

Annual
REPORT

COUNCIL-MANAGER
GOVERNMENT

of

GRAND JUNCTION
COLORADO

1937

CITY AFFAIRS

STATISTICS

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

COLORADO

Grand Junction is the county seat of Mesa County, Colorado. It is situated at the junction of the Colorado and Gunnison Rivers, on the main line of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad; on U.S. Highway 24 and U.S. Highway 50, 326 miles southeast of Salt Lake City, Utah and 289 miles west of Denver. It lies in the beautiful valley known as the "Garden of the Rockies". It is the largest city as well as the manufacturing and jobbing center of the vast western Colorado and eastern Utah territory, with a trade area comprising 50,000 square miles.

POPULATION U.S. census figure for 1930 shows a population of 10,247. Post-office estimates for the year 1937 show a population of 16,059.

GOVERNMENT Grand Junction is governed by the Council-Manager form of city government. This form was adopted on January 1st, 1922. Seven members of the Council are elected by the people, one from each of the five precincts and two elected at large.

TOTAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS as of December 31st 1937 was \$386,750.00 of general obligations bonds and \$265,100.00 of special improvement bonds, making a grand total of \$651,850.00.

ASSESSED VALUATION of city property for the year 1937 was \$7,245,340.00.

TOTAL TAX RATE The total tax rate for 1937 was \$57.75 per \$1,000.00 valuation. This total is made up from County Levy of \$16.15; School District Levy of \$20.10; State Levy of \$4.50; City Levy of \$15.50; Drainage District Levy of \$1.50.

CLIMATE Lying on the sheltered (western) side of the Rockies, protected by the great Continental Divide from the severe storms that sweep down from the Canadian Northwest, Grand Junction enjoys a remarkable climate; remarkable for its uniformity, its short, mild winters, its abundance of sunshine, and its pure, dry air, sweeping from the mountains on the north, east, and south and from the deserts on the west. The very dryness of the air mitigates, to a great extent, the heat of the summer and the cold of the winter.

MEAN AVERAGE TEMPERATURE, annually, is 50° F.

ANNUAL AVERAGE RAINFALL is 8.83 inches.

ALTITUDE IS 4,600 feet.

GROWING SEASONS Long growing seasons of approximately six months and an abundance of water for irrigation makes fruit growing, gardening, farming, dairying, and poultry raising very profitable. The climate is so far from extremes that the extensive fruit crop has never shown serious loss.

COST OF LIVING One can live very economically in Grand Junction. It is one of the largest wholesale districts of the State, and competition in retail foods, clothing and other supplies is keen enough to keep the prices at a minimum. The large locally owned stores and the numerous chain stores guarantee quality. The abundance of fruit and vegetables produced in the valley together with the coal mined in the immediate vicinity give economical buyers an ideal opportunity to purchase merchandise at a very low price.

TRADE The abundance of raw materials, cheap fuel, coal and labor makes Grand Junction the outstanding location for manufacturers in many lines. It is the wholesale, manufacturing and retail center of an enormous territory. Over \$2,000,000.00 is invested in manufacturing and jobbing establishments, which have an annual payroll of approximately \$1,200,000.00.

BANKS Grand Junction has two strong banks. The First National Bank has assets of \$2,348,611.34, and the United States Bank of Grand Junction (a State Bank) has assets of \$2,030,871.11.

ELECTRIC POWER & LIGHT This community is served by the Public Service Company of Colorado. There are approximately 3,448 metered services within the limits of the city. The rates for domestic consumption range from a minimum charge of \$1.00 for the first 10 K.W. to 1¢ for water heating. The domestic lighting, heating and cooking rates are of a combined or block rate, dropping to the 2¢ per K.W. Bracket.

GAS Artificial gas is supplied by the Public Service Company of Colorado. There are approximately 1,184 metered services. The rates are: First 100 hrs. of use demand per month per 1,000 cu. ft. is 75¢, all additional is 60¢ per 1,000 cu. ft.

TELEPHONE Telephone service is furnished by the Rocky Mountain Telephone and Telegraph Company. The switchboard is equipped with the latest manual equipment. This company had approximately 3,170 customer connections as of December 31, 1937.

TELEGRAPH The Western Union Telegraph Company has a class "A" office located here with 24 hour service.

TRANSPORTATION Grand Junction is located on the main line of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad which has many branches leading to all railway points in southern Colorado.

A modern bus line runs out of the city to points east, west and south, connecting with and a part of the National Trailways System.

Two main all year transcontinental highways converge at this city.

WATER Domestic water is furnished by a municipally owned system which obtains the water from the mountain top of Grand Mesa and conducts it 25 miles into the City by gravity system. There are 3,063 house service connections furnishing water to consumers within the city

SCHOOLS There are nine public and two parochial schools, including Junior High School and Senior High School. In addition to these schools, Grand Junction has an accredited Junior College and a first class Business College, both of which attract students from many states.

PUBLIC LIBRARY A Carnegie Library was established in 1902, and at present occupies the original building. The present capacity of the Library is 10,000 volumes. A new Library Building is under construction and will probably be available about September 15, 1938. The capacity of the new building will be approximately 43,000 volumes.

CHURCHES All of the leading denominations are well represented in the City. The churches consist principally of: Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Presbyterian, Congregational, Christian Science, Lutheran, Evangelical, Adventist, Latter Day Saints, Church of the Brethren, Church of God, Pentecostal, Spanish Pentecostal, Nazarene, Gospel Tabernacle and Colored Non-Denominational.

CLUBS AND LODGES Civic organizations represented in Grand Junction are: Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Kiwanis, Wisemen's Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, Woman's Club, Women's Christian Temperance Union, Young Men's Christian Association, Ministerial Alliance and Trades and Labor Assembly.

