

Grand Junction, Colorado

March 16, 1932

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, Hall, Hirons, Holcombe, Roberts, Sievert. President Glassford Presided. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Adams and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 2nd and the regular adjourned session held March 4th were read and approved.

Ouray paving 3rd-7th

Mr. I. R. Lewis presented a petition requesting that the Council again consider paving Ouray Avenue from 3rd to 7th, the matter having been tabled. Mr. Soderstrum and Mr. Adams were instructed to find out just what could be done on this matter, and to see what arrangements could be made to sell the bonds to finance the improvements, and report at an adjourned meeting to be held Mar. 23rd.

Request to license itinerant peddlers & amend City Charter

Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce were present and presented the following petition:

TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.

We, the undersigned business men of Grand Junction, believing that the business interests of Grand Junction should be protected against itinerant peddlers of all kinds which compete with established business which employs held and pays taxes in Grand Junction, hereby respectfully petition your honorable body to draft and pass an ordinance in approved form, licensing itinerant peddling of all kinds in this city, and especially regulating the practice of permitting truckers from bringing in fruit and produce in truck lots from foreign points competing with the railroad and the local business men, and using our highways for purposes not contemplated.

And to take steps to amend the Charter of the City of Grand Junction so as to permit such an ordinance beyond any legal question.

This petition was signed by representative businessmen of the City.

Councilman Hall moved and Councilman Hirons seconded the motion that the City Attorney be requested to co-operate with the petitioners in the preparation of legislation that properly

regulates the itinerant peddlers mentioned in the petition. Motion carried.

Public Service concerning gas franchise

The following letter was presented and read by Mr. Chas. Rump, District Manager of the Public Service Company of Colorado.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO

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DANIEL G. GUINEY, ASST. TREASURER

OFFICE OF DISTRICT MANAGER

City Council
Grand Junction, Colorado

Gentlemen:

This is in response to your request for a statement by the Public Service Company of Colorado with respect to the Gas Franchise situation in Grand Junction.

Since April 1930 when a Gas Franchise was granted to the Fulton Petroleum Company, and when our Gas Franchise expired, our gas operations in Grand Junction have been characterized by the greatest uncertainty. We have continued to operate without a Franchise and to pay until recently the Franchise Tax which prevailed before our Franchise expired but with the uncertainty that has existed as to our future we have not been able to carry out any plans for the improvement of our service or for the operation and development of our business.

We feel that gas service is essential to Grand Junction and particularly to the 1400 customers which we serve. We are prepared to continue that service but should be given a definite right to do so if we are to continue to render proper service and to expand and develop the business in the interest of Grand Junction and our customers. We are also willing to supply Grand Junction with natural gas if and when a dependable commercial supply should become available, either in making this gas supply available or in purchasing such gas at the city gates and distributing it at such

rates as may be then agreed upon and fixed by the Council.

We will be glad to discuss the terms of a new Franchise with the Council and will be pleased to have your suggestions in this connection.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Chas. Rump
Chas. Rump, District Manager

The matter of the Fulton Petroleum Company's franchise was also postponed until March 23rd.

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried, that the meeting adjourn until Wednesday, March 23rd, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk