

Grand Junction, Colorado

May 31, 1928

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

Manager's Report on Gravel Plant:

City Manager Thompson presented the following report.

May 31, 1928.

To: The City Council,  
City of Grand Junction, Colo.,

Gentlemen:

Subject: Gravel Plant.

Since the meeting of the City Council on May 16th, at which time you instructed me to purchase a gravel plant, I have gone more thoroughly into the matter and deem it advisable that you consider this matter more thoroughly before placing order for the same.

The plan which I discussed about erecting a plant at the proposed reservoir site in which we would be excavating for a reservoir is not feasible. I have had surveys made for reservoir and test holes dug over this area, and instead of finding gravel at two feet or less as was in the case of the other reservoir and on the land to the north and east, I find the depth to be from five to ten feet.

From the standpoint of the reservoir this is much better, but after removing this soil and clay it would not be practical to set in plant for surfacing material. There is an abundance of good surfacing gravel to the north of our reservoir, but on land which we do not own. There is also considerable gravel north and west of the small reservoirs on land which we own, but in using same we would not be accomplishing the dual purpose discussed before or digging reservoir at the same time.

I have investigated all of the possible locations for a plant within a reasonable distance of Grand Junction along the river, and I have been unable to find what I consider a really desirable location taking into consideration high water, sand and oil shale. In fact, the pit used by Winterburn and Lumsden seems to be the best, everything considered.

I spent a day in Delta watching the operation of their plant and obtaining cost data on operation and output. They are averaging about eighty cu. yds. per day at a cost of approximately 43¢ per cu. yard. Wages of \$2.50 per day for single-hand labor and \$5.00 per day for man and team. They have an ideal location for plant with a downhill pull for material. I do not believe that we can expect to produce same in our pits for less than 60¢ per cu. yd. Taking into consideration depreciation on plant, which is very great on gravel plants, and interest on investment, I do not feel that we can expect to save very much by owning our own plant.

From past experience around gravel plants, which are so uncertain, I do not feel that it is advisable for the City to go into this business.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ J. E. Thompson  
City Manager.

City to go ahead and Purchase Gravel Plant:

After considerable discussion and consideration, Councilman Penberthy moved and Councilman Bear seconded the motion that the City Manager go ahead, as instructed at a previous meeting, and purchase a gravel crushing and sand washing plant. Upon which motion the following vote was cast: Councilmen voting YEA, Ellison, Rogers, Bear, Meders, Penberthy, Moslander. Councilmen voting NO, Hall. A majority of the Councilmen voting YEA, the President declared the motion carried.

Kline Land Company Proposition:

The Kline Land Company made a proposition that if the City cared to sell the tax sale certificates which they hold, and would make a map and list of the properties, they would submit a bid for the entire lot of certificates.

Councilman Hall moved, Councilman Penberthy seconded the motion that the City Manager be instructed to prepare the necessary data to ask for bids on the special assessment tax certificates which the City holds. Motion carried.

Advertisement for Bids on Paving District No. 20:

The following resolution was presented and read:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the time set for remonstrance in Paving District No. 20 is June 20th, 1928, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the City Council it would be wise to advertise for bids for the sale of the bonds, said bids to be filed prior to said time.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and instructed to advertise for bids and sale of bonds, approximately \$57,000.00, to be filed prior to June 20th, 1928, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., subject to the formation of the district. City reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Councilman Meders moved, Councilman Bear seconded the motion that the resolution, as read, be passed and adopted. Councilmen voting YEA, Ellison, Rogers, Hall, Bear, Meders, Penberthy, Moslander. All the Councilmen voting YEA, the President declared the motion carried.

Advertisement for Bids for Sidewalk District No.10:

The following resolution was presented and read:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the time set for remonstrance in Sidewalk District No. 10 is June 20th, 1928, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the City Council, it would be wise to advertise for bids for the sale of the bonds, said bids to be filed prior to said time,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and instructed to advertise for bids and sale of bonds, approximately \$8,250.00, to be filed prior to June 20th, 1928, at 8:00 o'clock P. M., subject to the formation of the district. City reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Councilman Rogers moved and Councilman Meders seconded the motion that the resolution, as read, be passed and adopted. Upon which motion the following vote was cast: Councilmen voting YEA, Penberthy, Meders, Bear, Rogers, Hall, Ellison, Moslander. All the Councilmen voting YEA, the President declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion of Councilman Penberthy, duly seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Helen C. Niles  
City Clerk