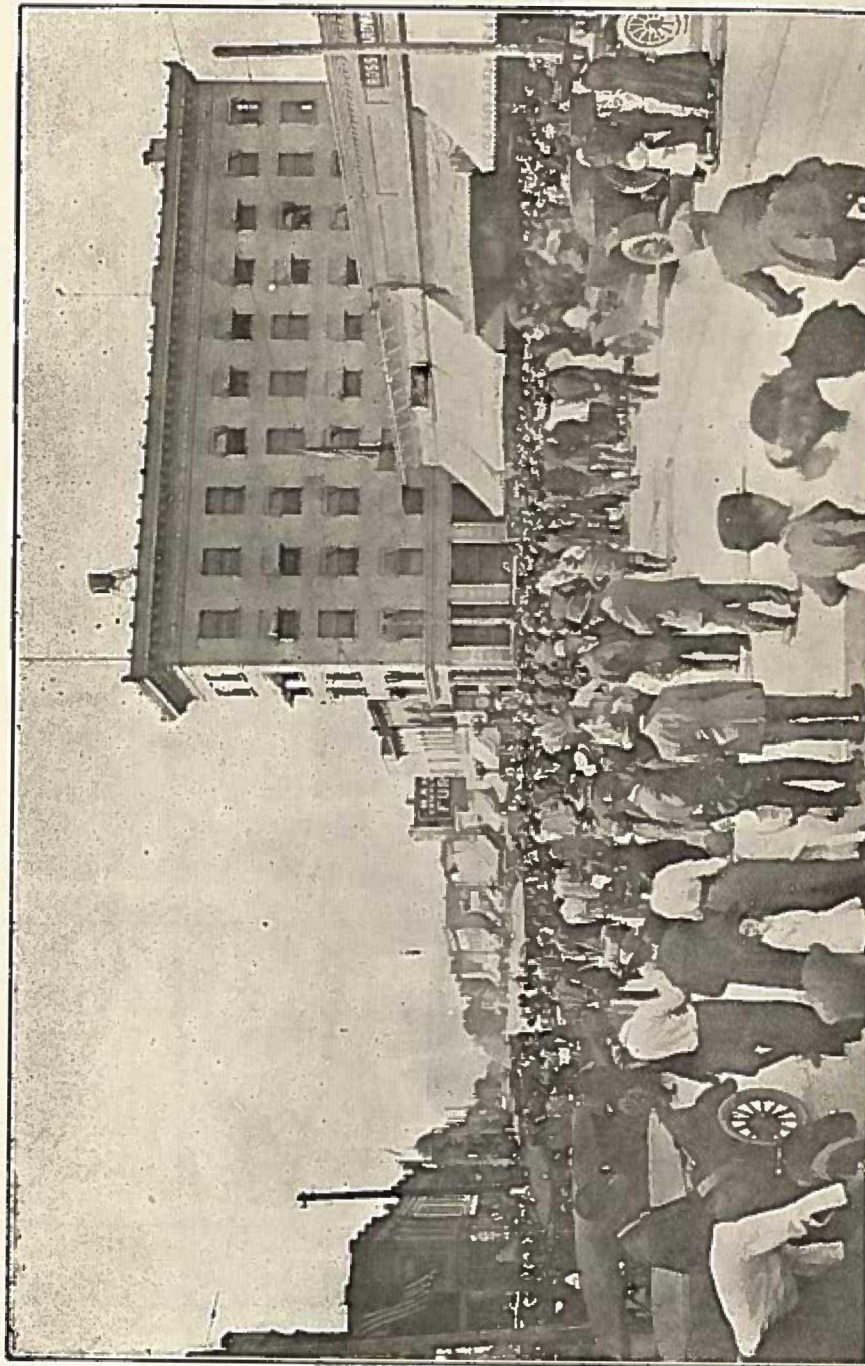
Second—For the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses and liabilities of the said City of Grand Junction, and for the payment of interest on outstanding bonds and warrants and for the payment of a portion of the bond indebtedness of said City, a tax of seven and four-tenths mills on each dollar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

Passed and adopted by a unanimous vote of the City Council this 28th day of November, A. D. 1917.

(SEAL)
Attest:

CHAS. E. CHERRINGTON,
Mayor.

CHARLES K. HOLMBURG, City Clerk.



Scene on Main Street September 19, 1917 — Mesa County Young Men Leaving to Join the National Army.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

YEAR 1917

January 2—Resolution passed appropriating \$350.00 for fencing proposed new road to Kannah Creek Intake, said amount to be paid when road is completed.

January 9—R. E. Meserve appointed City Engineer. One hundred dollars appropriated to purchase street shade trees. Assessment roll of special water frontage assessment confirmed.

January 16—Quarterly and annual reports of Commissioners submitted.

January 23—City Clerk instructed to have 2,000 copies of annual reports of Commissioners printed. Resolution passed indorsing House Bill No. 19, pending in legislature. Daily Sentinel awarded contract to print annual reports.

February 13—Resolution passed endorsing House Bill No. 55, providing for Firemen's relief and pension fund.

February 20—S. R. Schaeffer, certified public accountant, employed to audit city's books and accounts.

March 20-23—Resolution passed cancelling certain tax sales made through error of county treasurer's office. Resolution passed declaring intention to create local improvement district to be known as Sidewalk District No. 2.

March 26-27—Resolution passed adopting details and specifications for construction of sidewalks in proposed sidewalk district. Commissioner of Finance and Supplies instructed to order six tanks of chlorine for water department; also to order 1,200 feet of 3-4-inch galvanized pipe for extension of water lines in city parks.

April 3-4—Reports of city officers submitted. Arc light ordered placed at intersection of Rood and Spruce streets. Resolution passed offering to exchange north half of block 84 for west half of block 95, subject to approval of voters of qualified electors.

April 6-7—Bids for furnishing 3,000 barrels cement opened and laid on the table, and supplementary bids asked for. Supplementary bids for cement received and bid of the Castell Lumber Co. accepted, same being \$3.55 per barrel delivered on the job, with a discount of 5 cents per barrel if paid within ten days of date of invoice.

April 10—Contract with Castell Lumber Co. for 3,000 barrels cement, more or less, authorized.

April 17—Quarterly reports of Commissioners submitted and read. Commissioner of Finance and Supplies instructed to order full set of truck tires for Fire department. F. J. Gilley appointed regular fireman.

April 24—Report of audit of city's books and accounts by S. R.

Schaeffer received and accepted. Arc light ordered placed at Colorado and Thirteenth street.

May 1—Commissioner of Health and Civic Beauty authorized to offer prizes for dandelion roots. Resolution passed creating Sidewalk District No. 2. Building at 336 Ute avenue declared to be a nuisance. Bid of Keeler Bros. for purchase of the \$20,000 issue of bonds of Sidewalk District No. 2 accepted.

May 22—Reports of Commissioners and City officers accepted. Forestry Board instructed to enforce ordinance in reference to cotton-bearing cottonwood trees. Commissioner of Water and Sewers instructed to notify all persons owning property within the several sewer districts to at once have same connected with sanitary sewers, as provided by ordinance.

May 26—Resolution passed amending section 8 of resolution creating Sidewalk District No. 2.

June 6—Mayor and Commissioner of Highways authorized to close deal with Mrs. Chadwick for purchase of 10 acres of gravel bed for \$250.

June 12—Seventh-day Adventist church given permission to hold camp meeting and annual conference in Washington Park. Resolution passed authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to sign agreement with D. & R. G. railroad company for use of station grounds and right of way for pipe line. Grand Junction band employed to give concerts in Whitman Park.

June 19—George Pierce Testing Laboratories employed to test cement to be used for sidewalk construction. Resolution passed permitting Book Cliff Railroad Co. to connect its depot with sewer.

July 17—Quarterly reports of Commissioners submitted. Resolution passed permitting owner of lot 13 in block 6 to connect with sewer. Commissioner of Water and Sewers instructed to install hopper closet on the premises at Colorado and Twelfth street, and connect same with sewer.

