

Grand Junction, Colorado.

October 20th, 1926

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met in regular session at 7:30 P. M. President of the Council, Bell, presiding. Those present and answering to roll call were Councilmen Logsdon, Bear, Fairley, Meders, Moslander, Ellison, and Bell; City Manager Thompson, City Attorney Hinman, and City Clerk Bliss.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 6th and the special meeting of October 19th were read and approved.

A letter from the Grand River Valley Railway Co., dated October 20th, 1926 was presented and read, as follows:

THE GRAND RIVER VALLEY RAILWAY COMPANY
LEGAL DEPARTMENT
S.G. McMULLIN,
GENERAL ATTORNEY
GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.

Grand Junction, Colorado
October 20, 1926

Hon. J. E. Bell, Mayor and
The City Council of Grand Junction,

Gentlemen:

Since our informal talk with you on the 22nd relative to the application of The Grand River Valley Railway Company to be allowed to discontinue street car service on the streets of the city, acting under what we understand to be your informal suggestion, we beg to submit for your consideration the following:

First. A motor bus transportation company has agreed to co-operate with us in trying out and demonstrating in the City of Grand Junction the superiority and utility of motor bus transportation instead of street car transportation until May 1, 1927 beginning on or before November 1, 1926.

Second. They agree to operate two motor busses at all times from 6:30 in the morning until 10:30 at night, to charge for the same an 8¢ fare for adults and a 5¢ fare for children, with two 8¢ tickets for 15¢, over all feasible routes which will be agreed upon between the City Manager and the Manager of this motor bus transportation company. They inform us that they will run a total daily mileage of approximately 350 miles, which is almost twice the present daily mileage of the street car lines. Furthermore, the routes will be so arranged as to prevent duplication as much

as possible and will give much more extensive service to the citizens of Grand Junction. They will also pay special attention to the accommodation of school children.

Transfers without charge will be given from one line to another in order to complete a trip in any one direction.

Third. These busses will have regular stopping places at the curb where people can enter from and alight on the sidewalk, it being requested that you designate landing places on Main Street for this purpose.

Fourth. This company will be responsible for the maintenance and management of this line until May 1, 1927 and this motor bus transportation company agrees that not later than March 1, 1927 it will decide whether to apply for a franchise for a period of time not less than the unexpired term of our franchise to continue the operation of busses upon the streets of the city.

Fifth. This company, during said period of operation and until May 1, 1927, will discontinue upon its lines in the City of Grand Junction the operation of all passenger service except what is termed the interurban service which will continue as now existing with such seasonable modifications and changes as are usual and necessary.

Sixth. This company agrees that if this operation is accepted by you that it will be without prejudice to the rights of the city after May 1, 1927, under our existing franchise.

Seventh. That in case the service so rendered by this motor bus transportation company is unsatisfactory or in case they should decide to cease operations on or prior to May 1, 1927, then the Grand River Valley Railway Company agrees to resume its present service of said street car system immediately thereafter; provided that nothing contained herein shall in any manner whatsoever change, modify, or affect any or the provisions, terms and conditions of the existing franchise, or create any new or greater duty or obligation on the part of this company whose sole duty and obligation as to operating street cars on its lines shall remain and continue as provided in its franchise.

This proposition is made in good faith for the purpose of enabling a demonstration of the feasibility of street bus transportation and whether it is better suited to the requirements of the citizens of Grand Junction than street car transportation. We believe that service which enables people to enter these magnificent busses from the sidewalk at convenient places and permits elastic operation suited to varying needs of the public will be welcomed in preference to the inelastic operation of street cars which can only be entered and left from the middle of the street with increasing dangers from rapid moving street transportation now existing.

The fares which will be charged are the same as charged by the street cars in Denver and less than the amount charged in Colorado Springs by street cars and the great improvement and added convenience is worth more than the difference in price.

This proposition does not bind you to in any way grant a franchise to this motor bus transportation company if it applies in the spring nor will it prevent you or the citizens of Grand Junction from granting a franchise for this purpose to any other concern which it may prefer. That of course will be a matter for you and the people to decide.

Very truly yours,

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Vice-President and General Manager

Moved by Councilman Fairley and seconded by Councilman Bear, that the Grand River Valley Railway Company be permitted to temporarily discontinue its street railway service from November 1st, 1926 to May 1st, 1927, in accordance with the terms of their letter of October 20th, 1926. Vote being taken by roll call and all the Councilmen present voting yea, President of the Council, Bell, declared the motion carried.

The City Clerk reported no bills had been filed against the Strange-Maguire Paving Company, in accordance with published notice to claimants on Paving District No. 16. Whereupon it was moved by Councilman Fairley and seconded by Councilman Bear that the City Manager and City Auditor be authorized to issue warrants to the Strange Maguire Paving Company for \$5703.04 on Paving District No. 16 Fund and \$668.50 on Intersection Fund in settlement of Final Estimate No. 6. Vote being taken on roll call, and all the Councilmen voting yea, President of the Council Bell, declared the motion carried.

The resignation of C. P. Bliss as City Auditor and Ex-officio City Clerk was presented and read, whereupon it was moved by Councilman Moslander and seconded by Councilman Ellison that said resignation be accepted, to be effective October 21st, 1926. Upon vote being duly taken, President of the Council, Bell, declared the motion carried.

Moved by Councilman Meders and seconded by Councilman Bear that Mrs. Helen C. Niles be appointed temporarily as City Auditor and Ex-Officio City Clerk, to be effective October 22nd, 1926. A vote being duly taken, President of the Council, Bell, declared the motion carried.

A proposed ordinance was introduced and read, as follows:

A PROPOSED ORDINANCE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the following proposed ordinance was introduced, read and ordered published by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, at the Regular meeting held by said body on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1926.

/s/

City Clerk

SEAL

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE SALARY OF THE CITY TREASURER.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO:

Section 1. That the City Treasurer of the City of Grand Junction shall receive the following monthly salary beginning October 20th 1926, payable at the close of each and every month, viz:

City Treasurer \$175.00

Section 2. That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed and adopted this 20th day of October A. D. 1926.

/s/

President City Council

ATTEST

City Clerk

Moved by Councilman Ellison and seconded by Councilman Bear that said proposed ordinance be passed for publication. A vote being duly taken, on roll call Councilmen voting yea thereon, President of the Council, Bell, declared the motion carried.

On motion of Councilman Moslander, seconded by Councilman Fairley, and duly carried the Council adjourned.

/s/ C.P. Bliss
City Clerk.