

Grand Junction, Colo.

April 14 1926

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction met in regular adjourned session at 7:30 o'clock P.M. with President Bell presiding. Those present and answering at roll call were Councilmen Bell, Bear, Ellison, Fairley, Logsdan, Meders & Moslander. City Manager Thompson, City Attorney Hinman and City Clerk Peck were present.

The following resolution was introduced and read:

RESOLUTION

Resolved:

That J.G. McKinney, City Treasurer, of the City of Grand Junction be and is hereby authorized to sell and assign for cash certain tax sale certificates belonging to the City of Grand Junction at such sums, which shall not be less than the amount set by the appraisers appointed by the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners of Mesa County, Colorado.

Councilmen Moslander moved, seconded by Councilman Meders that the resolution as read be passed and adopted, upon which motion the following vote was cast: Councilmen voting "Yea" Bear, Ellison, Fairley, Logsdan, Moslander, Meders & Bell. All the Councilmen voting "yea" the President declared the motion carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted.

The Clerk proceeded to open the sealed bids for the construction of Paving District No. 15, the following bids being tabulated:

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Councilman Moslander moved, seconded by Councilman Meders that the bid of the Strange-MaGuire Paving Company for Paving District No. 15 on Type 1-C which is a 3" crushed rock sub-base with a 2 1/2" asphaltic concrete base and a 1 1/2" Warrenite-Bitulithic Top be accepted subject to the creation of said district and further subject to the subtraction of any street or streets therefrom on account of remonstrances that may be hereafter filed, upon which motion the following vote was cast: Councilmen voting "yea" Bear, Ellison, Fairley, Logsdan, Meders, Moslander & Bell. All the Councilmen voting "yea" the President declared the motion carried.

A petition was presented by residents on South Ave. between 7th & 8th Sts. requesting that the City Council require the Grand River Valley Ry. Company to remove their tracks from said street. Councilman Moslander moved, seconded by Councilman Meders that

the petition be referred to the City Manager & the City Attorney for their investigation & report. Motion carried.

A communication was read from Sidlo, Simons, Day & Company of Denver, purchasers of the bonds for Paving Dist. No. 12, said communication requested the City Council to pass an ordinance guaranteeing by the City, the bonds for issued by said district. The City Attorney advised the Council that such an ordinance could not be legally passed without being endorsed by the voters of the city.

Thereupon Councilman Logsdon, seconded by Councilman Moslander that the request of Sidlo, Simons, Day & Company of the passage of an ordinance guaranteeing the bonds issued by Paving Dist. No. 12 be refused. Motion carried.

The following resolution was introduced and read:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, At this time there are pending before the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado three applications for authority to operate busses as follows: The application of Ralph McGlochlin for authority to operate busses from Wolcott to Glenwood Springs and from Glenwood Springs to Grand Junction, the application of The Auto Transportation and Toll Road Company to operate busses from Dotsero to Grand Junction, and the application of The Motor Transportation Company to operate busses between Grand Junction and Colorado Springs via Glenwood Springs, Leadville and Buena Vista; and

WHEREAS, In the opinion of the City Council of City of Grand Junction, Colorado, The Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Company covers in a reasonable way the field desired to be covered by the said applications, and the Railroad during the past several years has expended annually large sums of money for the development of its roadbed and rolling stock, and has also expended large sums of money in developing yards and is at this time expending large sums of money between Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs in laying new rails and ballasting its tracks, all of which will make it possible for the Railroad to give better service in this locality and also to the various localities through which the road passes; and

WHEREAS, In the opinion of the City Council the development of the Railroad and the development of the City of Grand Junction and the surrounding territories are interdependent, and the development of the Railroad will mean increased prosperity for the City of Grand Junction through the employment of more employees by the Railroad and for other reasons; and

WHEREAS, The Railroad is the heaviest single tax payer in Mesa County, while the various bus companies, asking for permits, pay very little taxes; and

WHEREAS, Said Railroad Company has maintained, and is now maintaining, a passenger and freight service over its established lines, which, in the opinion of the City Council, is responsible for much of the development of Western Colorado, and particularly Grand Junction and its vicinity, and in the maintenance and operation of this service has expended, and will expend, large sums of money in the development and improvement of its lines and facilities as hereinbefore stated, and by reason of such establishment and development of such service, and the expenditures therefor, said company is, in the opinion of the said City Council, entitled to the first opportunity to increase the service by the maintenance and operation of motor transportation busses, should the Public Utilities Commission of Colorado, in their opinion, find such increased service necessary for the public convenience and necessity; and

WHEREAS, Said Railroad Company has indicated that if the Public Utilities Commission of Colorado find that a necessity for increasing transportation facilities between the points hereinbefore mentioned exists, that it will establish, operate, and maintain motor transportation busses to properly and adequately meet such necessity.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Grand Junction does hereby oppose and protest against the granting of the Certificate of Authority on any and all of the said applications, and does hereby respectfully request the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado to deny the said applications, and should the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment, maintenance, and operation of passenger, freight, or express service between the points above indicated, over and above that now supplied by said Railroad Company, that said Commission grant the proper Certificate of Authority or permit to the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Company, to establish, maintain, and operate motor bus transportation over the above named routes, upon making and filing with said Commission the proper application therefor.

Councilman Ellison moved, seconded by Councilman Bear that the resolution as read be passed and adopted; upon which motion the following vote was cast: Councilmen voting "yea" Bear, Ellison, Fairley, Logsdan, Meders, Moslander & Bell. All the Councilmen voting "yea" the President declared the motion carried and the resolution duly passed and adopted.

Upon motion of Councilman Bear, seconded by Councilman Moslander the Council adjourned.

/s/ Fred A. Peck

                      
City Clerk