July 24—Resolution passed appropriating \$200.00 toward payment of booklets to be issued by the Chamber of Commerce. Recommendations of Mayor to suspend rules in reference to sprinkling hours for month of August voted down by Council.

August 14—Petition of Henry Patterson and others in reference to release of taxes in Paving District No. 4 tabled.

August 29—Council ordered patrol of Kannah Creek watershed for month of September.

September 4—Agreement with U. S. Reclamation Service for installation of water measuring device on Kannah Creek approved.

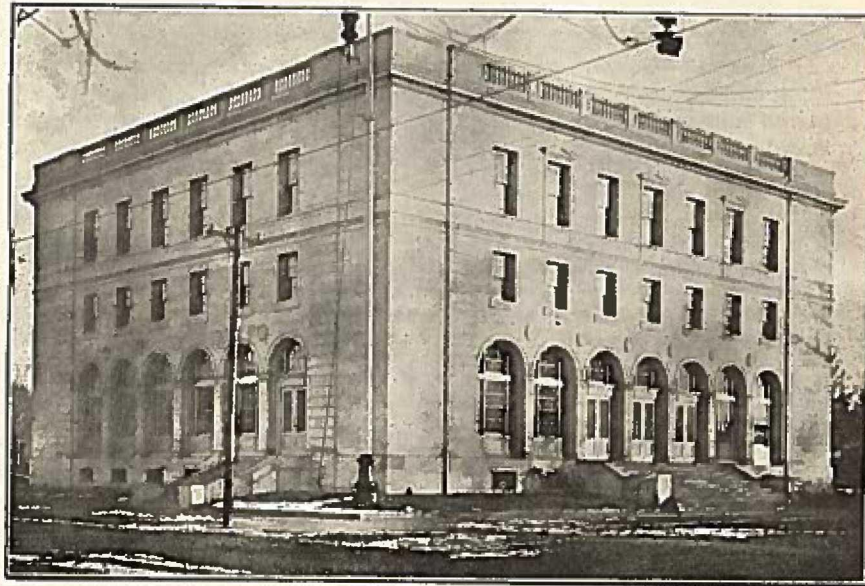
September 8—Report of audit of city's books and accounts by S. R. Schaeffer received and accepted. Quarterly reports of Commissioners received.

September 18—Commissioner of Finance and Supplies instructed to sell and transfer certain tax sale certificate to Mrs. G. W. Jones.

October 9-11—Statement of expenditures to date for construction of Sidewalk District No. 2 submitted by Clerk. Motion carried to offer Mr. Shores \$20,000 for purchase of fair grounds.

October 16—Commissioner of Finance and Supplies authorized to sell city's concrete mixer for \$500. Resolution passed to submit to a vote of the people proposed ordinance contracting for electric light service for city streets and public buildings; also resolution to submit ordinances in reference to Commissioners' salaries, purchase of fair grounds, and the exchange of block 84 for block 95.

October 27-29—Judges and clerks of election named. Statement showing whole cost of improvements made in and for Sidewalk District No. 2 filed by Mayor and approved by the Council. Clerk instructed to publish notice in reference to said improvements.



New Federal Building —Nearly Completed.

November 7—Communication received from County Assessor stating that assessed valuation of city for the year 1917-18 is \$6,816,792.00. Committee appointed to investigate matter of leasing or buying a coal mine for city.

November 8—Vote cast at general election held November 6th canvassed and results declared. Report showed 1,293 ballots cast in all the precincts. Chas. E. Cherrington declared elected Commissioner of Public Affairs, and B. W. Vedder, Commissioner of Water and Sewers.

November 13-14—Annual city estimate submitted by Commissioner of Finance and Supplies. Henry Tupper appointed City Attorney; Dr. Carl W. Plumb, City Health Officer, and William C. Herrmann, Chief of Police. Emergency ordinance passed, appropriating \$1,000 for water department. Resolution passed making annual city levy of taxes for general and special city purposes. Commissioner of Finance and Supplies instructed to order 500 ft. of 4-inch cast iron pipe.

November 28—Annual appropriation ordinance passed and adopted. Ordinance No. 260, levying a special water frontage assessment, passed.

December 4—Resolution passed confirming improvements made in and for Sidewalk District No. 2. Ordinance No. 261, concerning salaries of city officers and employes, passed and adopted.

December 15—Ordinance No. 262, approving whole cost of improvements in Sidewalk District No. 2, passed.

December 18—Frank R. Hall appointed City Engineer.

December 20-31—List of names of non-voters submitted by Clerk. February 4, 7 and 12 designated for sittings of special committee to hear reasons for retention of names of non-voters on registration lists. Resolution passed authorizing Commissioner of Finance and Supplies to sell Park bonds at par plus 2 per cent premium; also resolution authorizing said Commissioner to pay \$20,500.00 to C. W. Shores on receipt of warranty deed to fair grounds.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK
AND AUDITOR

Grand Junction, Colo., December 31, 1917.

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

Gentlemen:

Herewith is submitted for your consideration my annual report of the expenditures of the several departments of the city government for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1917; also a statement of the total cash revenues as reported by the City Treasurer, together with a statement of the assets and liabilities as taken from the books and records of the city:

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Departments	Appropriation	Expenditures	Unexpended Appropriation
PUBLIC AFFAIRS			
Lights for streets and public buildings	\$ 8,000.00		\$ 3.84
Arc lights		\$ 7,529.02	
City hall		53.90	
Fire house and jail		98.30	
Public Library		61.50	
Lamps, posts and conduits		253.44	
	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,996.16	\$ 3.84
Police Department			
Regular and special police	\$ 4,800.00		\$ 1,345.85
Bootlegging cases		\$ 2,994.75	
Care and transportation of prisoners		76.00	
Disposal dead animals		33.00	
Fuel, supplies, etc.		26.35	
		324.05	
	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 3,454.15	\$ 1,345.85
Fire Department			
Regular and call firemen	\$ 6,700.00		\$ 439.60
Building and equipment		\$ 4,023.75	
Fuel, supplies, etc.		615.04	
Water for fire hydrants		541.61	
		1,080.00	
	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 6,260.40	\$ 439.60
Public Library			
Librarian and assistants	\$ 2,000.00		\$.61
Building, grounds and equipment		\$ 1,427.00	
Books and publications		42.15	
Supplies, fuel, etc.		335.94	
		194.30	
	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,999.39	\$.61
WATER AND SEWERS			
Water Department	\$11,350.00		\$ 2.25
Office expenses	1,000.00		
		\$ 277.41	

Pipe line and reservoirs	1,919.37		
Street mains	7,290.12		
Equipment	375.76		
K. C. intake and watershed	2,485.09		
	\$12,350.00	\$12,347.75	\$ 2.25