Lodges and fraternal organizations are: Knights of Columbus; Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; Independent Order of Oddfellows; Modern Woodmen; Woodmen of the World; Royal Neighbors; Eagles; Knights of Pythias; Neighbors of Woodcraft; Rebeccas; Pythian Sisters; Masonic orders including A.F. & A.M., R.A.M., Knights Templar, R. & S.M., two chapters of Eastern Star, De Molay and Rainbow Girls.

The Patriotic organizations are represented by American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of Spanish American War, Disabled Veterans and Boy Scouts.

AMUSEMENTS There are four first class moving picture theaters, two of which are equipped for stage shows. The total seating capacity is 2,971.

PARKS & RECREATION There are six parks in the City with a total of 145 acres. In addition to these parks there are two gymnasiums furnishing inside physical recreation.

The outside recreational facilities consist of two golf courses, numerous tennis courts, two swimming pools and various other facilities for recreation.

Considerable interest is shown locally for such sports as football, both High School and College, basketball, tennis and trackwork in their respective seasons.

A first class baseball field is provided for competitive games as well as a first class sodded athletic field equipped with electric lights for night football and for softball.

Grand Junction is considered the center of the most magnificent scenic and recreational section of the Rocky Mountain Region. Excellent highways lead into the city and from the city Grand Mesa, the world's largest flat top mountain, located in the Grand Mesa National Forest, leading recreational of the Colorado Rockies, a fairyland comprising 660,000 acres in lakes, streams, forests and wild flowers.

The Colorado Monument lies six miles to the west of the city. Beautiful scenic drives have been built through this area so that one may inspect the most remarkable specimens of erosion to be found in America.

Many delightful trips of one day or longer may be made from Grand Junction over excellent highways.

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL There is one 60 bed Catholic hospital and several maternity hospitals and nursing homes.

There are 20 medical doctors and surgeons, 4 osteopathic physicians, and 7 chiropractors. There also 11 dentists.

HOTELS There are 3 hotels with modern conveniences and many rooming hotels.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS There are five outstanding Building and Loan Associations as follows: First Federal Savings and Loan Association, The Mesa Federal Savings and Loan Association, Modern Building and Loan Association, Mutual Savings and Building Association, and The Valley Savings and Loan Association.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To the Honorable City Council
Grand Junction, Colorado

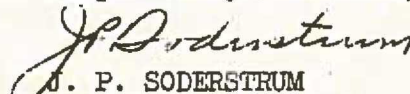
Gentlemen:

Following is the City Manager's report for the year 1937, setting forth briefly information on the happenings and accomplishments of the various departments of the City Administration.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the fine cooperation of the City Council. It would have been impossible to have made the favorable showing if it were not for the exercise of good business judgment as well as the close cooperation rendered by your Honorable body.

Further, I wish to thank all of the City employees, as well as the department heads, for the unselfish and efficient services that they have contributed toward making the administrative functions of the City as outstanding as they are, for they, in reality, have written the record herein contained.

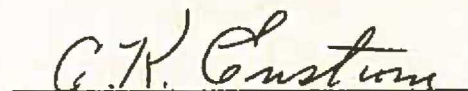
Respectfully submitted,


J. P. SODERSTRUM
City Manager

STATEMENT BY THE COUNCIL

To the Citizens of Grand Junction:

The City Council has established the policy of keeping its citizens informed on all matters pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the administration of the government of your City. Feeling that it would promote a better and truer understanding of the problems confronting the City Administration, we are passing this report to you that you may become better acquainted with the Administration. The highest standards of government can only be obtained when our citizens are both interested and informed.


C. K. Enstrom
President of the Council

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY
December 31, 1937

CITY COUNCIL

C. K. Enstrom	President
Porter Carson	Councilman
O. E. Boston	Councilman
A. I. Holcombe	Councilman
G. W. Oates	Councilman
V. P. Groves	Councilman
C. E. Ross	Councilman

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS

J. P. Soderstrum	- City Manager & City Engineer
W. R. Hinman	- City Attorney
C. E. Cherrington	- Municipal Judge
Francis I. Stringer	- City Treasurer
Helen C. Tomlinson	- City Clerk
R. C. Ratcliffe	- Chief of Dept. of Public Works
Bruce Brownson	- Chief of Dept. of Health & Parks
Dr. E. H. Munro	- City Physician
Dr. A. P. Drew	- City Veterinarian
H. E. Decker	- Chief of Police
C. L. Downing	- Chief Fire Dept.
Ray Garber	- Plumbing Inspector & Foreman Water Dept.
C. R. Southerland	- Foreman Hwy Dept.
James McGillis	- Ass't City Engr. & Bldg. Inspector
Maurice Griffith	- Electrical Insp.
Lucile Burch	- Librarian

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Guy V. Sternberg	Chairman
J. A. Barraclaugh	Member
R. L. Magill	Member
Harry Burnett	Member
A. E. Borschell	Member
J. P. Soderstrum	Secretary

PLUMBING BOARD

Ray Garber	Inspector
J. P. Soderstrum	Member
George Unfred	Member
George Wilson	Member
Stanley White	Member

LIBRARY BOARD

J. P. Soderstrum	President
Mrs. E. F. Woods	Member
Mrs. Hugh Gallagher	Member
Mrs. C. E. Latimer	Member
Mrs. R. L. Townsend	Member
Mrs. C. S. Desch	Member
Mrs. O. H. Ellison	Member

BOARD OF EDUCATION

James E. Ragan	President
Dr. E. H. Munro	Member
Mrs. Dent Ela	Member
Charles Holmes	Member
Wm. E. Chapman	Member
J. Fred Essig	Supt.
Coe Van Deren	Secretary

FINANCES

Grand Junction is on the "pay as you go basis". With the change of form of government from the Commission form to that of Council-Manager form, the City has been on a cash basis. No warrant has been issued unless the actual cash is in the treasury to pay it. At times during the depression, this has been a severe task. Nevertheless, we are proud to say that faith has been kept with the taxpayer, and at all times expenditures have been kept within the income. No warrant has been registered for delayed payment since January 1, 1922.

Audits of the books of the City have been made each year by competent public accountants. The reports of these audits consist principally of tabulations and financial statements and would present very dry reading for the average citizen. Most of the pertinent facts contained in these reports of audit will be found in the following pages of this report.

TAXES

The constant cry these days is to reduce taxes. On the other hand, demands are increasingly made for new and greater services to the public by the citizen. Realizing that taxes against real property are becoming more burdensome and are more or less unequitable, the administration is always on its toes to impose proper legislation for other revenues, not with the intent of securing additional funds, but more as a replacement for general tax levy.

Many municipalities boast of their low tax rates. These same municipalities cannot usually boast of the services rendered to its citizens. On the other hand, many municipalities boast loudly of their many so-called "free services" to its citizens while they speak in whispers of their tax rate. Grand Junction strives to accomplish both low tax rate and "many free services" at the same time. To accomplish this end, strict observance of efficiency and economy must be followed at all times. From careful study of the following accomplishments, you can readily see that the administration has been striving to these ends.

BUDGETS

Grand Junction is operating on a budget system. All expenditures are carefully budgeted prior to adoption of the annual appropriation ordinance. Great care is used to see that each department not only stays within this budget, but that no greater percentage of the budget is spent than the percentage of estimated income. Because of the fact that each dollar is so budgeted, many requests for additional services or expenditures cannot be granted until the next annual budget is made.

COMPARATIVE TAX LEVIES FOR PAST YEARS
(In mills for each \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation)

	<u>1930</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>
State	3.66	3.59	3.49	3.49	3.40	3.40	3.00	4.50
Drainage	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.50
School	13.85	14.50	14.50	14.00	18.80	17.30	20.10	20.10
County	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.95	12.95	14.00	13.42	16.15
City	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.50
Total	44.01	44.59	44.49	42.44	50.65	51.20	52.52	57.75

	<u>1930</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>1936</u>	<u>1937</u>
Estimated 100%								
City Tax Income	135,202.91	135,251.57	130,807.94	113,735.49	99,868.06	104,784.11	110,368.43	112,302.77

RECEIPTS

FUND	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
General	156,068.16	154,582.58	138,086.26	116,276.32	154,508.46	145,103.97	155,609.57	160,101.70
Water	97,049.92	99,535.86	97,253.79	93,781.73	165,763.82	126,716.80	110,376.85	119,537.80
Moyer Pool	2,038.69	5,392.98	2,457.59	2,062.12	2,515.80	2,809.59	3,276.51	3,263.01
Library	4,290.60	4,139.95	3,763.13	3,769.89	5,326.22	5,155.03	4,896.49	5,409.82
Spl. Impr.	128,368.35	105,738.85	92,914.38	74,680.00	103,588.33	108,692.64	158,590.63	94,804.33
Perpetual Care	1,320.00	1,186.00	840.00	711.25	1,599.96	1,300.00	10,354.33	9,406.81
Firemen's Pen.	822.81	2,022.17	2,881.68	6.22	2,638.33	2,061.40	2,181.46	2,738.43
Intersection	25,000.00	14,960.00	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -
Library Bonds	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	50,961.28
TOTAL	414,958.53	387,558.39	338,203.83	291,297.53	437,940.92	391,839.43	442,008.99	446,223.18

DISBURSEMENTS

FUND	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
General	162,645.80	162,540.69	134,744.49	111,287.52	134,866.06	141,753.25	169,660.45	164,321.88
Water	103,512.08	136,296.32	89,204.51	141,299.93	131,019.29	142,161.09	97,974.80	113,086.56
Moyer Pool	2,347.31	6,589.74	2,674.04	1,737.86	2,165.96	2,390.39	2,103.87	4,362.12
Library	4,404.19	4,177.54	4,362.93	3,717.07	4,571.66	4,598.09	4,346.10	5,053.04
Spl. Impr.	114,032.42	123,305.61	71,264.85	70,727.64	118,492.21	110,804.49	150,344.68	71,145.26
Perpetual Care	66.90	1,200.00	- -	- -	51.02	31.95	3,638.69	1,387.37
Firemen's Pen.	117.92	1,200.00	1,122.75	1,200.00	1,245.30	2,104.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Intersection	2,270.60	804.19	593.98	- -	3,042.00	1,229.85	8,876.63	- -
Library Const.	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	- -	2,374.09
TOTAL	389,397.22	433,914.09	303,967.55	329,770.02	395,453.50	405,073.11	438,145.25	362,930.32

Detailed Report
of
Receipts and Disbursements
General Fund

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Taxes Levied, Valuation \$7,357,895.00		
Library .7185 Mills	5,249.88	5,125.78
General 14.2865 "	105,118.55	103,933.37
City Scales	1,200.00	1,374.10
Franchise Fees - Telephone	1,800.00	2,125.00
" " - Gas & Electric	6,000.00	6,000.00
Cleaning Grease Traps	1,800.00	1,655.00
Licenses & Inspection Fees	15,000.00	17,109.91
Park Gate Receipts & Concessions	3,000.00	2,172.64
Park - Auditorium	750.00	786.15
Park - Moyer Pool	3,500.00	3,263.01
Park - Golf Course	2,500.00	2,606.00
Police Court	3,000.00	3,913.63
Cemeteries, Interest Perpetual Care	635.00	1,182.25
Cemeteries, Miscellaneous Income	3,500.00	3,672.90
Library Fines	350.00	384.04
Public Improvement Refunds	3,000.00	- -
Miscellaneous - Weeds, Etc.	3,300.00	918.92
Force Account	15,000.00	12,651.08
Unexpended Balance Jan. 1, 1937	16,358.76	20,791.22
Totals	<u>\$191,062.19</u>	<u>\$189,665.00</u>

