

Grand Junction, Colorado

February 18, 1931

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 Bear, Glassford, Hall, Hirons, Penberthy, Sievert, Rogers. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Adams, and City Clerk, Tomlinson were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held February 4th and the regular adjourned meeting held February 11th were read and approved.

Cox bond

The bond of J. A. Cox, Cement Contractor, having been approved as to form by City Attorney Adams, was presented. It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Penberthy that the bond be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

Mapes bond

The bond of C. J. Mapes, Cement Contractor, having been approved as to form by City Attorney Adams, was presented. It was moved by Councilman Glassford and seconded by Councilman Bear that the bond be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

The following letter was presented and read:

ALEXANDER BOWIE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
205-207 FAIR BUILDING
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Feb. 18, 1931.

J. P. Soderstrum, City Manager,
Grand Junction, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Soderstrum:

Re: W. A. Shaff Estate.

The City of Grand Junction has a claim filed against the above mentioned estate, in the sum of \$58.00 for a burial lot in the Municipal Cemetery. The only other claim filed against the estate is that of Martins Funeral Home, in the sum of \$150 for burial expenses.

The assets of the estate consist of an undivided one-half interest in approximately 26 acres of ranch land, situated just west of the Main Street Bridge, with water rights, and two unimproved lots in this city. The ranch property is unincumbered,

and has been appraised by R. L. Magill at a valuation of \$1625 for the undivided one-half interest and water rights.

The city lots are incumbered with a building and loan obligation amounting to about \$80.00, plus interest and taxes, and the holder of this incumbrance is threatening foreclosure. The heirs of the estate of W. A. Shaff, deceased, are his widow, Mabel B. Shaff, and four minor children. The widow has not had and does not have any means, either from the estate or from her own property or income with which to settle the claims mentioned, but she is now employed and has the ranch property rented, and believes that she will be able to settle the city's claim by October 1, 1931, when she will receive returns from such property.

Martin's Funeral Home has offered to accept the city lots, subject to the existing incumbrance and taxes, in settlement of the claim for funeral expenses in this estate of and with a further credit on Funeral expenses in the estate of A. O. Shaff, deceased, which includes the remaining undivided one-half interest in the above mentioned ranch property.

All persons concerned are desirous of carrying out this arrangement, as it will avoid total loss of the property in question under foreclosure, and it has been impossible to sell the property to anyone else.

The only convenient way in which this arrangement can be carried out will be for Mabel B. Shaff to claim the property under statutory widow's allowance, and for her then to convey the lots to Mr. Martin.

However, the claim of the city is prior to that of the widow, and, in order to carry out such plan, it will be necessary for us to obtain a release or waiver of the city's claim upon the following arrangement, if satisfactory to the city.

Mrs. Shaff is willing to give the city a first mortgage upon her undivided one-half interest in the above mentioned ranch property and water rights securing a note for payment of this claim on or before October 1, 1931. The waiver of the city's claim, the decree allowing the property to the widow and the delivery of her note and mortgage can be handled in one transaction so that your claim will be protected. There is no likelihood of payment of this claim sooner than the time mentioned, unless, of course, the city is disposed to require sale of this ranch property for settlement of the claim, which, in view of the amount thereof, seems unlikely.

Consequently, it seems that this arrangement should be satisfactory, and I request that you please submit the matter to the City Council, and, if possible, obtain their authority that we may carry out this plan.

Yours very truly

/s/ Alex. Bowie

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It was moved by Councilman Hirons and seconded by Councilman Glassford that the application of Mr. Bowie in behalf of Mrs. Mabel B. Shaff be referred to the City Manager for favorable action. Motion carried.

C. of C. requests \$300.00 for Firemen's Con.

A committee from the Chamber of Commerce requested that the City donate the Auditorium and \$300.00 in cash towards defraying the expenses of the Firemen's Tournament and School which will be held in Grand Junction during the Summer of 1931.

It was moved by Councilman Sievert and seconded by Councilman Penberthy that the City pay \$300.00 toward defraying the expenses of the Firemen's Tournament and School to be held in Grand Junction this year. Upon which motion the following vote was cast: Councilmen voting YEA, Bear, Glassford, Hall, Hirons, Penberthy, Sievert, Rogers. Councilmen voting NO - None. All of the Councilmen voting YEA, the President declared the motion carried.

Re: Wood & Weber Mun. light contract

A proposition from Messrs. Wood & Weber regarding the installation of a Municipal Electric Light plant had been presented in tentative form. As the Council had not had sufficient time to go over the proposition, and familiarize themselves concerning it, it was decided not to discuss the matter at this meeting. There were a number of citizens present interested in the proposed contract of Wood & Weber, and the request was made that all meetings concerning this matter be public.

It was moved by Councilman Glassford and seconded by Councilman Sievert that the meeting adjourn to meet on Tuesday, the 24th day of February at 7:30 o'clock P. M. at which time the proposition of Messrs. Wood and Weber will be considered.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk