

Grand Junction, Colorado

March 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 March 4th were read and approved.

Petition concerning Mun. light plant

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in conformity with Article XVI of the Charter of the City of Grand Junction, a petition signed by qualified electors of the City equal in number to at least five per centum of the last preceding vote cast in the City for all candidates for Governor of the State of Colorado, as shown by the certificate of the City Clerk, was presented to the City Council, requesting the City Council to pass the ordinance set forth in and made a part of said petition, entitled "PEOPLE'S ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_". "An ordinance authorizing the City of Grand Junction to acquire, own, maintain, and operate an electric plant and system for furnishing electricity for light and power purposes to the City and its inhabitants, and providing for the construction, maintenance and operation of such plant and system"; or submit such proposed ordinance, without alteration, to the electoral vote at the next General Municipal election to be held in the City of Grand Junction on the 7th day of April, 1931; and

WHEREAS, The Council does not desire to pass said ordinance, but finds that in accordance with Article XVI of the Charter, sufficient signatures have been obtained to require that the Council submit without alteration said proposed ordinance to electoral vote at the next general municipal election, to-wit: the General Municipal election of April 7, 1931;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION:

SECTION 1. That the City Council shall submit and does hereby submit to electoral vote for adoption or rejection at the General Municipal Election to be held in the City of Grand Junction on the 7th day of April, 1931, the following ordinance:

PEOPLE'S ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION TO ACQUIRE, OWN, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN ELECTRIC PLANT AND SYSTEM FOR FURNISHING ELECTRICITY FOR LIGHT AND POWER PURPOSES TO THE CITY AND ITS INHABITANTS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF SUCH PLANT AND SYSTEM.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, AND BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, UPON REFERENDUM OF THE CITY COUNCIL THEREOF:

SECTION 1. That the City of Grand Junction, shall in the manner provided by this ordinance, acquire, own, maintain and operate an electric plant and system for furnishing electricity for light and power purposes to the City and its inhabitants.

SECTION 2. Forthwith after the adoption of this ordinance, the City Council shall prepare and adopt plans and specifications for, and shall construct, upon land now owned or hereafter to be acquired by the City, in accordance with such plans and specifications, a plant for the generation of electricity, including the requisite distribution system and street lighting system, sufficient in capacity for the present and reasonable future needs of the City; said entire electric plant and system, when constructed, to be owned, maintained and operated by the City of Grand Junction for the purpose of furnishing light and power to the City and its inhabitants.

SECTION 3. To pay for the cost of the construction of the electric plant and system contemplated by this ordinance, the City of Grand Junction shall issue its obligations to be known and described as City of Grand Junction Municipal Light and Power Revenue Bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$750,000.00, to bear such date and with such rate of interest and maturity dates and other provisions as may be fixed and determined by the City Council. Such bonds shall be paid, both principal and interest, solely from the proceeds derived by the City from the operation of the Municipal light plant and system contemplated by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. To provide funds for the payment of the interest to accrue upon said City of Grand Junction Light and Power Revenue bonds, and to retire said bonds at their maturity the City of Grand Junction shall establish a special fund, to be known as the "Municipal Electric Light Fund", into which shall be paid all revenues derived by the City from the operation of the electric plant and system contemplated by this ordinance.

The City shall, through the appropriate action of its Council, establish and enforce a schedule of charges for electric current, sufficient at all times punctually to pay the interest accruing upon said Municipal Light and Power Revenue bonds, to discharge the principal thereof at maturity and to cover all operating expenses, maintenance and depreciation charges, all in accordance

with such approved methods of operation and accounting as are usually applied to the operation of similar utilities by public and private corporations.

Out of said special fund the City shall pay the necessary costs and expenses of the efficient and economical maintenance and operation of said Municipal Light and Power system; the interest as the same shall accrue and the principal at maturity of the Municipal light and power revenue bonds which may be issued and outstanding under the provisions of this ordinance; and after the foregoing deductions and payments have been made, any balance may be used for the enlargement, extension and improvement of the system or for the purchase and retirement of the City of Grand Junction Municipal Light and Power Revenue bonds, to be issued as contemplated by this ordinance.