<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
General Bonds	12,027.50	12,013.24
Miscellaneous	9,007.77	6,677.14
Engineering Department	4,480.00	3,081.77
Fire Department	15,876.00	15,219.86
Airport	3,025.00	1,337.11
Health Department	6,375.00	6,023.53
Park Department	23,733.00	22,233.24
Cemetery Department	4,135.00	4,116.91
Lighting Streets and Parks	17,519.80	15,256.77
Highway Department	20,364.31	17,193.90
Sewer Department	1,278.00	1,203.22
Police Department	24,282.00	23,666.39
Public Benefit	3,410.00	3,345.89
General Office	13,362.40	12,740.32
Special Contingent	9,674.08	4,321.88
Force Account	20,000.00	15,856.04
Library	5,250.00	5,053.04
Moyer Pool	4,612.32	4,362.12
Totals	<u>\$198,412.18</u>	<u>\$173,702.37</u>

Detailed Report
of
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Water Funds

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Frontage Tax	200.00	803.61
Tank Water	250.00	447.25
Water Rentals	100,000.00	108,954.38
Warehouse Rentals	6,000.00	6,000.00
Lead Services	2,000.00	1,324.70
Force Acct. Ry. Crossing	4,100.00	2,007.86
Unexpended Balance Jan. 1, 1937	<u>3,154.68</u>	<u>7,799.68</u>
Totals	\$115,704.68	\$127,337.48
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Salaries and Labor	10,396.00	12,768.71
Office Expense	7,890.00	8,006.35
Materials and Supplies	7,745.00	9,530.80
Repairs to Equipment	700.00	670.29
New Equipment	2,250.00	2,555.46
Maintenance of Reservoirs	3,000.00	890.07
Improvements at Intake	200.00	38.00
Extension of Water Mains	7,000.00	3,530.54
New Copper Services	2,000.00	1,225.31
Repair Old Services	50.00	54.13
Maintenance, Warehouses	500.00	477.13
Repair Old Lead Services	350.00	238.82
State Compensation Insurance	250.00	250.00
Waste Survey	3,500.00	3,878.08
Miscellaneous	500.00	425.00
Replacing Flowline	4,000.00	96.29
Maintenance Flowline	2,500.00	3,616.09
Repair and Cleaning Reservoirs	1,000.00	5,212.89
New Water Rights	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>- -</u>
Total Operation and Improvements	\$54,831.00	\$53,463.96
<u>Bonds and Interest</u>		
Interest - Reservoir Bonds	2,160.00	2,100.00
Interest - Refunding Bonds	11,712.50	11,237.50
Interest - Extension Bonds	2,350.00	1,687.50
Principal - Refunding Bonds	19,000.00	19,000.00
Principal - Extension Bonds	22,500.00	22,500.00
Principal - Reservoir Bonds	3,000.00	3,000.00
Bank Service Charges	<u>151.18</u>	<u>97.60</u>
Totals	\$115,704.68	\$113,086.56

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Water Bonds

The Water Bonds constitute the largest amount of outstanding general obligation indebtedness of the City at this time. This indebtedness is being paid out of the income of the Water Department and no part of such indebtedness is paid from general taxes. In other words, the Water Department is entirely self-supporting.

As of December 31, 1937, the total bonded indebtedness against the Water Department has been reduced to the following amounts:-

Water Refunding Bonds - - - - -	\$215,250.00
Water Extension Bonds - - - - -	24,500.00
Reservoir Construction Bonds - - -	<u>51,000.00</u>
Total Outstanding 12/31/37	<u>\$290,750.00</u>

General Purpose Bonds

The General Obligation Bonds, payable from tax levy, consist of bonds issued for paving of street intersections and for the purpose of constructing a new Library Building.

On December 31, 1937 the following bonds were still unpaid:-

Street intersection, 1925 issue - - -	\$22,000.00
Street intersection, 1929 issue - - -	24,000.00
Library Construction, 1938 issue - -	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total General Bonds	<u>\$96,000.00</u>
Total Water Bonds	<u>290,750.00</u>
TOTAL General Obligation Bonds	<u>\$386,750.00</u>

Special Improvement Bonds

These bonds were issued for special improvement purposes and are not a general obligation bond. Grand Junction has maintained its moral obligation, however, and now can point with pride to the envious record of never refusing payment of either principal or interest as it came due.

The curbing oiling projects of the W.P.A. have accounted for creation of paving districts from District No. 25 to District No. 40, inclusive.

A detailed list of these outstanding bonds follow. Careful study of this list will furnish surprisingly favorable indication of efficient administration.

Summary of Indebtedness

Total outstanding indebtedness as of December 31, 1937 is as follows:

Total Intersection Bonds - - - - -	\$46,000.00
Total Library Bonds - - - - -	50,000.00
Total Water Bonds - - - - -	<u>290,750.00</u>
Total General Obligation Bonds - - -	<u>\$386,750.00</u>
Total Special Improvement Bonds - - -	<u>265,100.00</u>
Total Indebtedness	<u>\$651,850.00</u>

Total Disbursements
1/1/30 to 12/31/37

<u>Bonds</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
Water Refunding	\$152,000.00	\$119,825.00	\$271,825.00
Water Extension	127,500.00	41,862.50	169,362.50
Reservoir Const.	9,000.00	7,869.91	16,869.91
Intersection	84,500.00	32,625.17	117,125.17
Fairground	<u>13,000.00</u>	<u>2,612.76</u>	<u>15,612.76</u>
	<u>\$386,000.00</u>	<u>\$204,795.34</u>	<u>\$590,795.34</u>

GENERAL OFFICE

Under this department heading is included the salaries and expenses of the executive and clerical work of the City, at least that portion of the expense and salaries pro rated to the use of the General Fund for the proportionate share of time and expense chargeable to the governmental functions of the City, and which are not chargeable to separate departments or to other funds.

This department includes the salaries and office expense of the following:- City Manager, City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Attorney, Municipal Judge, Secretary to the Manager, Bookkeeper, Stenographer, Janitor of City Hall, Councilmen and Board of Adjustment.

Expenditures for 1937

Salaries - - - - -	\$9,987.49
Materials and Supplies - - - - -	1,201.86
Misc. - Lights, Telephone, etc. - - -	449.05
Official Printing - - - - -	588.80
Audit, Bonds, etc. - - - - -	<u>513.12</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$12,740.32</u>

SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

	<u>Outstanding</u> <u>1/1/30</u>	<u>New Issue</u>	<u>Outstanding</u> <u>12/31/37</u>	<u>Total Paid</u> <u>Since 1/1/30</u>
Sidewalk No. 6	1,250.00	--	--	1,250.00
Sidewalk No. 7	2,500.00	--	--	2,500.00
Sidewalk No. 8	2,500.00	--	--	2,500.00
Sidewalk No. 9	16,500.00	--	--	16,500.00
Sidewalk No. 10	7,000.00	--	4,000.00	3,000.00
Spl. San. Sewer No. 1	2,000.00	--	1,000.00	1,000.00
Spl. San. Sewer No. 2	--	1,200.00	800.00	400.00
Spl. San. Sewer No. 3	--	5,500.00	5,500.00	--
Combined Sewer No. 1	3,500.00	--	--	3,500.00
Combined Sewer No. 2	42,000.00	--	--	42,000.00
Combined Sewer No. 3	3,500.00	--	--	3,500.00
Combined Sewer No. 4	22,000.00	--	5,000.00	17,000.00
Combined Sewer No. 5	3,500.00	--	1,500.00	2,000.00
Sewer Dist. No. 5	1,750.00	--	--	1,750.00
Sewer Dist. No. 7	1,300.00	--	600.00	700.00
Alley Paving No. 1	4,000.00	--	--	4,000.00
Alley Paving No. 2	11,500.00	--	4,000.00	7,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 6	5,000.00	--	--	5,000.00
Paving Dist. No. 7	27,000.00	--	--	27,000.00
Paving Dist. No. 8	35,000.00	--	1,500.00	33,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 9	12,500.00	--	--	12,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 10	14,500.00	--	--	14,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 11	17,000.00	--	--	17,000.00
Paving Dist. No. 12	5,000.00	--	1,500.00	3,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 15	134,500.00	--	17,500.00	117,000.00
Paving Dist. No. 16	33,500.00	--	11,000.00	22,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 17	21,000.00	--	8,000.00	13,000.00
Paving Dist. No. 18	44,500.00	--	14,000.00	30,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 20	47,500.00	--	16,000.00	31,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 21	66,000.00	--	27,500.00	38,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 22	12,000.00	--	2,000.00	10,000.00
Paving Dist. No. 23	24,000.00	--	13,500.00	10,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 25	--	3,000.00	2,500.00	500.00
Paving Dist. No. 26	--	7,500.00	6,000.00	1,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 27	--	7,000.00	5,500.00	1,500.00
Paving Dist. No. 28	--	3,500.00	3,500.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 29	--	9,500.00	9,500.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 30	--	7,500.00	7,500.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 31	--	7,000.00	7,000.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 32	--	4,500.00	4,500.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 33	--	6,500.00	6,500.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 34	--	11,500.00	11,500.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 35	--	6,000.00	6,000.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 36	--	13,500.00	13,500.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 37	--	13,000.00	13,000.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 38	--	5,500.00	5,500.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 39	--	7,500.00	7,500.00	--
Paving Dist. No. 40	--	17,000.00	17,000.00	--
Curb & Gutter No. 1	--	1,100.00	800.00	300.00
Curb & Gutter No. 2	--	7,500.00	6,000.00	1,500.00
	<u>\$623,800.00</u>	<u>\$143,800.00</u>	<u>\$266,700.00</u>	<u>\$500,900.00</u>

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Expenditures

Salaries - - - - -	\$19,591.65
Materials and Supplies - - - - -	1,505.61
Care of Prisoners - - - - -	1,027.77
Telephone, Light, etc. - - - - -	854.52
Repairs to Equipment - - - - -	<u>686.84</u>
Total Expenditures	\$23,666.39

Three new members were added to the force on January 1, 1938, bringing the total number to fourteen, consisting of Chief, Assistant Chief and twelve patrolmen.

Until this time, however, the force was not large enough to properly handle all affairs of the department. The Police Department has, nevertheless, maintained a very high standard of efficiency for the few men employed. The amount of crime in Grand Junction is very low in comparison with other cities.

The following report shows the amount of work performed:-

Arrests		1,009
Arrests for State and Outside		109
Selling liquor		1
Drunks		463
Disorderly conduct		87
Assault and Battery		5
Vagrants		101
Gamblers		18
Traffic Violations		1,554
Trespass: Drunk D - Theft - Inves. - Ordinance		
Vic. - Fraud - Sex Offences, etc.		133
Juvenile Delinquents		5
Parole Violators		22
Paroled		99
Convicted		644
Released		266
Remaining in Jail		25
Meals Served		6,920
Amount of Fines Imposed	\$13,202.00	
Amount of Fines Collected	2,856.38	
Amount of Fines Worked Out	2,451.00	
A.W.O.L. and Suspended	7,912.92	
Cash Bonds Put Up	551.00	
Cash Bonds Returned	320.00	
Cash Bonds Forfeited	231.00	
Outside Collections	37.50	
Street Lights Reported Out		125
Sleepers		2,202
Recovered Property	\$16,769.50	
Business Doors Found Open		261

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Expenditures

Salaries - - - - -	\$12,902.36
Supplies - - - - -	922.06
Repair Equipment - - - - -	901.28
Repair Building - - - - -	34.86
Telephone, fuel, etc. - - - - -	<u>459.30</u>
Total Expenditures	\$15,219.86

The two platoon system of paid Fire Department is in use in Grand Junction. The personnel of the department consists of a Chief, two Captains, and four Firemen. This has been increased by two more firemen as of January 1, 1938.

