

Grand Junction, Colorado, September 14, 1914.

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction convened in regular adjourned session, at 4 o'clock p. m., in the City Hall, with Mayer Cherrington in the chair.

The following Commissioners, upon call of roll, responded as present: Cherrington, Verbeek, Rankin, Carsen, Helmburg.

City Attorney Tupper was present.

On the petitions of P. C. Watson and others, Elmer E. Frank and others, and Edward R. Heflin and others, asking the submission at a special election of amendments to

Section 72, Section 96, and the last paragraph of Section 35, Article IV, of the Charter of the City of Grand Junction, the City Attorney and the City Clerk, to whom the petitions had been referred, reported that the said petitions were in proper form and contained more than the requisite number of signers.

The following resolution was then introduced and read:

RESOLUTION.

Whereas a referendum petition protesting against the going into effect of Ordinance No. 226 was filed on ~~August~~ ^{July 28,} 1914, said ordinance No. 226 being entitled "An ordinance concerning appraisement and valuation of the Electric Light, Power and Gas Plants now operating under franchises from the City of Grand Junction" and whereas on August 28th, 1914, a petition was filed with the City Clerk signed by qualified electors in number more than ten per cent of the last preceding gubernatorial vote in the City of Grand Junction asking that there be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors at a special election an alternative amendment of the last paragraph of Section 35, Article 4, commencing with the words: "The Commissioners of Public Affairs" and ending with the words "The qualified electors of the City" and substituting in place thereof either: (a) "Each of the five Commissioners, being elective officers of said city, shall receive an equal salary payable monthly, in the sum of One Hundred Twentyfive (125.00) Dollars per month; provided, however, that at any Municipal election, the question of changing or fixing such salaries may be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the city.", or (b): "Each of the five Commissioners, being the elective officers of said city, shall receive an equal salary payable monthly, in the sum of One Hundred Ten (110) Dollars per month, provided, however, that at any municipal election, the question of changing or fixing such salaries may be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the city."

And whereas on August 31st, 1914, there was filed with the City Clerk a petition of qualified electors in number more than ten per cent of the last preceding gubernatorial vote in the city, asking the city to submit to the qualified electors at a special election a proposed amendment to Section 72 of said charter which proposed amendment would change said section to read as follows:

"72. Public Moneys. The Commissioner of Finance and Supplies shall, under the power and control of the City Council, have the direct management of the revenues of the city except as otherwise provided by this charter or by ordinance. He shall be ex-officio city treasurer, with the usual duties and powers of that office.

"The cash balances of the city in the hands of the city treasurer shall be deposited by the same in any bank or banks that shall agree to pay the highest rate of interest to the city

on such balances and the Commissioner of Finance and Supplies shall, not later than the 1st day of December of each year give a written notice to each bank in the city that on a certain day not later than two weeks thereafter the City Council will open bids of the banks of the city for the city depository for the ensuing year. Such bids must be accompanied by an agreement that such bank which shall be selected as such city depository will pay registered six per cent city warrants at par. In the event that no bids are submitted or that all bids submitted are equal, then the City Council shall designate such city depository for the next calendar year. Provided, however, that such depository shall be required to furnish a good and sufficient surety bond for the securing of such depository balance. Nothing herein shall prevent said treasurer under the orders of the city council from temporarily having such funds otherwise deposited, provided that as soon as practicable he shall re-deposit such deposits.

"No demand for money against the city shall be approved, allowed, audited or paid unless it shall be in writing, dated, and sufficiently itemized to identify the expenditure and shall first be audited by the Commissioner at the head of the department creating the same.

"The council shall by ordinance provide a system for the collection, custody and disbursement of all public moneys, and a system of accounting for the city, establishing as nearly as may be, a uniform system of municipal accounting, such system to be in accord with the provisions of this charter."

And whereas on August 31st, 1914, there was filed with the City Clerk a petition signed by qualified electors of the city in number more than ten per cent of the last preceding gubernatorial vote in the city, asking the council to submit at a special election a proposed amendment to Section 96 of the charter of said city, whereby said Section would read as follows:

"96. Rates - Regulations - Fines. The City Council shall by ordinance fix rates, establish regulations for the use of water by consumers, provide for the orderly administration of the department, and impose fines and penalties for the violation thereof. Such ordinance shall establish a uniform system of rates for the use of water by consumers, from which rates there shall be no rebates or reductions, it being the intent hereof to prevent any consumers of water from having any advantage or favor over other consumers, by contract or otherwise, except as herein provided.

"All consumers of water living outside of the city limits shall pay not less than double the rates so established and fixed for users within the city limits."

Now, therefore, be it resolved that a special election be and the same is hereby declared to be held in the said City of Grand Junction on October 1st, 1914. At such election ~~the question of adopting~~ the said ordinance and ~~the questions of the said proposed amendments be and the same hereby are~~ ^{orders} submitted to the qualified electors of the City of Grand Junction for their adoption or rejection. That the questions so submitted shall be voted on at the said election in the following designated voting places, to-wit:

- Precinct No. 9, City Hall.
- Precinct No. 10, 324 Main St.
- Precinct No. 11, Y M C A Building.
- Precinct No. 12, 724 Main St.
- Precinct No. 16, 220 N. 7th St.

The vote shall be by ballot and the said election shall be in all respects as near as may be conducted in the manner prescribed by the laws of the State of Colorado and the charter and

ordinances of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, in the cases of election for municipal officers. The City Clerk of said city shall cause the proper ballots to be prepared and notice of the said election given in due time and proper form as required by law. Said election shall be held between the hours of seven o'clock A.M. and seven o'clock P.M. on said date.

Moved by Commissioner Rankin, seconded by Commissioner Verbeck, that the resolution as read be passed and adopted.

The motion being put, upon call of roll, the Commissioners voted as follows: Cherrington, yea; Verbeck, yea; Rankin, yea; Carson, yea; Holmberg, yea.

All the Commissioners having voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution passed and adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Carson, seconded by Commissioner Verbeck, the Council adjourned.

Charles K. Holmberg

City Clerk.