FINANCE AND SUPPLIES

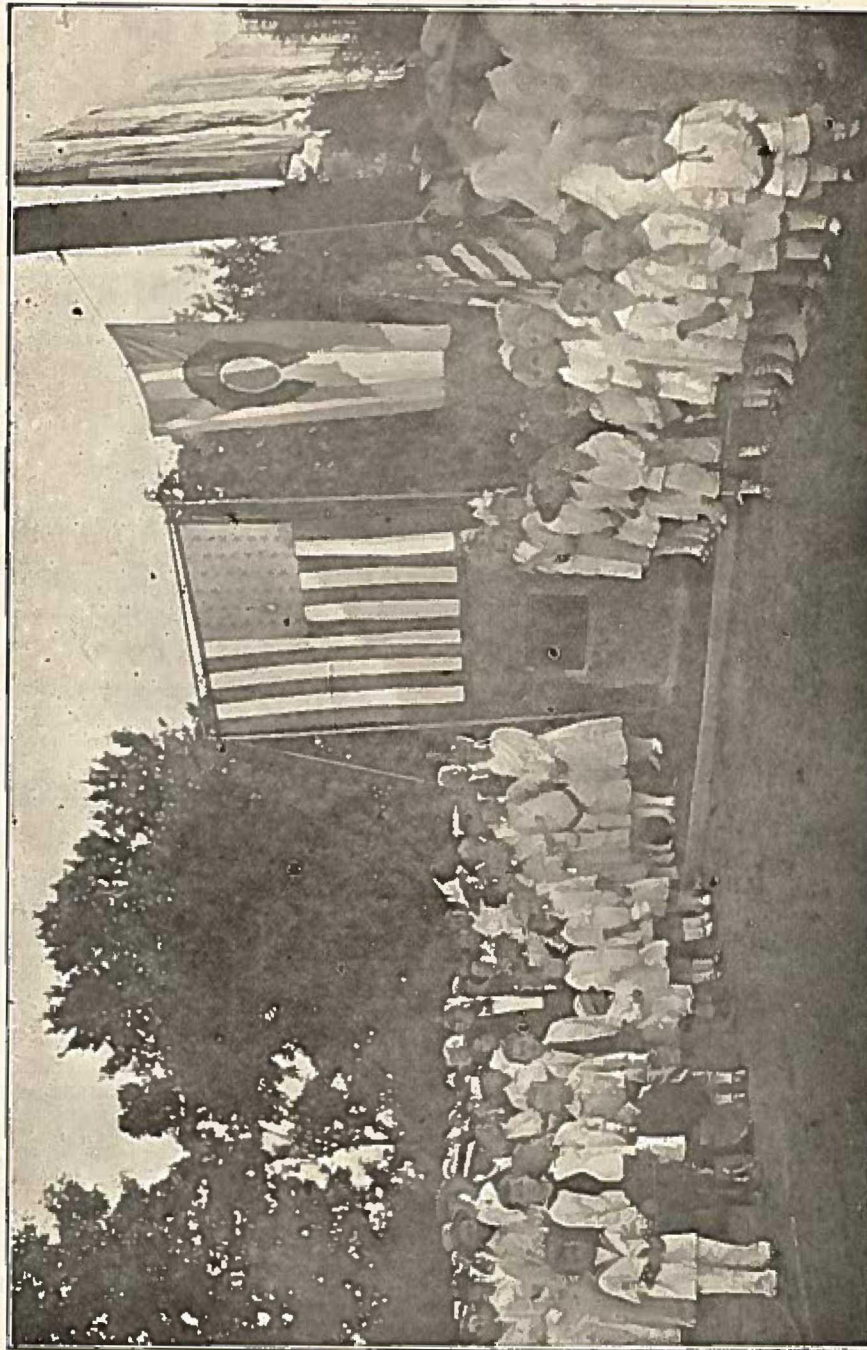
General Fund	\$ 4,200.00		\$ 10.03
Office expense		\$ 856.85	
Printing and stationery		332.70	
Building and equipment		72.65	
Election expense		808.90	
City real estate		148.50	
City forestry		547.21	
Insurance, taxes and bonds		441.85	
Public benefit—Rest room, publicity, band concerts, etc.		606.18	
Miscellaneous—Fuel, auto service, etc.		375.13	
	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,189.97	\$ 10.03
Salaries City Officers and Employees			
Commissioners	\$ 8,280.00		\$ 6,600.00
City Attorney			900.00
Health Officer			480.00
City hall janitor			300.00
	\$ 8,280.00	\$ 8,280.00	\$.00
Special Assessment			
Paving district assessments	\$ 785.91		\$ 785.91
	\$ 785.91	\$ 785.91	\$.00

HIGHWAYS

Maintaining and Repairing Streets and alleys	\$12,900.00		\$ 51.28
Labor and team work		\$ 6,705.50	
Live stock		2,761.70	
Equipment		1,334.33	
Sidewalks, crosswalks and culverts		1,607.82	
Water for irrigation and sprinkling		351.00	
Miscellaneous—Supplies, fuel, etc.		88.37	
	\$12,900.00	\$12,848.72	\$ 51.28

HEALTH AND CIVIC BEAUTY

Health Department	\$ 4,100.00		\$ 358.81
Garbage disposal and grease trap cleaning		\$ 1,246.45	
Cleaning alleys		2,056.75	
Red Mesa hospital		102.87	
Equipment		264.35	
Health Officer		37.17	
Miscellaneous		33.60	
	\$ 4,100.00	\$ 3,741.19	\$ 358.81



Dedication of Whitman Monument in Whitman Park August 1, 1917

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Care and Improvement of Parks	\$ 3,300.00	\$	5.58
Whitman Park—Care and Improvements		\$	1,058.12
Hawthorne Park—Care and improvements			996.56
Emerson Park—Care and improvements			1,233.74
Washington Park			6.00
	\$ 3,300.00	\$	3,294.42
		\$	5.58

REVENUES

General Fund	Receipts	Balance Jan. 1, 1917
General taxes (less commissions)	\$51,487.44	\$ 8,517.06
Licenses	1,794.90	
Dairy permits	18.00	
City scales	307.00	
Municipal court—Costs	348.60	
Grease traps—cleaning of	1,261.00	
Mt. States Telephone & Tel. Co.	894.36	
G. J. Electric, Gas & Mfg. Co.	2,431.94	
Miscellaneous	458.99	
		\$59,002.23
Total		\$67,519.29
Water Fund		
Rated and metered water	\$44,164.66	\$ 9,029.20
Water frontage assessments	2,693.79	
Fire, highway and park department	1,890.00	
Tank water	338.35	
Miscellaneous	990.64	
		\$50,077.44
Total		\$59,106.64
Library Fund		
Taxes, less commissions	\$ 1,696.85	
Municipal court—fines	245.10	
		\$ 1,941.95
Total		\$ 1,941.95

Miscellaneous Funds

The receipts and disbursements of the several public improvement district funds are shown in the report of the Commissioner of Finance and Supplies.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

General Funds	
Total revenues, receipts all sources and balance	\$67,519.29
Expenditures—	
Department of Public Affairs	\$17,710.71
Department of Finance and Supplies	13,255.88
Department of Highways	12,848.72
Department of Health and Civic Beauty	7,035.61
	\$50,850.92
Cr. Balance; receipts and balance above expenditure	\$16,668.37

Water Fund	
Total revenues; receipts and balance.....	\$59,106.64
Expenditures—	
Department of water and sewers.....	\$12,347.75
Cr. balance; receipts and balance above expenditure	\$46,758.89
Library Fund	
Total revenues; receipts.....	\$ 1,941.95
Expenditures—	
Maintenance public library.....	\$ 1,999.39
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1917.....	25.11
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1918.....	\$ 82.55
	\$ 2,024.50

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets

Cash in treasurer's hands (all funds) Jan. 1, 1918.....	\$ 30,412.91
City hall.....	12,000.00
Fire house and jail.....	14,400.00
Public library.....	5,000.00
City parks.....	30,000.00
Part of block 84.....	3,000.00
Lots owned by City.....	7,000.00
City water system.....	705,000.00
City sewer system.....	200,000.00
Equipment fire and police departments.....	8,625.00
Equipment and supplies water department.....	4,600.00
Equipment highways department.....	14,000.00
Equipment health and park departments.....	800.00
Equipment city offices.....	500.00
Total assets.....	\$1,035,337.91

Liabilities

Funding bonds outstanding January 1, 1918.....	\$ 18,000.00
Water bonds outstanding January 1, 1918.....	568,000.00
Total liabilities.....	\$ 586,000.00
Amount of assets over liabilities.....	\$449,337.91

LIABILITIES OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

The outstanding bonded indebtedness of the several public improvement districts on January 1, 1918, was as follows:

Paving district No. 1.....	\$ 49,500.00
Paving district No. 2.....	45,500.00
Paving district No. 3.....	9,500.00
Paving district No. 4.....	2,000.00
Sewer district No. 3.....	14,500.00
Sewer district No. 4.....	1,400.00
Sidewalk district No. 1.....	5,000.00
Paving and sidewalk district No. 5.....	10,500.00
Sidewalk district No. 2.....	16,000.00
Total.....	\$ 153,900.00

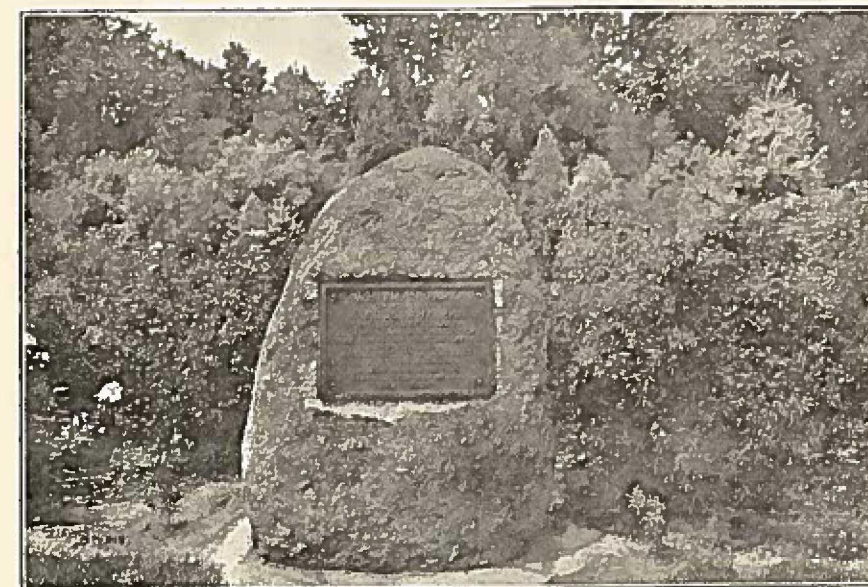
Total bonded indebtedness of City and the public improvement districts \$ 739,900.00

The water bond indebtedness of the city was reduced \$7,000.00 during the year, and the funding bond indebtedness was reduced \$2,000.00. The bonded indebtedness of the old public improvement districts was reduced \$28,950.00. One new district was formed (sidewalk district No. 2) with an outstanding bond indebtedness on January 1, 1918, of \$16,000.00.

The total assessed valuation of the city, as reported by the county assessor for the year 1917-18, is \$6,816,792.00.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES K. HOLMBURG,
City Clerk and Auditor.



Granite Monument in Whitman Park, in honor of Marcus Whitman.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF WATER AND SEWERS

Grand Junction, Colorado, December 31, 1917.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Grand Junction
Gentlemen:

Herewith please find the report of the Department of Water and
Sewers for the year ending December 31, 1917. The expenditures of the
department are shown in the following statement:

WATER FUND	
Account of—	
Office Expense—Clerical work, postage, telephone telegrams, etc.....	\$ 137.01
Printing and stationery.....	83.75
Miscellaneous—Investigating system, refund water rentals and meter deposits.....	56.65
	\$ 277.41
Pipe Line and Reservoirs—Labor and team work.....	\$1,778.14
Miscellaneous—Telephone, auto service, meals for men, etc.....	141.23
	\$ 1,919.37
Street Mains—Construction and Repairs—Labor and team work.....	\$3,074.05
Pipe and supplies.....	4,106.20
Miscellaneous.....	109.87
	\$ 7,290.12
Equipment—Repairs and renewal machinery and tools.....	\$ 95.20
Livestock—Replacement and keep.....	280.56
	\$ 375.76
Kannah Creek Intake and Watershed—Labor.....	\$ 791.00
Material and supplies.....	76.04
Miscellaneous—Telephone, auto service, gauging sta- tion, 640 acres of land, chlorinator and chlor- ine, etc.....	1,618.05
	\$ 2,485.09
Total expended.....	\$12,345.75

Since assuming the duties of this office in November, I have made
examination of the condition of the water system, and find that a great deal
of repair work will be necessary during the coming year.

It will not do to longer delay the repair of the leaks in the city reser-
voirs, and with the view of having these repairs made early in the spring
I have had gravel hauled to the site of the reservoirs. An exact estimate
of the cost cannot be made at this time.

The several trestles on the pipe line need overhauling and repainting.
The pipe at the crossing of North Fork will need protection, and other
repairs on the line will be necessary in places where the pipe is exposed.

In view of the condition in which I find the system in general, the
appropriation of \$9,800.00 made for the maintenance of this department for
the year 1918, will, in my judgment, be inadequate to meet the cost of
these necessary repairs.

Respectfully submitted,
B. W. VEDDER,
Commissioner of Water and Sewers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND SUPPLIES

Grand Junction, Colorado, December 31, 1917.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Grand Junction,
Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Sec. 66, Art. 7 of the City Charter, I herewith submit to
you my annual report for the year 1917.

A careful examination of my financial statement will show you that
the finances of our city are in a very satisfactory condition.

In spite of an increase of \$7,638.48 in the amounts of the general ap-
propriations for 1918 (aside from water and library funds which are not
affected by general tax levy) due to the increases in nearly all expense
items, we were able to keep our tax levy at 7 7-10 mills, which was the
same as last year, 1917—this was made possible on account of the substan-
tial balance carried forward from 1917 in the general funds.

The receipts of the Water Department show an increase of \$3,692.55
over 1916. The large increase shown in item for metered water is owing
to quite a number of large consumers having been put on a meter basis
during this year who were formerly rated at a flat annual rate.

The Library Fund being slightly overdrawn for the past several years,
made it necessary to slightly increase our levy for this fund.

Bonds to the amount of \$41,950.00 were paid off during the year;
\$7,000.00 of which were water bonds; \$2,000.00 were funding bonds, and
\$32,950.00 of public improvement bonds.

Bonds to the amount of \$20,000.00 were issued during the year.
These were for the construction of sidewalks in Sidewalk District No. 2.

The \$22,000.00 5 per cent water bonds issued December 1, 1899 have
now all been paid with the exception of \$3,000.00 which will be paid dur-
ing 1918.

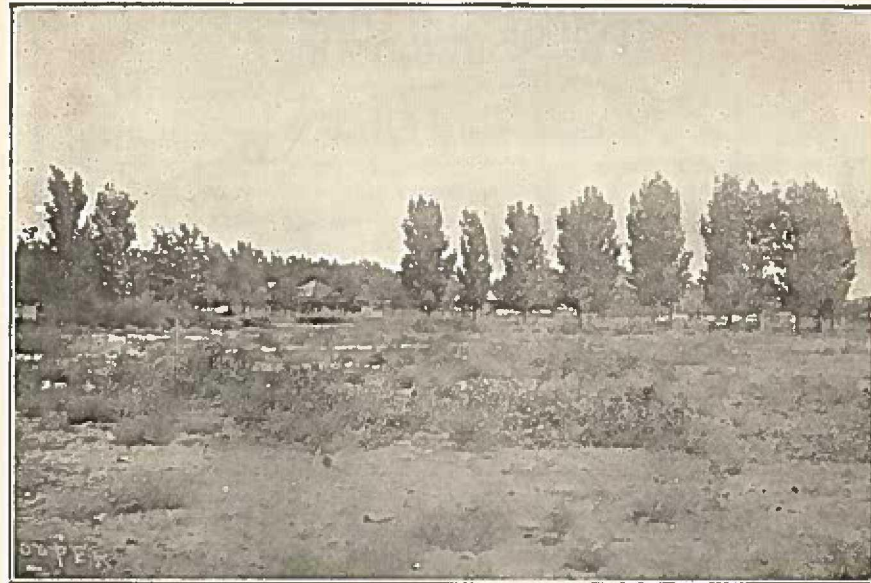
In my last annual report I recommended and urged that more ade-
quate provisions be made for the reduction of our water bond indebted-
ness. This recommendation has been followed to the extent of increasing
the water main frontage assessment from 2c to 4c per front foot.

The next water bond issue to mature will be the \$50,000.00 6 per
cent issue of April 1, 1908. These will be payable April 1, 1923.

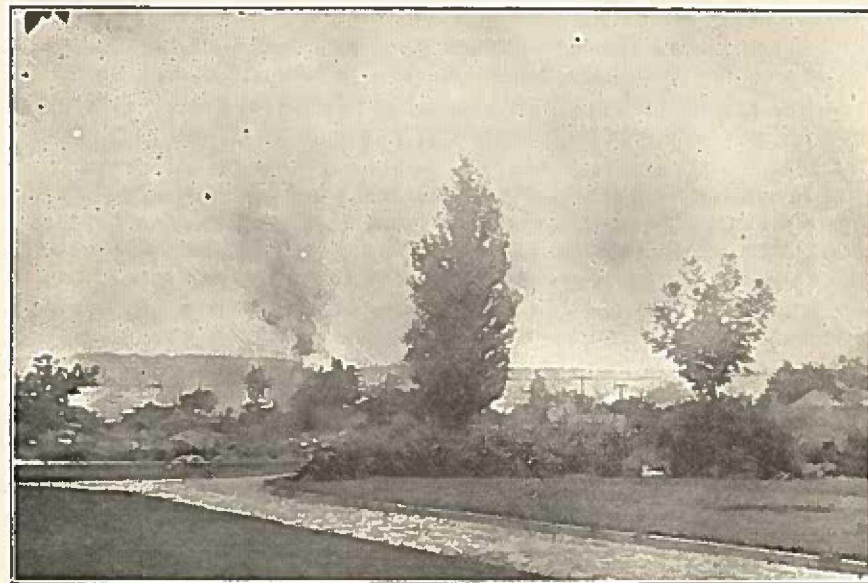
A good start will be made toward accumulating a sinking fund to
take care of these bonds at maturity by this method of levying this special
water main frontage assessment of 4c per front foot. By continuing this
method from year to year, a good substantial sinking fund will be pro-
vided for the retiring of water bonds as they mature.

We have already reduced our water bond interest charge by \$950.00
per annum from the \$19,000.00 bonds which have been paid to date. This
is surely good work, and must be kept up.

Further detailed information may be found in my financial statement,
which follows;



Emerson Park in 1915



Emerson Park in 1917

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance January 1, 1917.....\$ 23,322.42

RECEIPTS

Water Fund

Metered water	\$13,591.56
Rated water	30,573.10
Frontage assessments	2,693.79
Tank water	338.35
Street sprinkler, High Dept	300.00
Fire hydrants, fire fund	1,440.00
City parks, park fund	150.00
Tap permits	145.50
Sale of old pipe	407.39
On account of sale of old auto	50.00
From rent of trenching machine	165.00
Meter deposits	177.85
Sundry receipts	44.90

Total water.....

\$ 50,077.44

GENERAL FUNDS

Licenses

Dogs	\$ 321.00
Express	199.85
Jitneys and passenger conveyances	115.00
Junk	50.00
Plumber	30.00
Auctioneer	26.00
Cigaret dealers	325.00
Billiard and pool	195.00
Theaters and shows	325.00
Peddlers and novelty stands	110.00
Sidewalk contractors	10.00
Pawnbrokers	31.80
Merry Go Round and Ferris wheel	20.00
Shooting galleries	30.00
Employment agency	6.25

Total licenses.....\$ 1,794.90

From—

County treasurer, tax collections	\$52,525.65
Telephone Co. percentages	894.36
Elec. & Gas. Co. percentages	2,431.94
Grease trap cleanings	1,261.00
Police court costs	348.60
City scales	307.00
Dairy inspection fees	18.00
Plumber examination fees	6.00
Automobile log books sold	36.00
Culvert construction	22.50
Rent and sale of machinery and tools	112.85
Electric motor sold	243.50

Workmen's compensation insurance	25.00	
Sundries	13.14	
Total general funds..		\$ 60,040.44

MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

Library Fund		
From—		
Tax collections	\$ 1,731.10	
Police court fines	245.10	1,976.20
Paving District No. 1		
Assessments paid		16,000.29
Paving District No. 2		
Assessments paid		11,663.04
Paving District No. 3		
Assessments paid		2,470.80
Paving District No. 4		
Assessments paid		491.54
Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5		
Assessments paid		2,072.43
Sidewalk District No. 1		
Assessments paid		1,007.96
Sidewalk District No. 2		
Bonds sold	\$20,000.00	
Premium on bonds	250.00	
Accrued interest	167.00	
From highway fund for crossings	1,023.20	
Credit for cement returned	1,272.53	
Assessments paid	923.58	23,636.31
Sewer District No. 3		
Assessments paid		2,711.69
Sewer District No. 4		
Assessments paid		289.79
Special Park Fund		
Contributions from West Side citizens	\$ 55.00	
Railroad Co. claim for damaged trees	43.35	98.35
Special Sewer Fund		
Sewer pipe sold	\$ 20.00	
Paid for connections	48.50	68.50
Special Light Fund		
Paid in by Main St. citizens for side lights		951.50
Firemen's Pension Fund		
From state treasurer		258.07
Total receipts		\$173,814.35
		\$197,136.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Water Fund		
Warrants paid	\$12,231.96	
Interest paid	28,955.50	
Com. and Exch. paid	88.94	\$41,276.40
Library Fund		
Warrants paid	\$ 2,039.65	
Commissions on tax collections	34.25	2,073.90
General Funds		
Warrants paid	\$51,636.49	
Commissions on tax collections	1,038.21	
Interest on funding bonds	1,045.00	
Fiscal agent's commissions	6.29	53,725.99
Water Sinking Fund		
Bonds paid		7,000.00
General Sinking Fund		
Funding bonds paid		2,000.00
Special Sewer Fund		
Warrants paid		51.50
Special Park Fund		
Warrants paid		110.05
Paving District No. 1		
Bonds paid	\$13,500.00	
Interest paid	3,136.90	
Warrants paid	3.00	
Com. and Exch.	32.79	16,672.69
Paving District No. 2		
Bonds paid	\$ 9,500.00	
Interest paid	3,188.03	
Warrants paid	3.00	
Com. and Exch.	20.49	12,711.52
Paving District No. 3		
Bonds paid	\$ 2,000.00	
Interest paid	649.50	
Warrants paid	2.00	
Com. and Exch.	4.38	2,655.88
Paving District No. 4		
Bonds paid	\$ 500.00	
Interest paid	150.65	
Warrants paid	2.00	
Com. and Exch.76	653.41
Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5		
Bonds paid	\$ 1,500.00	

Interest paid.....	676.35		
Warrants paid.....	4.00		
Com. and Exch.....	2.67	2,183.02	
Sewer District No. 3			
Bonds paid.....	\$ 1,500.00		
Interest paid.....	908.09		
Warrants paid.....	4.00		
Com. and Exch.....	5.09	2,417.18	
Sewer District No. 4			
Bonds paid.....	\$ 200.00		
Interest paid.....	94.53		
Warrants paid.....	2.00		
Com. and Exch.....	.48	297.01	
Sidewalk District No. 1			
Bonds paid.....	\$ 250.00		
Interest paid.....	312.17		
Warrants paid.....	4.00		
Com. and Exch.....	1.01	567.18	
Sidewalk District No. 2			
Bonds paid.....	\$ 4,000.00		
Interest paid.....	407.91		
Warrants paid.....	17,913.71		
Com. and Exch.....	6.51	22,328.13	\$166,723.86
Balance.....			\$ 30,412.91

FUND BALANCES

General Funds			
Balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 8,517.06		
Receipts.....	60,040.44	\$ 68,557.50	
Disbursements.....	\$53,725.99		
Transferred to sinking fund.....	4,000.00	57,725.99	
Balance.....			\$ 10,831.51
Water Fund			
Balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 9,029.20		
Receipts.....	50,077.44	59,106.64	
Disbursements.....	\$41,276.40		
Transferred to sinking fund.....	6,000.00	47,276.40	
Balance.....			\$ 11,830.24
Library Fund			
Receipts.....	\$ 1,976.20	1,976.20	
Disbursements.....	2,013.90		
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1917.....	25.11	2,099.01	
Overdraft.....			122.81

Paving District No. 1			
Balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 1,713.77		
Receipts.....	16,000.29	17,714.06	
Disbursements.....		16,672.69	
Balance.....			1,041.37
Paving District No. 2			
Balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 1,807.81		
Receipts.....	11,663.04	13,470.85	
Disbursements.....		12,711.52	
Balance.....			759.33
Paving District No. 3			
Balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 464.57		
Receipts.....	2,470.80	2,935.37	
Disbursements.....		2,655.88	
Balance.....			279.49
Paving District No. 4			
Balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 212.99		
Receipts.....	491.54	704.53	
Disbursements.....		653.41	
Balance.....			51.12
Paving and Sidewalk District No. 5			
Balance, Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 508.07		
Receipts.....	2,072.43	2,580.50	
Disbursements.....		2,183.02	
Balance.....			397.48
Special Sewer Fund			
Balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 105.87		
Receipts.....	68.50	174.37	
Disbursements.....		51.50	
Balance.....			122.87
Sewer District No. 3			
Balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 106.16		
Receipts.....	2,711.69	2,817.85	
Disbursements.....		2,417.18	
Balance.....			400.67
Sewer District No. 4			
Balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 31.02		
Receipts.....	289.79	320.81	
Disbursements.....		297.01	
Balance.....			23.80

Sidewalk District No. 1			
Receipts	\$ 1,007.96	1,007.96	
Disbursements	567.18		
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1917.....	148.99	716.17	
Balance.....			291.79
Sidewalk District No. 2			
Receipts		23,636.31	
Disbursements		22,328.13	
Balance.....			1,308.18
General Sinking Fund			
Transferred from general funds		4,000.00	
Funding bonds paid.....		2,000.00	
Balance.....			2,000.00
Water Sinking Fund			
Balance Jan. 1, 1917.....	\$ 1,000.00		
Transferred from water fund	6,000.00	7,000.00	
Water bonds paid.....		7,000.00	
Balance.....			00.00
Special Park Fund			
Receipts	\$ 98.35		
Disbursement	110.05		
Overdraft		11.70	
Special Light Fund			
Receipts	\$ 951.50		
Balance.....			951.50
Firemen's Pension Fund			
Receipts	1 258.07		
Balance.....			258.07
		\$ 134.51	\$ 30,547.42
Less overdraft.....			134.51
Total balance.....			\$ 30,412.91

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS

Grand Junction, Colorado, December 31, 1917.

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Grand Junction.
Gentlemen:

Herewith I submit the annual report of the Department of Highways for the year 1917. The following statement shows in detail the expenditures of the department:

HIGHWAYS FUND

Account of—	
Labor and team work—Street cleaning and construction.....	\$ 6,705.50
Livestock—Replacement and keep.....	2,761.70
Equipment—Repairs and renewal.....	1,334.33
Construction—Sidewalks, crosswalks, culverts and bridges.....	1,607.82
Water for irrigation and sprinkling.....	351.00
Miscellaneous—Supplies, fuel, clerical work, etc.....	88.37
Total.....	\$12,848.72

SIDEWALK DISTRICT NO. 2 FUND

Account of—	
Preliminary expenses—Advertising, express, clerical work, etc....	\$ 343.62
Engineering and office work.....	345.36
Labor and team work.....	6,235.85
Cement, sand and gravel.....	10,308.05
Machinery and tools.....	667.40
Miscellaneous—Fuel, supplies, lumber, etc.....	59.13
Total.....	\$17,959.41

Besides the construction of the sidewalks in and for Sidewalk District No. 2, the most important work performed by the department during the year was as follows:

Constructed 24 street crossings at a cost of \$52.00 each, or a total of \$1,248.00; 40 alley crossings, \$12.00 each, a total cost of \$480.00.

Rebuilt three cement crossings, cost \$40.00, a total of \$120.00.

Graded 40 blocks of streets at a cost of \$15.00 each, total cost \$600.00 surfaced 10 blocks at a cost of \$120.00 each, a total cost of \$1,200.00.

Put in 80 culverts, costing \$7.50 each, a total of \$600.00.

The cost of the sidewalks constructed for the new district was about 15 cents per square foot. The increased cost of material, as well as labor, necessarily made the cost greater than for like work done in the past. The work was done by the best method, with the best material obtainable, and I believe the walks will prove durable and satisfactory.

In my opinion, the surfacing of our streets with the same material used the past two or three years should be continued. With proper grading and plenty of dragging, this is the best work that can be done, at a nominal expense, to keep our streets in good shape.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. BLACKSTONE,
Commissioner of Highways.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND CIVIC BEAUTY

Grand Junction, Colorado, December 31, 1917.

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

Gentlemen:

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the Department of Health and Civic Beauty. The following detailed statement will show the expenditures of the department for the year 1917:

HEALTH FUND

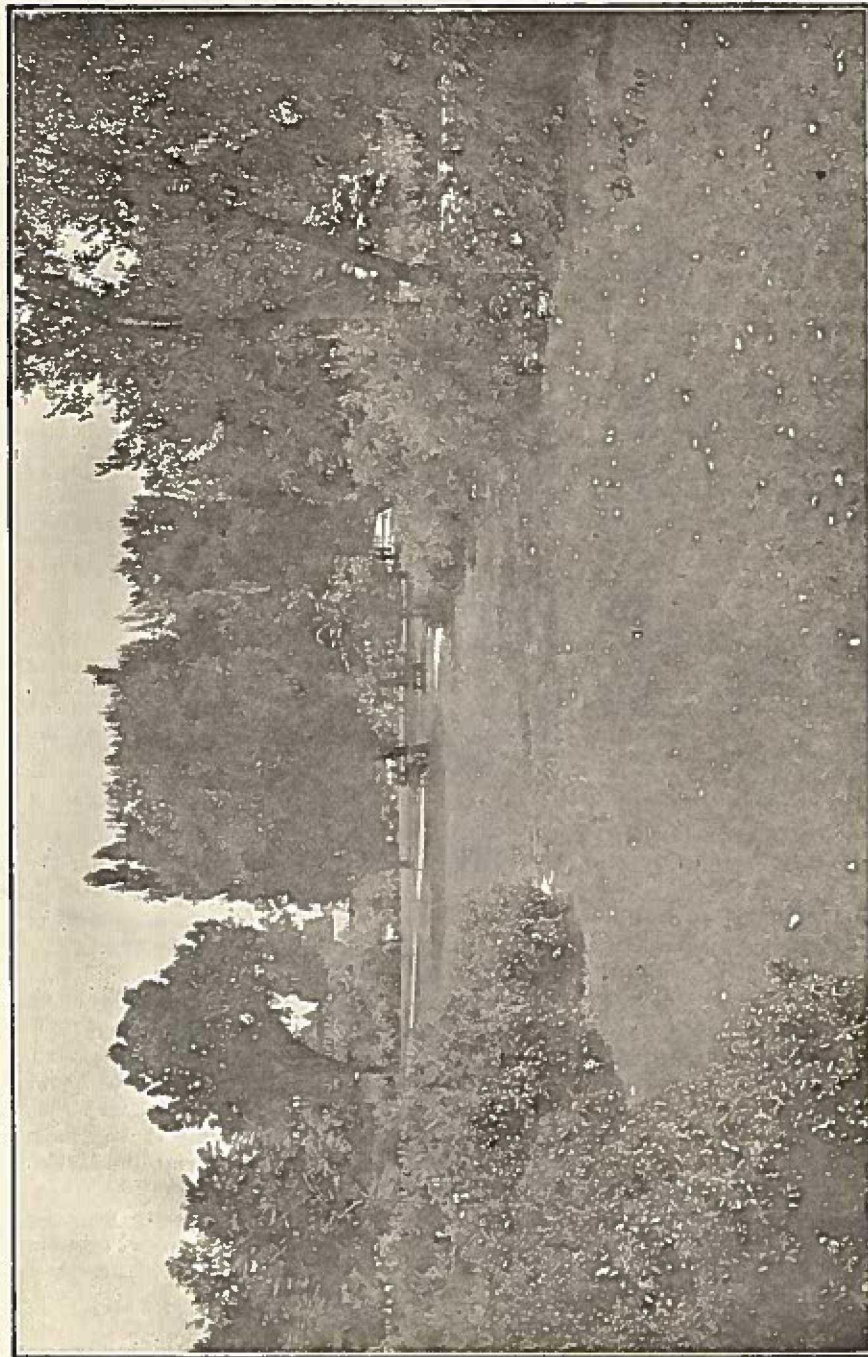
Account of—	
Garbage disposal and grease trap cleaning.....	\$1,246.45
Cleaning alleys and disposal of trash.....	2,056.75
Red Mesa Hospital—Maintenance and repairs.....	102.87
Stationery, printing and advertising.....	8.00
Equipment—Repairs and renewal.....	264.35
Health Officer—Drugs and supplies.....	37.17
Miscellaneous—Supplies, disinfectants, etc.....	25.60
Total.....	\$3,741.19