Fire losses have been kept to a minimum. Strict inspection of the business district and strict enforcement of the building code and of the electrical code has had considerable influence in keeping down the fire hazard.

In addition to fighting fires, the firemen have handled all of the weighing over the City Scales and have handled all of the sales of City water in tank wagon quantities.

The following report shows a detailed report of the work performed:

Total Fire Alarms Responded to	114
Total Value of Buildings & Contents	\$1,847,480.00
Total Insurance of Buildings & Contents	1,619,200.00
Estimated Loss to Buildings & Contents	44,188.55
Percentage of loss to Value of Bldgs.	2.4%
Total Fires in Dwellings	41
Total Roof Fires of Dwellings	20
Total Chimney Fires of Dwellings	12
Total Fires Caused by Ash Pits	14
Total Feet Hose Laid	9,350
Total Feet Ladder Raised	622
Total Gallons Chemical Used	445
Total Fires in Frame Buildings	41
Total Fires in Brick Buildings	22
Total Fires in Autos	16
Total Fires Outside City	5
Total False and Unnecessary Alarms	8
Total Fires in Rubbish and Fences	22
Total General Inspections Made	12
Total Bill Boards Checked	34
All fire hose tested twice.	
Installed two booster tanks.	
Mounted one set of wheels, five tires.	
Overhauled two pumps.	

13,741 scale tickets @10¢ each	\$1,374.10
1,679 tanks of water @25¢ each	419.75

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

This department is charged with operation and proper performance of the Water Department, Sewer Department and the Highway Department. In addition to these departments, all work of the various W.P.A. projects on streets, sewer and water construction has been handled.

For convenience, these details will be set forth under departmental headings.

Highway Department

Expenditures

Salary and Labor - - - - -	\$7,268.63
Materials and Supplies - - - - -	1,632.44
Repair Equipment - - - - -	1,022.17
Insurance, Compensation and Fire - - -	416.31
New Equipment - - - - -	2,341.55
Repair Pavements - - - - -	190.60
Collection of Ashes - - - - -	4,322.20
Total Expenditures	\$17,193.90

The expense of improving and maintaining the streets of Grand Junction falls upon the City without any outside assistance. No funds from the county road fund are available for city streets. Three percent of the gasoline tax is apportioned to use of construction on state designated highways within the corporate limits. Most of these streets have already been improved. No portion of this money is available without consent of the State Highway Engineer. This consent was not given for any portion for 1937.

Some of the outstanding work performed by this department in 1937 is as follows:-

Pavement in business district cleaned by white wings daily	
Covered gutters flushed and cleaned	61
Blocks of pavement swept with sweeper	8,916
Loads of street sweepings hauled	1,131
Brooms made for sweeper	24
Loads of ashes and rubbish hauled	3,380
Sq. yds. dirt streets graded	1,176,763
Gallons water used flushing streets	4,662,389
Frozen gutters thawed	14
Pounds of calcium chloride used on icy streets	654
Cu. yds. oiled gravel used to repair streets	275
Days worked prisoners on rock pile	231

In addition to the above list, this department graded and placed culverts on Elm Avenue from 7th Street to 12th Street; placed stop signs on Main Street from 7th Street to 12th Street; painted 28 stop sign posts; cleaned cross walks of mud; repaired and painted street signs; removed ice from alleys and gutters in the business district; placed and removed barricades from Main Street for parades, band tournament, etc.; parking strips and curbs painted for traffic; accumulation of dirt and oil from parking places removed from pavement on Main Street; and erected and removed Christmas decorations from Main Street.

Water Department

Expenditures

Salaries and Labor - - - - -	\$12,768.71
Office Expense - - - - -	8,006.35
Material and Supplies - - - - -	9,530.80
Repairs to Equipment - - - - -	670.29
New Equipment - - - - -	2,555.46
Grand Mesa Reservoirs - - - - -	5,212.89
Improvements at Intake - - - - -	38.00
Extension Water Mains - - - - -	3,530.54
New Service Connections - - - - -	1,225.31
Repair Old Service Lines - - - - -	54.13
Repair Old Lead Services - - - - -	238.82
Compensation Insurance - - - - -	250.00
Replace Flowline - - - - -	96.29
Repairs to Flowline - - - - -	3,616.09
Repairs to Reservoirs - - - - -	890.07
Water Rights and Miscl. - - - - -	4,303.08
Warehouses - - - - -	<u>477.13</u>
Total Operation & Const.	\$ 53,463.96
Bonds and Interest	<u>59,622.60</u>
Total Expenditures	\$113,086.56

The item of salaries and labor shown above is unusually large this year and does not correctly show expenditures for the usual water department expense of operation. Under this heading is included all expense of experts, witnesses, attorneys' fees, and investigation labor made necessary by the Watson trial.

The following report shows a detailed report of the work performed:

Meters read	2,269
Meters repaired	57
Meters installed	128
Meter location changed	6
Service lines repaired	27
Service lines replaced	5
Service lines thawed	45
Service lines turned on and off	456
Service lines off at main	8
Service lines installed	138
Flowline (Wood) rebanded, in feet	575
Flowline (Wood) rebuilt, feet	536
Flowline (Steel) replaced, feet	75
Flowline patrol trips	104
Leaks, wood flowline, minor	894
Leaks, steel flowline, minor	93
Leaks, distribution, major C.I.	2
Leaks, distribution, Minor C.I.	14
Leaks, distribution, minor, steel	8

Water Department, Cont'd

Fire Hydrants installed	3
Fire Hydrants inspected	326
Fire Hydrants repaired	8
Fire Hydrants thawed	5
6" C.I. main laid, feet	3,346
Valves repacked	14
Valves installed	4
Valve boxes set to grade	23
Basements pumped out	5
Chlorine used, pounds	5,750
Ammonia used, pounds	2,100
Aluminum Sulphate used, pounds	104,400
Taps outside City	13
Curb box locations mapped	34

In addition to this detailed list, the Water Department performed the following:- Drinking fountains repaired and kept in operation; 36 malleable bands made and placed on flowline pipe; rip rapping of gullies and erosion points on flowline; flowline pressure tests made at various points along flowline; all dead end mains in City flushed; leaves and debris at intake raked off intake grill; Watershed on Grand Mesa patrolled daily from July 1 to October 15; repair and maintenance work done on warehouses; reservoirs Nos. 1 and 3 south of the City were repaired; and all equipment was maintained and repaired.

