

Grand Junction, Colorado
February 29, 1916

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

Upon call of roll, the following Commissioners responded as present: Cherrington, Vorbeck, Blackstone, Holmburg.

City Attorney Tupper was present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 23d were read and approved.

A committee of the Woman's Club appeared before the Council and asked the City for financial assistance to distribute copies of the Woman's Club Booster edition of the Daily News.

Moved by Commissioner Holmburg, seconded by Commissioner Vorbeck, that the City subscribe for 1,000 copies of the Woman's Club Booster edition of the Daily News, at 5 cents per copy, to be distributed by the said club.

The motion being put, upon call of roll, the Commissioners voted as follows: Cherrington, yea; Vorbeck, yea; Blackstone, yea; Holmburg, yea.

All the Commissioners having voted yea, the motion was declared carried.

Godfrey Amport, dealer in cigarettes, having sold his business to Charles Boyd and Jake Thomas, it was moved by Commissioner Vorbeck, seconded by Commissioner Blackstone, that the cigarette dealer's license issued December 31st, 1915, for six months to Godfrey Amport be transferred to the said Charles Boyd and Jake Thomas.

The motion carried.

The following bills having been examined and approved by the Commissioner of Public Affairs and audited, were read by the Clerk:

No.	Fund.	Claim of	Amount.	For
21,373	Police	John A. Matthews	\$75.00	Services Police--Feb.
374	Police	A. L. Halligan	25.00	Extra police--Feb.
375	Police	J. B. Hatch	20.00	Board C. C. Blackburn
376	Fire	A. E. Herrmann	75.00	Services Fireman--Feb.
377	Fire	F. E. Gilley	75.00	Services Fireman--Feb.

Moved by Commissioner Holmburg, seconded by Commissioner Vorbeck, that the bills as read be allowed and warrants ordered drawn for the several amounts.

The motion being put, each Commissioner as his name was called voted as follows: Cherrington, yea; Vorbeck, yea; Blackstone, yea; Holmburg, yea.

All the Commissioners having voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the bills allowed.

Moved by Commissioner Blackstone, seconded by Commissioner Holmburg, that the Commissioner of Finance and Supplies be authorized and instructed to purchase for the Highways Department one Sanitary Automatic Street Flushing Machine 1914 model, for \$1,000.00, according to terms specified in requisition for same.

The motion being put, upon call of roll the Commissioners voted as follows: Cherrington, yea; Vorbeck, yea; Blackstone, yea; Holmburg, yea.

All the Commissioners having voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Holmburg, seconded by Commissioner Blackstone, that the proposition of S. R. Schaeffer to audit the books and accounts of the City for the year 1916 be accepted and that he be employed to do the work on the same terms as last year, or \$350 for two semi-annual audits.

The motion being put, upon call of roll the Commissioners voted as follows: Cherrington, yea; Vorbeck, yea; Blackstone, yea; Holmburg, yea.

All the Commissioners having voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The matter of the appointment of a Commissioner of Water and Sewers being brought to the attention of the Council, it was moved by Commissioner Holmburg, seconded by Commissioner Blackstone, that the Council now proceed to appoint a Commissioner of Water and Sewers to fill vacancy occasioned by the death of Commissioner Carson.

The motion carried.

The Clerk then read the list of applicants for the position, being as follows: J. W. Carson, E. R. Romberg, W. T. Vedder, H. W. Norgaard, James H. Rankin, G. A. Warning, and J. W. Rader.

The Council then proceeded to ballot, the result being as follows: Norgaard 1, Vedder 1, Romberg 1, Carson 1.

No one having received a majority of votes, no choice was made and a second ballot was taken, the result of which was as follows: Warning 1, Romberg 1, Rankin 1, Vedder 1.

No one having received a majority of votes there was no choice.

A third ballot was taken, which resulted as follows:

Rankin, 3.
Warning, 1.

James H. Rankin having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Mayor declared the said James H. Rankin duly appointed to the office of Commissioner of Water and Sewers to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Commissioner Carson.

The following resolution, introduced by Commissioner Vorbeck, was then read by the Clerk:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 38 of Article 4 of the City Charter it becomes the duty of this Council to appoint some eligible person as Commissioner of Water and Sewers to serve until the next election in the place of Commissioner Frank L. Carson, recently deceased, and

WHEREAS, the active duties of the Department of Water and Sewers are well taken care of by the employees of that department and it is therefore of more importance to select for appointment some man who will be valuable as a member of our Council, and as acting Mayor in the absence of that official, and

Whereas, James H. Rankin has had four years' experience as a member of this Council and has always proved an able man to us as such; is economical in the administration of the affairs of the City and knows its needs; be it, therefore,

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction that James H. Rankin be, and he is hereby appointed to serve as Commissioner of Water and Sewers of the City of Grand Junction until the next election.

Moved by Commissioner Vorbeck, seconded by Commissioner Holmburg, that the resolution as read be passed and adopted.

The motion being put, upon call of roll, the Commissioners voted as follows: Cherrington, yea; Vorbeck, yea; Blackstone, no; Holmburg, yea.

A majority of the Commissioners having voted yea, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution passed and adopted.

On motion of Commissioner Vorbeck, seconded by Commissioner Holmburg, the Council then adjourned.

/s/ Charles K. Holmburg
City Clerk.