

Grand Junction, Colo.

May 18th, 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 Rogers, Hall, Ellison, Penberthy, Meders, Bear, Moslander, City Manager Thompson, City Attorney Hinman, and City Clerk Niles.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 4th were read and approved.

Prof. Tope appeared before the Council and explained the Junior College situation, stating that a certain fund would have to be raised in order to keep the College running for the coming year. He presented his budget for the year and asked that the City repair the building for the College, repairs not to exceed \$100.00, to furnish light, gas, and water, and to make a cash donation.

Councilman Hall moved that the City Manager be instructed to pay the light, gas, and water bills incidental to operating the Junior College pay for repairs on same up to \$100.00, and pay in cash to the Junior College the sum of \$400.00 at such times as it may be necessary and advisable in his discretion. Councilman Penberthy seconded the motion. The following vote was cast. Councilmen voting "Yea", Penberthy, Meders, Bear, Ellison, Hall, Rogers, Moslander. All the Councilmen voting "Yea", the President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Chas. Rump Vice President and General Manager of the Grand River Valley Railroad Company presented the following proposal:

The Grand River Valley Railroad Company

CLARE N. STANNARD, PRESIDENT

GUY W. FALLER, VICE PRESIDENT

THOMAS I. CARTER, VICE PRESIDENT

CHAS. RUMP, VICE PRES. & GENL. MGR.

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Grand Junction, Colorado

C.B. LUSCOMBE, ASST. MGR.

HARRY T. HUGHES, TREASURER

J. E. LOISEAU, SECRETARY

E. E. SHERMAN, ASST. SECY.

WAYNE LUELLEN, ASST. TREAS.

May 13, 1927

Mr. Clyde Moslander
President of the City Council
Grand Junction, Colorado

Dear Sir:

For some months past, we have been endeavoring to demonstrate to this city through the operation of street motor busses that this

method of transportation is more flexible, feasible, up-to-date and satisfactory than the old-style type of railway cars. Under our proposal contained in our letter of October 20, 1926, and accepted by you, the time for the operation of this type of transportation expired April 30th. We do not believe that the citizens of Grand Junction nor your honorable body desire a resumption of the inadequate and cumbersome street railway car system of transportation as formerly conducted, but that you desire in connection with the street railway system as now operated by our interurban cars, a continuation of street motor bus transportation which, if properly conducted, will afford transportation facilities for a larger group and over a larger territory than our railway cars can afford, and we therefore submit to you for your consideration the following:

That in order to improve the condition of the streets over which a portion of our tracks are laid, we propose to remove the tracks, poles and overhead wires, appliances and equipment from the following streets, to-wit:

Gunnison Avenue from Twelfth Street to Fourth Street
Fourth Street from Gunnison Avenue to alley north of Rood Avenue
Tenth Street from Gunnison Avenue to Main Street

All said work of removal to be conducted in accordance with rules of reasonable safety to the public, and the streets to be left in such a state of repair as may be acceptable to the City Manager of the City of Grand Junction and subject to his approval. In consideration of your permission for the removal of such tracks and equipment from said streets, we agree

First. To operate one motor street transportation bus at all times from 6:30 o'clock in the morning until 10:30 o'clock at night daily over the route hereinafter described, with such changes in said route as may be hereafter mutually agreed upon between the City Manager and the undersigned, beginning with the date of the acceptance of this proposal and continuing during the life of our present street railway franchise, which expires July 17, 1933, and to augment such service by an additional motor bus at such time or times as may be proper and necessary.

Second. These busses will be operated in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as may from time to time be prescribed by ordinance and in conformity with any present ordinances regulating traffic in the City of Grand Junction, and shall be treated by you in connection with said interurban service as full performance by us of our above franchise obligations except payments herein specified. If at any time the City shall give anyone else a franchise for bus service of this kind we to be released from all further obligation to maintain said city bus service.

Third. This company, during said period of operation and until July 17, 1933, will continue this method of street transportation as supplemental to the transportation afforded by its street railway service now conducted by means of its interurban railway cars, with such seasonable modifications and changes as are usual and necessary.