PARK FUND

Account of—	
Whitman Park	
Improvements—Labor and material.....	\$375.22
Maintenance—Labor.....	545.05
Miscellaneous—Water, fertilizer, tools and supplies.....	137.85
	\$1,058.12
Hawthorne Park	
Improvements—Labor and material.....	\$370.96
Maintenance—Labor.....	504.20
Miscellaneous—Water, fertilizer, tools and supplies.....	121.40
	\$ 996.56
Emerson Park	
Improvements—Labor and material.....	\$743.34
Maintenance—Labor.....	383.80
Miscellaneous—Water, fertilizer, tools and supplies.....	106.60
	\$1,233.74
Washington Park	
Maintenance and Improvements—Labor.....	\$ 6.00
	\$ 6.00
Total expended for parks.....	\$3,294.42
Total expended by department.....	\$7,035.61

NOTATIONS

As shown by the above statement, the amount expended for the maintenance of the Health Department was \$3,741.19, or \$487.32 less than the amount expended for the previous year. For the improvement and maintenance of the four city parks a total of \$3,294.42, being \$203.66



Scene in Whitman Park

less than for the year 1916. There were \$1,261.00 collected for cleaning grease traps and \$18.00 for dairy permits, a total of \$1,279.00, thus making the net cost of maintaining the Health Department \$2,462.19, which is \$469.19 less than for the previous year.

Sanitation and Health.

Good sanitary conditions were maintained throughout the year, though there is still room for improvement along this line. If there were a more general disposition on the part of the people to cooperate with the Health Department in its effort to keep the city clean and sanitary, more satisfactory results would be obtained. Garbage cans are still much needed in many places, and the too common practice of burying garbage in ash piles or throwing it in the alley should be discontinued if we are ever to have a really "spotless town," with ideal sanitary conditions.

During the spring months the city, in common with surrounding districts, suffered an epidemic of measles and whooping cough, and near the close of the year 20 cases of smallpox were reported. At this writing the epidemic appears to be diminishing, and the situation is well under control. The city was remarkably free from other contagious and communicable diseases, only one case of scarlet fever and three cases of typhoid fever being reported. There were no cases of diphtheria reported.

The installation of a chlorination apparatus at the Kannah creek intake by the Water Department has made our water supply pure and free from disease breeding germs.

The Health Department having purchased a water-testing apparatus, the Health Officer has from time to time made examination of the water supply. In every case he found the water free from bacilli of the typhoid group.

Clean-up Work

The city scavenger, with the assistance of eight extra teams during spring clean-up week, collected and disposed of 2,223 loads of trash, ashes, manure, etc., and 1,256 grease traps were cleaned.

During the year 19 complaints of unsanitary conditions were made to the Commissioner, and 33 verbal and written notices to abate nuisances and remedy conditions were served.

Vital Statistics

According to the report of the Health Officer, there were 148 births recorded during the year, 77 being males and 71 females. Parentage—146 white, one Mexican and one negro.

The total number of deaths, all causes, was 84; 47 males and 37 females. From tuberculosis contracted outside the state, 6; still births, 2. Death rate, all causes, 10.05 per 1,000. Death rate minus tuberculosis contracted outside state and still births, 9.6 per 1,000. Very few cities in the United States show as low a death rate.

From Report of City Health Officer

In his annual report to the Commissioner, Dr. Carl W. Plumb, City

Health Officer, among other things, says:

"During the year I vaccinated 258 school children and 40 adults. While we have been having an epidemic of this disease (smallpox) for the past two months, the situation at this time is well under control.

"Measles and Whooping Cough—During the spring months of the year we suffered a bad epidemic of both these diseases, hundreds of cases occurring in the city. I have through the public press and by personal notification, given notice that these diseases must be reported in order that a placard quarantine may be established.

"Measles and whooping cough are hard to handle for two reasons: First, because they are most contagious during that early stage before the diagnosis is made, and second, because people are not as afraid of them as other contagious diseases, and therefore make no effort to keep their children isolated. I hope the doctors and citizens of the community will help me carry out this rule.

"The water supply has been in fine condition during the entire year. Tests made in the city laboratory did not show any germs of the typhoid type, and although three cases of typhoid fever were reported, they all could be traced to a direct infection.

"The milk supply was tested early in the spring by the state dairy inspector, and found to be in a good condition. I have made numerous tests since that time, and always found the milk all right. Citizens are urged at all times to report to the Health Officer if the milk is not delivered to them in a good condition. While the dairy conditions in this community may not reach the standard found in some places, I believe as a whole our dairymen are trying to produce a good, clean, wholesome milk."

Maintenance and Improvement of Parks.

The cost of maintaining the several parks, including labor, water, fertilizer, tools and supplies, was \$1,798.90; for new improvements, including labor and material, \$1,495.52 was expended, making a total of \$3,294.42 expended on account of parks.

In Emerson Park the walks were graded and surfaced with fine gravel. Additional water lines were put in, and some replanting of shrubbery was done in places where the first planting had failed. Curbing was constructed on the north and west sides of the park and the parking strips seeded to grass and planted with groups of shrubbery. The east and west sides of the park were put in lawns, leaving only a portion of the south side to be seeded to grass. This park, which a few years ago was a common dumping ground for all kinds of trash, is now beginning to have the appearance of a real park.

The walks in Whitman Park were resurfaced with gravel. A number of cotton-bearing cottonwood trees were removed. The Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution had a granite monument erected near the center of the park in honor of Marcus Whitman (after whom the park is named), who crossed the Grand river near this point in the mid-winter of 1842-3 when he made his famous trip to Washington, D. C., and thereby saved the Great Northwest for the United States.

