

Grand Junction, Colorado

September 5, 1934

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Councilmen present and answering at roll call were: Carson, Ross, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Hall, and President Holcombe. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Bowie, and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 15th were read and approved.

Messrs. J. P. Helman and T. B. Copeland were present and brought up the matter of the \$5,000.00 estate left by Mr. Wm. Murr to the City for the purpose of constructing a memorial arch. The matter was referred to the City Manager and City Attorney, they to get in touch with Messrs. Wm. Wieser and Chas. Rump, and work out something satisfactory to all, and report back to the Council at a later meeting.

Rev. Miller, Rev. Kinsell, Mr. Zipse, and others representing the Council of Churches of this City were present. Dr. Miller presented a petition protesting against slot machines and all gambling devices, and requesting that the City Council enforce all State laws and City ordinances in respect to these devices.

It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Oates that the petitions as presented be received and that discussion on the matter be made a special subject at the next regular meeting of the City Council. Motion carried.

Estimate No. 4 for P. W. A. Project No. 1045 was presented. This estimate showed that the work is 100% completed as to quantities of material, and that \$10,913.05 is due the contractor, A. S. Horner, at this time.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Boston that Estimate No. 4 for the construction of the Settling Basin and Reservoir be approved by the Council; that it be allowed, and the City Manager and City Auditor be instructed to draw a warrant in the amount of \$10,913.05 to A. S. Horner, in payment for same.

Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE - Carson, Ross, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Hall, and President Holcombe. Councilmen voting NO - None. All of the Councilmen voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Soderstrum, City Manager, presented new schedules of electric rates for residence and commercial lighting. The aggregate saving per year would be about \$6,000.00. The commercial rate first step was reduced one cent per KWH of demand. The comparison of residence rates is as follows:

<u>Old Rate</u>		<u>New Rate</u>	
First 10 K. W. H.	\$1.00	First 10 K. W. H.	\$1.00
Next 30 K. W. H.	.06	Next 30 K. W. H.	.06
Next 40 K. W. H.	.05	Next 40 K. W. H.	.04
Next 170 K. W. H.	.03	Next 120 K. W. H.	.03
All excess	.02	All excess	.02

It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Carson that the reductions in electric rates as submitted to the Council meet with the approval of the Council, and that the Council accept such changes. Roll was called on the motion and all members of the Council voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mr. J. M. Sparks made application for an additional gasoline pump on his premises at 901 North Seventh St. known as The Grand Valley Auto Co. so that he might handle two grades of gasoline. It was moved by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Ross that the request of Mr. Sparks be granted. Motion carried.

The matter of safety devices for the various railroad crossings and especially So. 5th St. crossing was brought up and discussed. The following resolution was presented:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS South 5th Street in the City of Grand Junction, Colo. is crossed by the main line and several side tracks of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Company, and no flagman, gate, light, signal or other device is maintained there for protection of the public against injury from engines and trains frequently using such crossing; and

WHEREAS said Street is a part of U. S. Highway No. 50, and is a main artery of travel into and from said City, and the present usage of such crossing without protection against injury is dangerous to public life and safety; and

WHEREAS a similar condition exists at the crossing of the tracks of said Company on South 13th street, and present safety provisions at the crossings of said tracks on 7th Street and Main Street are deemed inadequate;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction that The Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Company be and it is hereby required to take immediate action to provide and maintain adequate means and devices to protect the public from injury by its engines and trains using the above mentioned crossings;

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED By Said City Council that its President appoint a committee of three members of the Council, who, with the assistance of the City Manager and City Attorney, shall confer with the proper representatives of said Company for the purpose of obtaining adequate provision for the protection of public life and safety at such crossings.

It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Carson that the resolution as read be passed and adopted.

Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE - Carson, Ross, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Hall, and Holcombe.

Councilmen voting NO - None.

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

President Holcombe appointed Councilmen Roberts, Carson, and Ross to act on this committee.

Councilman Ross moved and Councilman Boston seconded the motion that a copy of the foregoing resolution, together with a letter from the City Manager be dispatched to the proper railroad officials. Motion carried.

Mrs. Susie Davis requested that she be allowed to purchase Tax sale certificates on Lot 28, Block 10, Mobley's Sub. For \$50.00, to include both specials and general taxes. The principal on these certificates amounts to \$134.65; total principal, interest, and penalties, \$212.61.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Carson that the application of Mrs. Susie Davis to purchase tax sale certificates on Lot 28, Block 10, Mobley's Sub. be accepted by the City Council as to the special assessments, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners on the proposition of the City and County taking a pro rata share according to the amount of principal involved and providing that the 1933 general taxes are paid in full.

Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE - Carson, Ross, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Hall, and Holcombe.

Councilmen voting NO - None.

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

Mr. Frank Payne made an application to purchase the tax certificates against Lots 17, 18 and the E1/2 of 19, Block 125. He offered 70% of the face value of the certificates, both general and special assessments.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Carson that Mr. Payne's offer be rejected. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Ross that the City Council accept \$443.00 for the special assessments against the Edwards property located at 1117 South Fifth Street, as offered by D. Frank Payne, at a previous Council meeting, contingent upon the County accepting the offer made to them. Motion carried.

Upon motion made by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Boston, and duly carried, the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk