

Grand Junction, Colo.,

May 4th, 1927.

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Those present and answering at roll call were: Councilmen Bear, Meders, Penberthy, Rogers, Hall, Ellison, Moslander, City Thompson, City Clerk Niles, and City Attorney Hinman.

The minutes of the meeting of May 2nd were read and approved.

Councilman Penberthy moved that T. E. Thompson be appointed City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rogers. Councilman Penberthy moved that nominations be closed and the City Clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Thompson for City Manager. Councilman Bear seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was duly cast and the appointment confirmed.

Councilman Meders moved that Mrs. Helen C. Niles be appointed City Auditor and Ex-Officio City Clerk. Councilman Bear seconded the motion. Councilman Hall moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot for Mrs. Niles for City Auditor and Ex-Officio City Clerk. Councilman Meders seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was duly cast and the appointment confirmed.

Councilman Penberthy nominated Stanley Miller for City Treasurer. Councilman Bear nominated J. G. McKinney, Councilman Hall moved the nominations be closed and vote cast by ballot. Motion seconded and carried. The ballots were cast and the City Clerk acted as teller. The following is the result:

McKinney.....2
Miller.....5

Mr. Miller receiving a majority of the votes cast, he was duly appointed to the office of City Treasurer.

Councilman Rogers moved that W. R. Hinman be appointed City Attorney. Councilman Bear moved that nominations be closed and the City Clerk be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot appointing Mr. Hinman to the office of City Attorney. Councilman Hall seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was then cast by the clerk and the appointment duly confirmed.

Councilman Bear nominated C. H. Crawford for the office of Judge of the Municipal Court. Councilman Rogers nominated W. C. Hermann. Councilman Penberthy moved that nominations be closed and a vote cast by ballot. The ballots were cast, the City Clerk acting as teller. The following is the result:

Crawford.....2

Herrmann.....5

Mr. Hermann having received a majority of the votes cast, he was duly appointed Judge of the Municipal Court.

T. E. Thompson, City Manager, W. R. Hinman, City Attorney, Helen C. Niles, City Auditor and Ex-Officio City Clerk then took the oaths of their respective offices. Frank Hall, Notary Public, administered the oaths.

Councilman Meders moved, seconded by Councilman Hall that Mr. J. E. Ragan be instructed to make an audit of the books of Mr. McKinney, City Treasurer. Motion carried.

Councilman Hall moved that the bond now being secured by Stanley Miller from The Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, bonding him as City Treasurer be accepted, when approved by the City Attorney. Councilman Meders seconded the motion and it was duly carried.

Councilman Penberthy moved, seconded by Councilman Rogers that as soon as the dates had been corrected on the bond of W. C. Hermann, and it had been approved by City Attorney Hinman, that it be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

Several paving and graveling petitions were presented by the Clerk. They were for paving Gunnison Avenue from Third Street to Seventh Street, and from Twelfth Street to Fourteenth Street, and Ouray Avenue from Third Street to Seventh Street; and for graveling Colorado Avenue from Seventh to Twelfth Streets. Councilman Rogers moved, seconded by Councilman Bear that the petitions be referred to the City Manager to be reported on at the next meeting. Motion carried.

The County Commissioners and County Attorney Heckman were present, arrangements having been made at a meeting of the old Council whereby a decision would be given at this time regarding the proposed City and County Jail Building. The following report was presented and read:

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To The City Council,
Grand Junction, Colo.

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit the following report and recommendations concerning the construction of a joint City and County jail which has been discussed for the past several months by the City Council and the Mesa County Commissioners.

I have written a number of letters for data concerning the economy of joint construction, and the only instance I have been

able to find of a joint jail is at Cheyenne Wyoming. The joint construction there seems to be working alright, though I can get no comparative figures as to cost compared to separate jails. The following cities that I have heard from have separate jails: Alamosa, Colorado Springs, Denver, Pueblo, Fort Collins, Fort Morgan, Trinidad, Sterling and Lamar.

It is very seldom that the City has a prisoner with a jail sentence to serve of more than a few days. Our jail is used mostly for housing the floating element over night and holding law violators for trial in Police Court. All major law violations are prosecuted in the County and District Courts. The Municipal Court is not a court of record and only deals with violations of the City Ordinances.

The City of Grand Junction pays about one-third of the taxes of Mesa County and is, therefore, paying its proportionate share of the cost of building and maintaining the county jail. To cooperate to the extent of \$15,000.00 in the construction of a jail as estimated from the receipts of 1928 would necessitate either a bond issue or an increase in city taxes. To reduce the funds used in the several departments below the appropriations for 1927 to the extent of \$15,000 is not practical.

The present city jail is adequate for the City of Grand Junction for several years to come. In fact the City needs a new Public Library building and a City Hall much more than it needs a new jail. The jail could be utilized for a work shop for repairing equipment, but it would not really be adequate for that purpose. The time will soon come when the City will need a modern garage and shop for maintaining and storing its equipment similar to the one now used at Greeley.

The City of Grand Junction holds certificates for taxes against lots 14 and 15 in block 127 dating back to 1913. The amount due on these lots including 1926 for special improvements, without interest and penalty, is \$681.38. The amount due for general taxes which includes city, state, county and school district is \$387.10, not including interest and penalty. If the County will erect on these lots instead of the court house block, I wish to recommend that these certificates be cancelled or donated to the County.

Through correspondence I have located the heirs to the last owner of these lots and have an offer to turn over the copy of final report and quit claim deeds from the heirs for the sum of \$150.00, which will give a good deed to this property should the County decide to use them.

After due and careful consideration it is my opinion that it would not be advantageous to either the City or County to construct a combined jail.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. E. Thompson

City Manager.

Councilman Hall moved seconded by Councilman Meders that the City Council decline to participate in a joint jail building by the City and County. Motion carried.

Councilman Hall moved, seconded by Councilman Rogers that the City Council tender a vote of thanks to the County Commissioners and assure them of our appreciation of their offer to co-operate in a combination jail. Motion carried.

The matter of the zoning plans came up, and it was agreed that the various Councilmen would bear in mind that a zoning commission would have to be selected by them, and that they should be prepared to name members of this board at the next meeting.

The following proposed ordinance was presented and read.

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 4th day of May, 1927.

/s/

City Clerk

ORDINANCE CONCERNING SALARIES.

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

Section 1. The following named officers and employees of the City of Grand Junction shall receive the following monthly salaries, beginning May 5th, 1927, payable at the close of each and every month, viz:

City Treasurer.....	\$150.00
Judge of the Municipal Court.....	50.00
Chief of the Dept. of Public Works.....	165.00

Section 2. That all ordinances and parts thereof in conflict herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed and adopted this _____ day of May, 1927.

/s/

President of the Council

ATTEST:

/s/

City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Meders, seconded by Councilman Rogers that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

The Council requested that the City Manager prepare a report on the water system of the City and present it at a later meeting.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion of Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Meders, the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Helen C. Niles
City Clerk