Flowing Park Reservoir was enlarged and work performed on road to it. More detailed report is given under W.P.A. projects.

An artesian well is being drilled at Lincoln Park in hope of securing a new source of pure water. It is expected to tap a water-bearing stratum at about 1,400 feet.

A Pitometer water waste survey was completed in order to show conditions of distribution system. It was found that there was house waste of 1,084,000 gallons daily which could be traced to negligence. Results of this survey indicated very conclusively that water meters must eventually be installed.

Sewer Department

Expenditures

Salaries and labor - - - - -	\$1,003.99
Materials and supplies - - - - -	26.62
New Manholes - - - - -	172.61
Total Expenditures	<u>\$1,203.22</u>

The following report shows a detailed report of the work performed:

Sewers rodded, feet	41,445
Sewers flushed, feet	44,960
12" Sewer laid, feet	804
6" Sewer laid, feet	1,340
Concrete Manholes constructed	8

Sewer Department, Cont'd

Most of the sewers in the City were thoroughly cleaned for the first time in many years. This year a systematic effort was made to give them the cleaning that has long been needed.

A thorough engineering examination was made of sizes and carrying capacities of the present sewers. A plan was drawn recommending additional intercepting sewers so that the present system can be made adaptable for many years to come. While nothing has been done in the construction of these sewers, this plan is being followed for any future additions.

Health Department

Expenditures

Salaries and Labor - - - - -	\$5,006.51
Cleaning Grease Traps - - - - -	857.72
Materials and Supplies - - - - -	91.01
Repair Equipment - - - - -	18.29
Miscl. - - - - -	50.00
Total Expenditures	\$6,023.53

The salary item has increased this year due primarily to creating the position of Health Inspector, who is primarily a motorcycle policeman assigned to this duty.

New legislation has been passed this year, regulating the handling and sale of fresh meats and providing for inspection and enforcement.

The following report shows a detailed report of the work performed:

Grease Traps Cleaned	1,818
Milk Samples Examined	318
Markets and Slaughter Houses Examined	961
Dairy Inspections	276
Cows removed	41
Houses fumigated	3
Cows tested for tuberculosis	652
Beef inspected and passed	3,483
Veal inspected and passed	1,242
Hogs inspected and passed	2,994
Sheep inspected and passed	662
Goats inspected and passed	1
Beef condemned	13
Livers condemned	1,563
Hogs condemned	13
Heads condemned	61
Hearts condemned	24
Tongues condemned	13
Veal condemned	3
Miscl. parts condemned, pounds	1,045
Sanitary Inspections	369
Carcasses condemned	9
Sheep condemned	1
Written notices to build ash pits	364

Health Department, Cont'd

Cancer cases reported	30
Chicken pox cases reported	44
Diphtheria cases reported	4
Encephalitis Legthargica cases reported	1
Erysipelas cases reported	14
Epidemic Jaundice cases reported	8
Gonorrhoea cases reported	57
Impetigo cases reported	65
Influenza cases reported	251
Measle cases reported	6
Meningitis cases reported	3
Mumps cases reported	4
Pneumonia cases reported	17
Puerperal Septicaemia cases reported	1
Rocky Mountain Spotted fever cases reported	8
Scarlet fever cases reported	9
Septicaemia cases reported	3
Septic Sore Throats reported	61
Small pox cases reported	6
Syphilis cases reported	41
Tuberculosis cases reported	11
Typhoid cases reported	5
Vincent's Angina cases reported	35
Whooping cough cases reported	24
Small pox vaccinations	643
Spinal fluid examinations	12
Throat Cultures	43
Tuberculin Clinic	85
Tuberculin Tests	246
Tuberculin X-rays	85
Widal Tests	3

There have been a large number of intestinal infections and diarrheas this past year. Several deaths have been reported from this group. These cases are not reportable cases and therefore are not included in the above list.

Samples of the City water have been submitted periodically to the State Board of Health and have been reported "Safe".

Park Department

Expenditures

Salaries and labor - - - - -	\$4,446.75
Materials and Supplies - - - - -	1,079.80
Repair Equipment - - - - -	268.25
Miscl - Insurance, etc. - - - - -	486.44
Lincoln Park Maintenance - - - - -	3,248.54
Lincoln Park Zoo - - - - -	1,002.97
Lincoln Park Golf Course - - - - -	2,303.36
Auditorium Maintenance - - - - -	469.65
Tennis Court Maintenance - - - - -	13.05
Center Parkings - - - - -	416.11
Athletic Field - - - - -	592.00
W.P.A. Projects - - - - -	<u>7,906.32</u>
Total Expenditures	\$22,233.34

A golf club house and caretaker's house was completed under W.P.A. project. Other work consisted mostly of normal maintenance work. More attention was devoted this year to the careful pruning of the trees in all of the parks. New trees were planted and old dangerous and diseased trees were removed.

Preliminary work was done in creating a Forestry Department to take care of all trees in public highways within the City with the object of a systematic planting of both species and size.

Drilling of an artesian well was started as an auxiliary water supply.

