

Grand Junction, Colorado

August 28, 1928

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

Gr. River Valley Ry. Co. abandoning interurban

Mayor Bocking and Mr. Brumbaugh from Fruita were present, being interested in the matter of abandoning the Grand River Valley Railroad Co.'s Interurban line for passenger service and freight service in less-than-carload lots between Grand Junction and Fruita.

A letter from the Public Utilities commission of the State of Colorado enclosing a copy of the Grand River Valley Railroad Co.'s petition for abandoning their passenger and less-than-carload lot freight service, which was made to the Commission, was read.

After considerable discussion, Manager Rump of the Public Service Company was called in.

The following resolution was presented and read:

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this Council that The Grand River Valley Railroad Company has made application to the Public Utilities Commission for leave to discontinue its service over its line of railroad between Grand Junction, Colorado and Fruita insofar as operating cars carrying passengers and less than carload lots of freight, in which it states that the Western Slope Motor Way, Inc. has made application to said Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to enable it to operate bus and truck service between Grand Junction and Fruita and on to Mack, Colorado over the state highway recently completed between said points, and

WHEREAS, if said certificate is granted to the Western Slope Motor way, Inc. or some other motor operator to institute such service and to the Railroad to discontinue its corresponding service, the effect will be to remove from Main Street, the principal business street of Grand Junction, and other streets of the City the operation of electric interurban cars and substitute therefor on a convenient schedule the busses and trucks of the Western Slope Motor Way, Inc. or such

other designated carrier as may be given a certificate by said Commission,

WHEREAS, for several years the sentiment has grown among the citizens of Grand Junction that the operation of interurban cars upon the principal streets of this city has been detrimental without any corresponding benefit to the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council in special session assembled that it favors the application of the Grand River Valley Railroad Company for leave to discontinue said above described service provided some other equally adequate motor and truck service is provided with the approval of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado, and

PROVIDED FURTHER, that said Railroad company continue to operate its system in hauling carload lots.

Councilman Hall moved and Councilman Bear seconded the motion that the resolution, as read, be passed and adopted, subject to the proper execution of an agreement between the Grand River Valley Railroad Company and the City of Grand Junction covering the matter of removing all overhead trolleys and posts; removing tracks and ties on certain streets; and placing the streets in proper condition; this agreement to be drawn by the City Attorney and Manager Rump, and to be later subject to the approval of the City Council. Upon which motion the following vote was cast: Councilmen voting YEA, Moslander, Penberthy, Meders, Bear, Rogers, Hall, Ellison. All the Councilmen voting YEA, the President declared the resolution duly passed and adopted.

Municipal Airport

Mr. John Page and Mr. J. H. Rankin were present in the interest of a Municipal Airport. They reported the progress that had been made by the Chamber of Commerce committee.

It was moved by Councilman Rogers and seconded by Councilman Penberthy that the sum of \$5000.00 be included in the 1929 budget for a Municipal Airport. Upon which motion the following vote was cast: Councilmen voting YEA, Penberthy, Meders, Bear, Rogers, Hall, Moslander. Councilman Ellison was excused from the meeting previous to the consideration of the above proposition. All the Councilmen present voting YEA, the President declared the motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion regularly made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned.

/s/ Helen C. Niles
City Clerk