

Grand Junction Co. April 19. 1897.

The City Council met pursuant to adjournment at 7:30 P.M. Mayor Ela presiding. Aldermen present; Fallis, W. Kinney, Hadcock, Starr, Wadsworth, Wells, Meyer and Thornton.

Minutes of the meetings of April 13 and 14 were read and approved.

The Qualifications of the Mayor, W. P. Ela, and Aldermen, Hadcock, Thornton, Wells, & Meyer were examined and found to be approved.

The Mayor appointed the following standing committees, for the ensuing year:

- Finance: - Aldermen, Wadsworth, Wells & Meyer.
- St. Alley Bridges: - " Meyer, Starr & Hadcock.
- Health, Police & Fire: - " Wells, Starr & Hadcock.
- License: - - - " Starr, W. Kinney and Thornton
- Water & Light: - - - " Hadcock, Fallis and Wadsworth
- Purchasing: - - - " W. Kinney, Wells and Fallis.

A Petition from George Bates, asking to be furnished with a <sup>ride</sup> was read and a motion to grant the petition was lost. The roll was called with the following result: Fallis, nay; W. Kinney, nay; Hadcock, yea; Starr, yea; Thornton, nay; Wadsworth, nay; Wells, nay; Meyer, nay.

The annual report of the Fire Chief was submitted and referred to Fire Committee.

Applications for the position of Night Policeman were read and Council proceed to select by Ballot.

The Mayor appointed Ald. Hadeworth and Whorton as tellers. The result of the Ballots were as follows:-

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>d</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
J. L. Baker	3 votes	3 votes	4 votes	4 votes
E. W. Cannon		1 "		
Lee H. Purnell	4 "	4 "	4 "	5 "
C. W. Arnett	1 "	1 "	1 "	

Lee H. Purnell having received a majority of votes was declared elected to the office of Night Policeman.

Applications for the position of City Physician were read and Council proceeded to elect by ballot.

Tellers, - Ald. Hadeworth and Whorton. The result of the ballot was as follows:-

Dr. Capps 3 votes  
 Dr. Eldridge 6 "

Dr. Eldridge having received a majority of votes was declared elected to the office of City Physician.

On motion the Bids for City Printing was deferred to a later meeting of the Council.

Ordinance No. 58 was called up and read. On Motion of Ald. Whorton it was again laid over until the next meeting.

A Resolution was presented by Ald. Whorton as follows:-

Whereas it is necessary that Grand Junction should have and keep a Fire Department, capable at any and all times to meet any emergency in case of fire, and whereas the Department has taken out the different companies, boys under twenty-one years of age and thereby hold the city responsible for injury which those boys may be subject to at any time.

Be it therefore resolved: - That no one remain a member, neither shall any one become a member of either of the Hose Company or Companies or the Hook and Ladder Companies or Companies of the City of Grand Junction Colorado, who has not arrived at the age of twenty-one years of age and possessing good moral, intellectual and physical ability, and sign a certificate holding the City harmless in case of an accident.

On motion action on this resolution was deferred until the next meeting.

The following resolution was offered by Ald. Wadsworth:

Be it resolved; that Platt Rogers of Denver, Colo., be and he hereby is retained and employed, as an attorney at law, to appear for and represent the City of Grand Junction in the case of the Grand Junction Water Company, Appellant vs the City of Grand Junction Appellee, now pending in the Court of Appeals of the State of Colorado, and that he be paid as full compensation for his services in the appellate courts, the sum of \$500.00. \$250.00 to be paid now, balance when case is carried through.

The roll was called with the following result: Ald. McKinney, yea; Starr, yea; Wadsworth, yea; Boyer, yea; Whorton, yea; Fallis, nay; Hadcock, nay; Wells, nay.

The resolution was adopted.

A resolution offered by Ald. Wadsworth as follows: Be it resolved, that Platt Rogers, of Denver, Colo. be and he is hereby retained and employed as an attorney at law, to appear for and represent the City of Grand Junction, in the action now pending in the District Court of Mesa County, Colo., wherein the Grand Junction Water Company is plaintiff and the City of Grand Junction is defendant (suit for hydrant rentals), and that he be paid a retainer fee of \$100.00, in said case and the further sum of \$50.00 per day, for each day that he is necessarily absent from the City of Denver for any purpose in connection with said suit.

On motion action on this resolution was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. W. C. Mullin addressed the Council, in behalf of the Silver Crescent Band, petitioning the council for the sum of \$300.00, to be paid to Mr. Boyer, for his services as teacher in the Band.

Mr. Boyer called the attention of the Council, that a contract, between the city and the Grand Valley Irrigation Co., exists and begged that some action be taken by the Council, in regard to the Bill for water rent. On motion the Bill of the Irrigation Co. was left with Finance Com.

On motion of Alderman Whorton, Alderman Wadsworth was elected Chairman of the Council.

On motion The Purchasing committee was instructed to purchase trees, to replace the missing trees in the City Parks.

A proposition from the Western Colorado Development Co., to sell to the city its Deep Well in Grand Junction

was read. On motion, action was deferred until the next meeting.

The Official Bond of S. R. Boile as City Treasurer, in the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars. (\$15,000.) Having as sureties S. R. Boile, Benton Cannon, Orson Adams Jr. and Wm. Carlyle, was read and on motion accepted.

On motion Council adjourned until Saturday evening at 7:30 P. M.

A. E. Horry  
City Clerk.