The fountain and aquatic basin in Hawthorne Park was repaired by

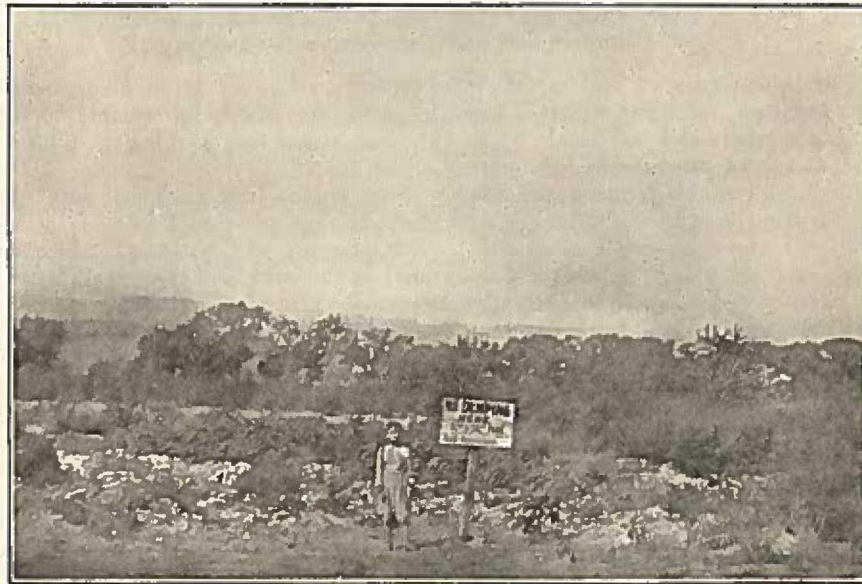
putting three inches of new concrete in the bottom, which completely stopped the leakage.

About 1,200 feet of additional water lines were laid in Whitman and Hawthorne parks, which will hereafter be a saving of both labor and hose in keeping up the lawns.

The city having acquired title to a small tract of land for park purposes on the West Side, at the end of West Colorado avenue, and a small appropriation having been made for its improvement, it is the intention of the Commissioner to begin preliminary improvements the coming season. Much of the tract being low and below grade it will be necessary to do a great deal of filling in before permanent improvements can be made. It will also be necessary to protect the tract on the river side from high water in spring time.

The citizens and taxpayers of the city are to be congratulated for having voted, at the last election, to purchase the old fair grounds for a public park and recreation ground. This 40-acre tract, being located immediately adjoining the city and convenient to city and interurban car lines, will make an ideal place for a public park. A general scheme for improvement should be adopted, and then with a few thousand dollars expended for improvements each year, a park that will be a pride and a joy forever to the city may be developed.

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES K. HOLMBURG,
Commissioner of Health and Civic Beauty.



Site of Riverside Park, Acquired by City in 1917.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

To the Honorable City Commissioners,

Grand Junction, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Herewith please find my annual report for the year 1917 of all the departments under my supervision:

Total amount expended in light department.....	\$ 7,996.84
Total amount expended in police department.....	3,454.15
Total amount expended in fire department.....	6,260.40
Total amount expended in public library.....	1,999.39

Total amount expended.....	\$19,710.10
Appropriation for 1917.....	\$21,500.00
Amount not used to balance.....	\$ 1,789.90

	\$21,500.00	\$21,500.00
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Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. E. CHERRINGTON,
Commissioner of Public Affairs.

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

Having been elected again to serve the people for another term as your mayor I desire to take this occasion to sincerely thank you for the high honor accorded me.

During the past four years I have endeavored to do my duty as I saw it and meet the numerous contingencies and problems that come to one in my position with the one object in view of service and help to the people of Grand Junction and Mesa county. I mention our county for I feel that the position of mayor of the city of Grand Junction is one that can and should be made of service to both, and I look forward to my second term with much pleasure in the thought that I may be of use to all the people of the county in every way that is possible.

The receipts and expenditures shown in the several departments discloses the condition and financial situation of the city and I am sure that a careful survey of the situation will convince any citizen who has kept in touch with general conditions in Grand Junction that we are on a prosperous upward trend.

The aim of the commissioners has always been to get the best results possible with as small an expenditure as practicable, and this is readily seen in the report of the Commissioner of Finance, which shows our levy of 7.7 mills to be the same as the year 1916 in face of the fact that we have made many improvements in our streets, parks and water system and have kept our police and fire departments up to an efficient standard.

It might not be amiss for me to say the improvements that were in vogue from the commencement of the charter form of government have steadily continued. Every year shows, as it should in all governments, that

there are always improvements that can and should be made in our laws and ordinances and it has been the aim and desire of all the commissioners to carry this idea out.

There is no question about our advancement as a city and we have a right to feel proud of the place we have taken as an important, growing, up-to-date community. While we have had our troubles and always will have, the citizens of Grand Junction are to be congratulated on their loyalty and increasing "get together" spirit that has made us the most prominent commercial center west of Pueblo and east of Salt Lake City, covering the west half of Colorado and the east half of Utah.

During the last five years more capital has come to us than in any period of our existence and the indications are that there will be a healthy continued increase each succeeding year from now on. I am in favor of the city spending money to help foster a feeling already being developed between us and the people of eastern Utah, believing that we should control the greater part of the commerce of this rich territory, fast growing in importance in its agriculture, stock growing and mining industries.

There are many plans to be considered and much to do, and I believe it is the city's business to help push these matters through with the aid of the Chamber of Commerce and it is the Chamber of Commerce's business to make the most strenuous efforts of its history to get in touch with these rich districts that are contiguous to us on our west.

The annual report for the year 1917 should be read carefully by every citizen and it is the desire of each commissioner that every citizen make it their personal business to continue to help make a "Greater Grand Junction."

The improvements already commenced in the way of additional street lighting including the "White Way" in the business section should be continued and extended over the city and thro its parks. In acquiring the Fair Grounds we have one of the largest and best assets for the benefit of the people that has ever been secured, and we are devising plans for beautifying these grounds that will take several years to complete, but when finished will be in reality "a thing of beauty and a joy forever" to our citizens. A place for the entertainment of our people second to none in the state, where we can have our county fairs, chautauquas and many other entertainments that we are entitled to.

In a growing community like ours we should keep on improving and building the things that are necessary and requisite. The fact that we are "at war" should not stop improvements for when the "re-construction period" comes we will not then have fallen back but will have continued in our place among the up-to-date cities of the west.

CHAS. E. CHERRINGTON,
Commissioner of Public Affairs.

CITY OFFICIALS

CHAS. E. CHERRINGTON, Mayor

President of the Council Commissioner of Public Affairs
Office, City Hall
Hours, 11 a. m. to 12 m. Phone, Junction 8

B. W. VEDDER

Commissioner of Water and Sewers Vice-President of Council
Office, City Hall
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H. F. VORBECK

Commissioner of Finance and Supplies
Ex-Officio City Treasurer
Office, City Hall
Hours, 9 to 12 a. m. and 1 to 4 p. m. Phone, Junction 9-W

L. E. BLACKSTONE

Commissioner of Highways
Office, City Hall
Hours, 10 to 11 a. m. Phone, Junction 152-W

CHARLES K. HOLMBURG

Commissioner of Health and Civic Beauty
Ex-Officio City Clerk and Auditor
Office, City Hall
Hours, 9 to 12 a. m. Phone, Junction 152-J

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Every Tuesday at 4 o'clock p. m.

CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

HENRY TUPPER, City Attorney
Office, Fair Building, Phone, Junction 248-W

FRANK R. HALL, City Engineer
Phone, Junction 1000-W

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Phone, Junction 770

WILLIAM C. HERRMANN, Chief of Police

JOHN A. MATTHEWS, Night Policeman

A. L. HALLIGAN, Night Policeman

WATER DEPARTMENT

Phone, City Reservoir, Junction 1087-J4

Phone, Kannah Creek Intake, Whitewater, 75-J12

CHARLES GARBER, Foreman Construction and Repairs

JAMES WOODS, Caretaker, Kannah Creek Intake

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Phone, Junction 10

J. S. HYNES, Fire Chief and City Weigher

F. J. GILLEY, **J. A. VOUGHT** and **BEN NEWTON**, Regular Firemen

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DR. CARL W. PLUMB, City Health Officer
Office, Fair Building, Phone Junction 978-R1

A. O. SHAFF, Garbage Collector

Phone, Junction 907-J2

E. O. STACY, City Scavenger

Phone, Junction 827-J

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

O. D. WILLIAMS, President

C. P. BLISS, Secretary