Cemeteries

Expenditures - - - - - \$4,116.91

The following report shows a detailed report of the work performed:

Interments	187
Monuments set	75
Perpetual Care Markers set	175
Grave markers made	300
Monuments leveled	400
Disinterments	4
Large trees removed	9

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Expenditures

Salaries and labor - - - - -	\$1,303.91
Materials and Supplies - - - - -	553.81
Electrical Inspector - - - - -	<u>1,224.05</u>
Total Expenditures	\$3,081.77

In addition to the above expenditures, all work performed by the department for special improvement districts was paid from funds of that district.

The following report shows a detailed report of the work performed:

Building permits issued	405
Building inspections	1,237
Plans checked	160
Valuation of buildings	\$571,737.00
Fees Collected	741.00

In addition to the above building work, all engineering work on Paving Districts Nos. 38, 39 and 40 was performed by this department, also all engineering for Special Sanitary Sewer District No. 3, being Elm Avenue from 7th Street to 12th Street. This work consisted of drawing plans and specifications for the work as well as the staking out of the actual work necessary in the construction; a careful resurvey was made of Milldale Addition for location of street lines; plans, specifications, and estimate were made for Sewer District No. 8 in the southeast part of the City; preliminary surveys were made for future sewage disposal plant and necessary intercepting sewers; made thorough topographical surveys and examinations on Reservoir Hill in connection with Watson suit; range stones were set at all street intersections on North Avenue; established grades and staked Airport for W.P.A. construction; made soil tests and soundings for new Library Building; and made complete survey of Redlands district to determine boundaries of City gravel plant.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

The following is a report of the work performed:

Total permits issued	788
Inspections made	658
Amount of fees collected	\$1,213.25

PLUMBING DEPARTMENT

The following is a report of the work performed:

Total permits issued	213
Inspections made	568
Amount of fees collected	\$512.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Births during 1937	361
Deaths during 1937	198

Following is a list of the ten leading causes of death:

Senility and Arteriosclerosis - - - - -	13
Organic heart disease - - - - -	31
Cancer - - - - -	14
Cerebral hemorrhage - - - - -	11
Stillborn and premature births - - - - -	20
Pneumonia and influenza - - - - -	43
Accidents - - - - -	10
Tuberculosis - - - - -	4
Brights disease - - - - -	3
Septicaemia - - - - -	7
All other causes - - - - -	42
Total	198

AIRPORT

Expenditures

Labor and Materials - - - - -	\$1,316.21
Compensation Insurance - - - - -	20.90
Total Expenditures	\$1,337.11

Considerable construction work was performed on the Airport during the year. Detailed report will be made under W.P.A.

MOYER POOL

Expenditures

Salaries and Labor - - - - -	\$1,136.22
Materials and Supplies - - - - -	900.40
New Equipment - - - - -	2,056.98
Maintenance and Repairs - - - - -	256.00
Miscl. - - - - -	12.52
Total Expenditures	\$4,362.12

The new equipment expense included new boiler and stoker installed to replace old worn out equipment.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Expenditures

Lights, telephone, etc. - - - - -	261.05
Salaries - - - - -	\$2,960.28
Books and Periodicals - - - - -	1,276.68
Fuel and Miscl. - - - - -	488.40
Repairs to building - - - - -	60.63
Total Expenditures	<u>\$5,053.09</u>

Receipts

General Taxes - - - - -	\$5,125.78
Fines, cards, etc. - - - - -	384.04
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 5,509.82</u>

Librarian's Report

Borrowers' cards issued	2,437
Books Loaned, Main Library	60,845
Books Loaned, Riverside	<u>4,324</u>
Total Books Loaned	65,169
Visitors, Week days	12,997
Visitors, Sundays	<u>753</u>
Total Reading Room Visitors	13,750
New books accessioned	622
Books withdrawn	538
Fines Collected	\$334.44
Quarterly Cards	<u>49.60</u>
Total Collected	\$384.04

At the spring election, the people authorized a \$50,000.00 bond issue to take advantage of a P.W.A. grant for the construction and equipping of a new Library Building. On October 1, 1937, the P.W.A. granted the application, thus clearing the way for a \$72,750.00 construction project during 1938, and assuring a long needed building.

W.P.A. PROJECTS

- Park Projects:- The construction of a new caretaker's residence and a new golf club house was completed. These two buildings were of frame construction with eight inch stone veneer and make a very great improvement to Lincoln Park. New areas of landscaping were constructed and considerable oiling of driveways was done.
- Cemeteries:- W.P.A. Workers did considerable work in cleaning up the old Orchard Mesa Cemetery in preparation for perpetual care. Old monuments were straightened up and markers were installed. Old shrubbery and diseased or dangerous trees were removed and other trees were pruned and trimmed.
- Airport:- This project was used primarily for a labor reservoir project. It is necessary that certain construction be performed in order that the Airport be brought up to the standards fixed by the government. As long as the Airport is not used to any extent, this work has been done only when extra men were available and use of these men will not delay or curtail the work of more important projects within the City.
- Water Dept.:- A W.P.A. project was used to build a dam at Flowing Park Reservoir on Grand Mesa. Dirt was taken from the bottom of the reservoir and used to reinforce the old dam and to bring it up to the standards as set by the office of the State Engineer. The entire face of the dam was covered with rubble stone 18" in depth. Due to the short season, it is necessary to continue this work from year to year. One more season should complete the dam, including the raising of same four feet.
- Street and Alley:- Work of paving the streets and alleys has continued throughout the year. Paving Districts Nos. 38, 39 and 40 were completed and work commenced on Districts 41 and 42. District No. 38 was paving of 26 blocks of alleys; District No. 39 was the surfacing of 13 blocks of streets; District No. 40 was curbing and paving of 20 blocks of streets; District No. 41 is paving of 19 blocks of alleys; and District No. 42 is paving and curbing of 15 blocks of streets.
- Sewer Work:- The W.P.A. forces were used in the construction of Special Sanitary Sewer District No. 3, being Elm Avenue from 7th Street to 12th Street.

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