

Grand Junction, Colorado

Sept. 19, 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 September 5th, and the special meeting held September 18th were read. Councilman Hall stated that it was his understanding that Estimate No. 4 presented at the meeting Sept. 5, showed that the work on the reservoir was completed 100% as to quantities of material. The Clerk was instructed to make the correction in the minutes. The minutes were then approved, as corrected.

Mr. A. S. Horner, contractor in charge of the construction of the Settling Basin and Reservoir and his Attorney, Mr. Henry Tupper, appeared before the Council.

Mr. Horner reported that he had completed the construction of the reservoir and asked that the balance due to him on account of 10% retention be allowed him at this time.

This being the date set for making final payment, the City Clerk reported that three unpaid claims had been filed against Mr. Horner. Evidence was also submitted to the effect that there were discrepancies in compliance with P. W. A. regulations regarding the payment of men, and this in the opinion of the City Council might jeopardize the grant payment by the Government.

The Council was also informed that tests provided for in the specifications had not been completed, and that because of damage and leakage to the reservoir incurred during a recent attempted test, the project was not ready for final acceptance.

Mr. Tupper requested that Mr. Horner be furnished with a copy of the Engineer's report on the project; and the Engineer was instructed to make a written report and furnish a copy to Mr. Horner. Further discussion and action upon the reservoir matter was postponed until a later meeting of the Council.

A letter from Mr. Meek, County Treasurer was read, requesting that Tax sale certificate No. 43436 on Lots 23 and 24, Block "I", Keith's Addition be canceled, on account of an error.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Carson that the request of Mr. Meek be granted, and that Tax Sale Certificate No. 43436 against Lots 23 and 24, Block "I", Keith's Addition, be canceled.

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.

A request from the Transient Bureau to connect onto the City sewer at 15th and Gunnison Ave. was presented. Mr. Soderstrum was instructed to investigate the situation and make a satisfactory contract with the Transient Bureau.

Mr. Bowie, City Attorney, read a letter from the Public Utilities Commission, in which it was stated that the Grand Valley Railway Co. were seeking to abandon their interurban line.

Mr. Bowie also read a letter from the attorneys handling the Kountze Bros. case. It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Roberts that the City Manager be authorized to send \$100.00 expenses in the Kountze matter, to the New York attorneys. Roll was called and all members of the Council voted AYE. Motion carried.

Mr. Carson reported that the committee appointed to investigate the railroad crossing situation held a meeting with Mr. Shields, Vice-President and General Manager of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Co., and had a very thorough discussion of all the crossings in the City. Mr. Shields agreed to the following:

Put in the latest signal system on South Fifth Street. One signal on each side of the crossing. These are the very latest and have been approved by the A. R. A. Mr. Shields assured the committee that gates were not very satisfactory and were rapidly being discarded all over the country.

On Main Street, it was agreed to install a signal on the West side of the tracks, at the foot of the Pavement, as this is the more dangerous side. The watchmen are to be maintained and a check made to see that they are performing their work efficiently.

It was thought that the signals installed on South Seventh Street are adequate for the traffic. They are to be connected with the railroad block signal system, and Mr. Shields assured the committee that they would work satisfactorily.

On Ninth and Thirteenth Streets, it is proposed that the side tracks be raised to the level of the main line so that approaches can be built.

Mr. Shields stated that it was impossible for the railroad to build viaducts over the Main Street and Fifth Street crossings at this time, but that they would co-operate in every possible way with the City to get them built.

He also stated that these signals would cost approximately \$1500.00 each, and with the approval of the Council he would have all the work done at once. He will also have sketches for the signal lights for Fifth Street available for the next regular Council meeting, October 3rd.

It was moved by Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Oates that the report of the committee be accepted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Hall and seconded by Councilman Ross that the meeting adjourn until Friday, September 21st, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk