

Grand Junction, Colorado

September 4, 1935

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: Ross, Holcombe, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Enstrom, and Carson. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Bowie, and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 21st were read and approved.

A committee representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars was present and asked the Council to reduce the license fee for a carnival which they wished to sponsor during the next week. The matter was left to the City Manager and City Attorney.

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Grand Junction is informed that the State Highway Department of Colorado and the Bureau of Public Roads are contemplating the construction of an overpass or viaduct on Fifth Street of said city across the tracks of the Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad Company; and

WHEREAS the City Council believes that an underpass crossing at such place would be greatly more convenient, serviceable and sightly, and would involve considerably less property damage and inconvenience to adjacent property owners; and

WHEREAS the City Council further believes that the construction of such underpass would provide more employment of manual labor and would thereby afford greater relief to unemployment than would the construction of an overpass or viaduct; and

WHEREAS it is the understanding of the City Council that the construction of an underpass crossing instead of an overpass crossing or viaduct would require continuous pumping of surface and/or seep water together with 24-hour lighting service and that the cost of maintenance and operation of such pumping and lighting must necessarily be born by the said City;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by said City Council that it respectfully petitions the State Highway Department of Colorado and the Bureau of Public Roads to secure such plans and estimates and to take such steps as may be necessary to construct an underpass crossing at the location above mentioned, rather than an overpass crossing or viaduct; and the City, through said City Council, offers to perpetually maintain such lighting and pumping facilities as may be required for such underpass crossing in the event that the same be constructed.

It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Roberts that the resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE, Ross, Holcombe, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Enstrom, and Carson. Councilmen voting NO - None. All of the Councilmen voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction has spent large sums of money on a municipal airport Northeast of the city in addition to the amounts spent thereon by government relief agencies and the city is still without airport facilities owing to the failure of the city to proceed under its condemnation suit to purchase land required for the completion of the field, and

WHEREAS, a committee of the Rotary Club, a committee of the Lion's Club and a committee of the Chamber of Commerce have investigated and considered the matter and the attitude of many business men and citizens of the city and have found that practically all are desirous that the city complete the airport and make it available for use by acquiring the necessary land and completing the improvement of the field so that this city will not be without airport facilities, and

WHEREAS, WPA funds can only be provided for improvement of public owned property and if this project is not included in the schedules for this county by the 6th of September, there is danger of losing the opportunity of having the work completed with those funds and it is the consensus of opinion of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and the respective committees that the airport should be completed without delay so as to afford facilities for planes coming to this city and to promote future air service here.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce that the City Council of Grand Junction be petitioned to acquire the necessary land to complete the airport and have it included as a WPA project.

Dated this 30th day of August, 1935.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF
GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

By: /s/ Phill E. Murray
President

ATTEST:

/s/ R.M. Rood
Secretary

Approved by the airport committee of the Grand Junction Rotary Club:

/s/ Leo Prinster
/a/ James Pitman
/s/ H. G. Helinson

Approved by the airport committee of the Grand Junction Lion's Club:

/s/ John J. Vandermoer
/s/ James W. Wielne
/s/ J. S. Cannell

The Council discussed the airport situation, and Mr. Soderstrum reported on several matters in connection with this matter. He stated that he had talked to Mr. Henry Patterson concerning the 40-acre tract of land in the center of the airport, and the best proposition that was made, through Mr. Patterson's Attorney, was as follows: \$5,000.00. - \$3,000.00 cash at once, \$2,000.00 payable in 1936 with interest at 6% and the City to assume the 1935 taxes.

It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Boston that the 40-acre tract of land owned by Mr. Henry N. Patterson, located within the present municipal airport be purchased for the sum of \$5,000.00. \$2,000 to be paid in cash, the balance of \$3,000 to be paid in 1936; the City to assume the 1935 taxes and pay interest on the unpaid balance at 6% per annum, and that the City Manager be authorized to consummate and sign such an agreement. Roll was called on the motion and all members of the Council voted Aye. The President declared the motion duly carried.

The following entitled emergency ordinance was introduced and read: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION", was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Roberts that the ordinance be passed and adopted as an emergency ordinance, numbered 536 and published.

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

Mr. Harry E. Burnett presented an application for a liquor license for a Cocktail room at the St. Regis Hotel. It was moved by Councilman Enstrom and seconded by Councilman Roberts that the City Council grant a liquor license to Harry E. Burnett for the St. Regis Hotel, for the amount of \$108.35 until December 31st, 1935, and subject to the issuance of a State license. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE, Holcombe, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Enstrom, Carson. Councilmen voting NO - Ross. A majority of the Councilmen voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

A letter from the Softball Association, by Preston Walker, was read. A request was made

that the City allow the Softball Association the sum of \$37.50 in order that they might be able to pay all the bills which they had contracted, and set forth that the receipts from the Softball games had been a great deal more than was anticipated.

It was moved by Councilman Enstrom and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that the City give the Softball Association the sum of \$37.50. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE, Ross, Holcombe, Oates, Boston, Roberts, Enstrom, and Carson. Councilmen voting No - None. All of the Councilmen voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Roberts and seconded by Councilman Oates that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk