

Grand Junction, Colorado
July 24, 1917

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, Rankin, Vorbeck, Blackstone, Holmburg.

City Attorney Tupper was present.

The minutes of the regular meeting of July 17 were read and approved.

Mr. Mattingly applied to the Council for permit to erect a sign to project 18 inches over sidewalk at the corner of Sixth and Main streets.

Moved by Commissioner Rankin, seconded by Commissioner Blackstone, that permission be granted to Mr. Mattingly to erect a sign as asked for at the corner of Sixth and Main streets.

The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

The petition of W. H. Aupperle, E. S. Thomas, and others, for the extension of the sewer between Teller and Beford avenues, west of Second street, was presented and read.

On motion of Commissioner Holmburg, seconded by Commissioner Vorbeck, the petition was referred to the Commissioner of Water and Sewers, with request to report findings at the next meeting of the Council.

A committee from the Chamber of Commerce appeared before the Council and asked for a donation from the City to help defray the expense of issuing a pamphlet setting forth the advantages and resources of Grand Junction and Mesa County.

The following resolution was thereupon introduced and read:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce is preparing for publication a booklet advertising Mesa County and Grand Junction at an expense of about \$1,000.00, and

WHEREAS, the Chamber of Commerce desires to have the City of Grand Junction pay \$200.00 toward the cost of said booklets, and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the City Council such booklet is beneficial to the city and the city should contribute to its publication; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that it is the sense of this Council that there should be appropriated \$200.00 toward such publication, such appropriation to be available at as early a date as possible after the publication of the booklet.

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

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

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

The following communication from the Mayor was read to the Council:

CHAS. E. CHERRINGTON MAYOR COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS	THE MODEL COMMISSION GOVERNMENT CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION COLORADO THE INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, RECALL, AND PREFERENTIAL SYSTEM OF VOTING	H. F. VORBECK COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND SUPPLIES
JAMES H. RANKIN COMMISSIONER OF WATER AND SEWERS	"THE FREEST CITY IN THE WORLD" L.J. JOHNSON HARVARD UNIVERSITY	CHARLES K. HOLMBURG COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND CIVIC BEAUTY
L. E. BLACKSTONE COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS		

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City Commissioners,

Grand Junction, Colo.,

Gentleman,

So much comment has been made pro and con on the city water situation that I desire to make a proposition to the commissioners regarding the use of water during the month of August.

I have given the matter a good deal of attention and have listened to the comments of citizens from all parts of town, making a personal investigation of many instances and have arrived at the conclusion that to be absolutely fair we should listen to our people on this matter and at least give them the opportunity to prove that they are right and we are wrong in limiting the hours

for irrigation.

I therefore make this proposition to the commissioners; that we take the limitation off for the month of August and allow the citizens to irrigate their lawns whenever they desire. We should keep a perfect record of conditions and be able to know and tell the people how the situation stands at the end of the month as compared with months in the past under the present restrictions.

For the purpose of bringing the matter up in the regular way I request that one of the commissioners make a motion in accord with the above proposition so that the matter may be discussed.

/s/ Chas. E. Cherrington

To submit the matter of the communication to the Council, Mayor Cherrington then moved that the Council suspend for the month of August the regulations in reference to the hours for using city water for sprinkling lawns and irrigating gardens.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Holmburg.

After some discussion the motion was then put, the vote being as follows: Cherrington, yea; Rankin, no; Vorbeck, no; Blackstone, no; Holmburg, no.

A majority of the Commissioners having voted no, the motion was declared lost.

A communication from the Public Utilities Commission was presented and read.

In reference to the matter of the said communication, it was then moved by Commissioner Holmburg, seconded by Commissioner Rankin, that the Mayor and City Attorney be instructed to take the necessary steps for the protection of the interests of the City in the premises, with instructions to report to the Council the steps taken.

The motion carried by a unanimous vote of the Council.

Moved by Commissioner Rankin, seconded by Commissioner Blackstone, that the Mayor address a letter to the proper authorities of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Co., setting forth the facts inreference to the switch stand on Main street where the tracks of said railroad company cross said street, and requesting the removal of said switch stand.

The motion carried.

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

/s/ Charles K. Holmburg,

City Clerk.