Fourth. This proposal shall be without prejudice to the rights of either party until accepted, and is made in good faith, believing that the substitution of this improved type of transportation will be more acceptable to and more satisfactory to the citizens of this city than a resumption of street railway traffic over that portion of the system indicated above.

Fifth. The proposed route shall be as follows:

From the D. & R. G. W. RR. Company's passenger depot
East on South Avenue to Seventh Street
North on Seventh Street to Colorado Avenue
West on Colorado Avenue to Third Street
North on Third Street to Main

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East on Main to Twelfth Street
North on Twelfth Street to Gunnison Avenue
West on Gunnison Avenue to Ninth Street
North on Ninth Street to Teller Avenue
West on Teller Avenue to Seventh Street
South on Seventh Street to Main
West on Main to Fourth Street
North on Fourth Street to Teller Avenue
West on Teller Avenue to First Street
South on First Street to Main
East on Main to Second Street
South on Second Street to the D. & R. G. W. R.R. Co.'s depot.

Very truly yours,

THE GRAND RIVER VALLEY RAILROAD CO.

/s/ Chas Rump
Vice President and General Manager

Councilman Meders moved, seconded by Councilman Hall that the offer on the Grand River Valley Railroad Company, as contained in their letter of May 13th, 1927, addressed to Mr. Clyde Moslander, President of the City Council, be accepted. Motion carried.

A delegation from the Hod Carriers & Building Laborers Union of America presented a petition asking the Council to demand that none but citizens and tax payers of the City of Grand Junction be employed in public work. After discussing the proposition it was agreed that the Council would co-operate in any way possible to help the citizens of Grand Junction to obtain work if any public improvements are done.

The bond of T. E. Thompson in the sum of \$10,000.00, for City Manager was presented, having been approved by City Attorney Hinman. Councilman Meders moved, seconded by Councilman Bear that Mr. Thompson's bond be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

The bond of Hardy E. Decker, as Chief of Police, in the same of \$2000.00 was presented, having been approved by City Attorney Hinman. Councilman Penberthy moved, seconded by Councilman Meders that Mr. Decker's bond be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

A petition was presented by the citizens in the northeast part of the City in regard to erecting large sign boards in front of Lincoln Park. These boards had been completed, so the Council could do nothing about them. Mr. Hinman was requested to draw up an ordinance in regard to sign boards and present it at the next meeting of the Council, May, 20th, 1927.

The resignation of Mr. Stanley Miller as City Treasurer was presented by the Clerk. Councilman Penberthy moved, seconded by Councilman Meders that Mr. Miller's resignation be accepted. Motion carried.

Applications for the position of City Treasurer from various people were read by the Clerk. Councilman Penberthy moved, seconded by Councilman Meders, that W. L. Sackett be appointed City Treasurer. Councilman Meders moved that the nominations be closed and the Clerk instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Sackett for City Treasurer. Councilman Rogers seconded the motion, and it was duly carried.

Councilman Rogers moved, seconded by Councilman Penberthy that the bond of Mr. W. L. Sackett as City Treasurer be accepted and filed as soon as it has been approved by City Attorney Hinman. Motion carried.

The Proof of Publication of the Ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SALARIES was read. Councilman Meders moved, seconded by Councilman Hall that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

The proposed ordinance was then read by the Clerk, and upon motion of Councilman Meders, seconded by Councilman Penberthy, the proposed ordinance was called up for final passage.

Councilman Hall thereupon moved, seconded by Councilman Penberthy that the proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING SALARIES", be passed and adopted, numbered 419, and published. Upon which motion the following vote was cast. Councilmen voting "Yea", Rogers, Hall, Ellison, Penberthy, Meders, Bear, Moslander. All the Councilmen voting "Yea", the President declared the motion carried, and the Ordinance duly passed and adopted.

On motion of Councilman Meders, seconded by Councilman Hall, the meeting adjourned until Friday evening, May 20th, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

/s/ Helen C. Niles
City Clerk