SECTION 5. After the adoption of this ordinance, no contracts for supplying the City of Grand Junction, or its inhabitants, with electricity for light, heat, and power purposes, contrary to the provisions of or the purposes contemplated by this ordinance, shall be entered into by the City Council or by any officer, agent, or representative of the City; and when the electric plant and system contemplated by this ordinance has been acquired and is ready for operation by the City, all contracts to supply the City or its inhabitants with electricity for light, heat or power purposes, terminable at the option of the City, shall forthwith be terminated.

SECTION 6. The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, and the proper officers, agents and employees of the City of Grand Junction, are hereby authorized and directed to effectuate all of the provisions of this ordinance, to the end that the Municipal Light and Power system contemplated by this ordinance shall be ready for operation by the 12th day of December, 1931, or as soon thereafter as possible."

SECTION 2. That said proposed Ordinance entitled "PEOPLE'S ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION TO ACQUIRE, OWN, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE AN ELECTRIC PLANT AND SYSTEM FOR FURNISHING ELECTRICITY FOR LIGHT AND POWER PURPOSES TO THE CITY AND ITS INHABITANTS, AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF SUCH PLANT AND SYSTEM," shall be by the City Clerk published once in full in The Daily Sentinel", a Daily newspaper of the City of Grand Junction at least ten days before the 7th day of April, 1931; and if a majority of the qualified electors voting on said proposed ordinance at the General Municipal election to be held in the City of Grand Junction on the 7th day of April, 1931, shall vote in favor thereof, the same shall be again published once in said Daily newspaper as soon as the results of said election shall be canvassed and declared as provided by law.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk shall, in the manner provided by law and the Charter of the City of Grand Junction, include in the

notice calling the General Municipal Election of April 7th, 1931, a notice that said "People's Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_" will be submitted to electoral vote for adoption or rejection at said election, and the ballots used when voting upon said proposed ordinance shall state the nature of the Ordinance in terms sufficient to identify it, and on separate lines the words "For the Ordinance" and "Against the Ordinance"

SECTION 4. That the proper officers, agents and representatives of the City of Grand Junction shall do all things necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the submission of this ordinance is not to be construed as in any manner an endorsement of the proposal by the Council.

It was moved by Councilman Glassford and seconded by Councilman Sievert that the resolution be passed and adopted as read. Upon which question 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.

Prop. Ord. Re dogs

The following proposed Ordinance was introduced and read: "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DOGS AND PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING, THEREOF, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH. It was moved by Councilman Bear and seconded by Councilman Hall that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

Corson bond

The bond of J. C. Corson, electrician, having been approved as to form, by the City Attorney, it was moved by Councilman Glassford and seconded by Councilman Penberthy that the same be approved. Motion carried.

Ford Bros. Bond

The bond of Ford Bros., Cement contractors, having been approved as to form by the City Attorney, was presented. It was moved by Councilman Glassford and seconded by Councilman Penberthy that the bond be approved. Motion carried.

D.R.G.W. permit to place 12" pipe under 12<sup>th</sup> St. tracks

The D. & R. G. W. Ry. submitted a resolution covering the permit to place 12" pipe under their track on Twelfth Street, and requested that the Council approve same. The resolution was as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the agreement dated February 18, A. D. 1931, with the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Company, covering the construction, maintenance and use of a twelve-inch diameter cast iron pipe line across the right of way and under the main tract of said Railroad Company at Mile Post 448.46 of said railroad, at Twelfth Street, in the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado, to be used by the City as a city water main, in form as just read and attached hereto, be entered into by the City of Grand Junction; and the President of the Council is hereby authorized to execute said agreement on behalf of said City, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized to attest same and affix the seal of the City thereto.

Councilman Glassford moved and Councilman Hirons seconded the motion that the resolution be passed and adopted as read:

Upon which motion the following vote was cast: Councilmen voting YEA - Penberthy, Glassford, Bear, Hall, Hirons, Sievert, Rogers.

Councilmen voting NO - None.

All of the Councilmen voting YEA, the President declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Glassford and seconded by Councilman Bear that the meeting adjourn to meet on March 25th, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk