

Grand Junction, Colorado

August 6th, 1930

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Those present and answering at roll call were: Councilmen Penberthy, Bear, Glassford, Hirons, Hall, Sievert, Rogers. City Attorney Adams, Acting City Manager Burroughs and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 16th were read and approved.

License for concessions on Airport

A license granting W. L. Layden the privilege to vend candy, soft drinks, tobacco, sandwiches, etc. on the premises belonging to the City and known as the Municipal Airport, was presented for the approval of the Council.

Councilman Hall moved and Councilman Penberthy seconded the motion that the license to W. L. Layden for concession at the airport be accepted and signed. Motion carried.

Lease between M. Copeland and City

A lease between Mr. M. Copeland and the City covering property lying South of the Reservoirs was presented. Mr. Copeland proposes to use this property for a slaughter house. It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Bear that the lease be approved by the Council, subject to the approval of the Health Department of the City. Motion carried.

Public hearing on change of zone

Councilman Hirons moved and Councilman Sievert seconded the motion that the date of August 20th be set for a public hearing on the matter of changing that portion of Resident "C" District, as shown on the district map and described as follows: Lots 8, 10, 12, and 14 of Block 2, and Lots 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, and 18 of Block 3, Grand River Subdivision, to Business "A" District, and the north half of Blocks 2 and 3, and the south half of Blocks 4 and 5, Grand River Subdivision to Industry "A" District, and that the City Clerk be instructed to notify persons interested. Motion carried.

Council give entire support to new manager

The following resolution was presented by Councilman Hall:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, There are numerous candidates for the office of the City Manager of the City of Grand Junction, some councilmen favoring one candidate and some another, and

WHEREAS, It will be impossible for any City Manager to attain the high degree of efficiency expected of him or to manage the affairs of the City with any considerable measure of success unless the Council give him full, hearty and unstinted support, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Council of the City of Grand Junction, that each of said councilmen pledge to whomsoever may be selected as City Manager by a majority vote of said City Council, his entire cooperation to the end of securing the most successful administration of the affairs of the City of Grand Junction, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: by the said Council, that, in case of a divided council on the matter of selection of a City Manager, the proponents of the successful candidate take it upon themselves to be the first to propose a change in the office of City Manager, if and when it becomes apparent, after a fair trial, that the man selected for this position is unfitted for it to an extent that does or will endanger the successful administration of civic affairs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that each councilman voting affirmatively on the adoption of this resolution pledge himself to keep good faith in observing the spirit as well as the letter of this resolution.

Councilman Hall moved and Councilman Hirons seconded the motion that the resolution as read be passed and adopted. Upon which motion the following vote was cast: Councilmen voting YEA - Penberthy, Glassford, Bear, Hall, Hirons, Sievert, Rogers.

Resolution re John Page for City Mgr.

The following resolution was presented by Councilman Hall:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: It is desirable to secure the services of a City Manager for the City of Grand Junction who is well and favorably known locally and who is familiar with local problems and conditions, rather than one who is an unknown quantity to us and who will require some months or years to acquire intimate knowledge of this locality, and

WHEREAS: It is obvious that said City Manager should have the additional qualifications of proven business and executive ability; a trained mind; a thorough knowledge of such engineering as may be involved in proper handling of pavements, sewers, water-works, general construction and other city affairs of an engineering nature; diplomacy; unblemished moral character, and

that sound judgment, strength of character and integrity so necessary to enable him to protect the interests of the City in matters where other interests might conflict, and

WHEREAS: The \$5,000. salary now fixed by ordinance as the remuneration of the City Manager is about as low as will probably be acceptable to any Manager in whose immediate and ultimate success the Council and the Community has confidence, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: By the Council of the City of Grand Junction that John C. Page possesses those desirable qualifications outlined herein to a greater degree than is likely to be possessed by any other known candidate available at a salary of not to exceed \$5,000. per annum, that by reason of his long residence in the Community and his 20 years experience and successful career as engineer and executive for the U. S. Reclamation Service, his public spirited endeavors along many lines beneficial to the Community, the certainty of his knowledge of local affairs, people and conditions, he has considerable advantage over other candidates, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the said Council do hereby appoint said John C. Page to the office of City Manager of Grand Junction, at a salary of \$5,000. per annum, said appointment to be contingent on his immediate acceptance and with the further condition that he take office not later than September 1st, 1930.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Hirons that the resolution be adopted as read.

Upon which motion the following vote was cast:

Councilmen voting YEA - Hall, Hirons.

Councilmen voting NO - Penberthy, Bear, Glassford, Sievert, Rogers. A majority of the Councilmen voting NO, the President declared the motion lost.

J.P. Soderstrum appointed City Manager

Councilman Bear moved and Councilman Sievert seconded the motion that Mr. J. P. Soderstrum of Rapid City, South Dakota, be appointed the position of City Manager, at a salary of \$4200.00 per year.

Upon which motion the following vote was cast:

Councilmen voting YEA - Penberthy, Bear, Glassford, Sievert, Rogers.

Councilmen voting NO - Hall, Hirons.

A majority of the Councilmen voting YEA, the President declared

the motion carried, and Mr. Soderstrum duly appointed City Manager of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado.

Councilman Penberthy moved and Councilman Bear seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn to meet at the call of the President.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
CITY CLERK