

Grand Junction, Colorado

September 7, 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, Glassford, Hirons, Holcombe, Roberts, Sievert, and President Hall; City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Adams, and City Clerk Tomlinson.

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 7th and the special meetings held August 23rd and 30th were read and approved.

Grand River Valley Ry. Request to discontinue busses

Mr. Chas. Rump, District Manager of the Public Service Co. presented the following letter:

PUBLIC SERVICE CO. OF COLORADO

Grand Junction, Colorado
September 7, 1932

The Honorable City Council
Grand Junction
Colorado

Gentlemen:

On July 17, 1908 a street car franchise was granted by the City of Grand Junction under which the street car system was built and acquired by this Company together with other utilities.

On May 13, 1927 this Company made application to substitute motor bus service for the street railway and has since been maintaining bus service as at that time agreed upon.

At all times, not only the street car system but the bus service has been very unprofitable and this condition has become worse from year to year so that at the present time, the cost of drivers and gasoline for the buses is twice the revenue received from passengers without figuring any other expense.

We feel that no useful purpose is being served by the continued operation of these buses, for at the present time the number of passengers per day carried averages less than one hundred during a sixteen hour day, and we respectfully call this matter to your attention with the request that we may be allowed to discontinue this service at the present time inasmuch as our franchise expires July 17, 1933 or about ten months from now.

We, therefore, formally ask for the privilege of discontinuing bus service at once and to be relieved from the obligations of our

franchise and contract relative thereto and state that if this is done we will continue to pay the franchise fee provided in the franchise ordinance until July 17, 1933.

Trusting this request will be given your favorable consideration, we are

Yours very truly,

Grand River Valley Ry Co.
BY CHAS. RUMP, Gen. Mgr.

This matter was referred to the City Attorney to see if the bus service could be discontinued, legally, before the time of the expiration of the franchise.

Real Estate Ex. Committee request amend. to water ord.

Messrs. Howard McMullin, R. L. Magill, and D. B. Wright, a committee representing the Grand Junction Real Estate Exchange was present and requested that the Ordinance concerning the shut off and non-payment of water rentals, be amended, so that the following phrase shall be omitted. "The owner of the property where water is used shall be held liable for payment of rent for all water used thereon."

The matter was discussed considerably and laid over until next meeting.

Street lighting

City Manager Soderstrum reported that he had consulted Mr. Rump Dist. Mgr. of the Public Service Co. regarding the reduction of the size of street lights. Mr. Rump claims no jurisdiction on account of the street lighting contract having been voted upon by the People, and the basis of lights established. There are sixteen 400 c.p. lights more than the contract calls for, and these might be changed to 250 c.p.

It was moved by Councilman Bear and seconded by Councilman Hirons that the City Manager be instructed to change sixteen 400 c.p. lights to 250 c.p. effective October 1st, consistent with the street lighting contract contained in People's Ordinance No. 20.

Roll was called, and all members of the Council voted AYE.

The motion was declared carried by the President.

Application to purchase tax certificates

Mr. W. M. Luellan of 514 W. Ute offered \$75.00 to buy the tax receipts on Lot 28, Block 10, Mobleys. The general taxes amount to \$39.35 of which \$5.00 is interest. The specials amount to \$135.49,

of which \$48.49 is interest. This lot is 80 x 135 and has an old barn on the rear which is assessed at \$130.00. The entire lot is grown over with weeds.

It was moved by Councilman Sievert and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that the above offer be accepted conditioned on the ability of the City Manager to induce the County Commissioners to fix a value on the tax sale certificates held by the County, whereby said sum of \$75.00 could be apportioned between the City and County in proportion to the amount of taxes due the City and the amount of taxes due the County.

Roll was called on the above motion, with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Grand Valley Bank Trust Agreement

The following Agreement was presented:

TO THE GRAND VALLEY NATIONAL BANK:

THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION herewith deposits in the Trust Department of your Bank, to meet the payment of - A. Bond obligations of its General Obligation Bonds, as payments become due, and B. The payment of interest on bond obligations of its General Obligation Bonds, as such interest becomes due and payable, in conformity with the memorandum of the said bonds hereto attached, marked "Exhibit A" and made a part hereof.

The City of Grand Junction will hereafter make further deposits from time to time, as it may collect water rentals and taxes, for the express purpose of paying the said bond and/or interest obligations.

All of the said moneys are to be kept in a special account by you, designated as "City of Grand Junction General Obligation Bond and Interest Fund", out of which you shall pay said General Obligation bonds which may be called for payment, and the interest on said bond obligations as interest coupons therefor may be presented to you for payment from time to time, and the money now and hereafter deposited in said special fund shall not be subject to the direction or control of the City otherwise than for the payment of said General Obligation bonds which may hereafter become due or the interest thereon in accordance with the said memorandum attached, it being understood and agreed that upon your acceptance hereof a trust fund is hereby created and the moneys paid and to be paid in said special fund shall never be taken nor considered as a general deposit in your Bank but shall constitute at all times a specific trust deposit which would constitute a preferred claim in case of the closing of said Bank. This Trust Agreement is made under the provisions of Section 11-K of the Federal Reserve Act and in conformity with the letter from the Treasury Department of the United States, dated April 8, 1932, and addressed to

President, Grand Valley National Bank, a true copy thereof being hereto attached and made a part hereof.

That all of the said trust funds no deposited hereby with you or which may hereafter be deposited with you and not expended by you in the payment of bond obligations and/or interest on General Obligation Bonds as herein required on January 10, 1933, shall be repaid by the said Bank to the said City on said date.

THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION

By _____
President of the Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

ACCEPTANCE

BY RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the undersigned Bank, duly passed this _____ day of _____ 1932, a true copy thereof being hereto attached, the foregoing trust proposal is hereby accepted, and the undersigned Bank hereby agrees to strictly comply with the directions thereof, all without charge to the City of Grand Junction.

Dated 1932.

THE GRAND VALLEY NATIONAL BANK

By _____
President

ATTEST:

Cashier

It was moved by Councilman Hiron and seconded by Councilman Holcombe the foregoing proposal be submitted to the Grand Valley National Bank for execution, and that the said Grand Valley National Bank be directed or requested to immediately transmit a certified copy of said resolution and agreement to the Comptroller of the Currency with the request that he approve same, and that evidence of such approval be filed with the City Clerk and that the President of the Council and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the Agreement.

Roll was called on the above motion, and all members of the Council voted AYE. The motion was declared carried.

Proposed Ordinance

A proposed Ordinance, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE OR DISPENSING OF GASOLINE THROUGH PUMPS OR OTHER MECHANICAL

DEVICES AND PROVIDING FOR THE PRESENCE OF AN ATTENDANT", was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Sievert and seconded by Councilman Roberts that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

Councilman Glassford moved and Councilman Bear seconded the motion that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk