

## Grand Junction, Colorado

December 9, 1935

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in special session at 9:00 o'clock P. M. Councilmen present and answering at roll call were: Ross, Oates, Holcombe, Boston, Enstrom, and President Carson. Councilman Roberts was absent. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Bowie, and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

Due to the fact that Councilman Roberts was absent and formal notice for a call for a special meeting had not been served on the Councilmen, the following waiver was filed bearing the signature of Mr. Roberts.

It was moved by Councilman Enstrom and seconded by Councilman Oates, that, owing to the necessity for calling a meeting of the Council on short notice, and each member having been duly notified that the provision set forth in Ordinance No. 502 providing that notice be served upon the individual Councilmen be waived, and that the said call is hereby ratified. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE - Ross, Holcombe, Oates, Boston, Enstrom, and Carson. Councilmen voting NO - None. All of the Councilmen present voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

The following report of the Finance Committee was read:

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee appointed by the City Council to interview the City Treasurer relative to the shortage existing in his cash, as it appeared in the report of Jas. E. Ragan, Public Accountant, wish to report that we met with Mr. Sackett and endeavored to find the exact cause of the shortage as disclosed by the audit, of the books of the City Treasurer. According to Mr. Sackett, the shortage, extending over a period of two years was occasioned by errors in water payments being credited to individuals for full payment, while in fact, according to Mr. Sackett, many of such payments were only partial, but were credited in full.

Mr. Sackett admitting the shortage as uncovered by the audit mentioned, feels satisfied that the cause was as above stated, due to the system employed in issuing water receipts. As is known to the Council, the shortage has been fully covered by Mr. Sackett.

We further find and are convinced that the work in the City Treasurer's office is exceedingly heavy for a period of about ten days during four months of the year, and that provision has been made in the past year to relieve the Treasurer of part of this work. While admitting the work has at times been heavy, your committee is of the opinion that this does not absolve the Treasurer from making errors that amount to the considerable sum as shown by the audit. We have examined a transcript of the auditor's reports covering a period of years since Mr. Sackett has been City Treasurer, since June 1, 1927 to December 31, 1934, and find that at no time has the audit disclosed that the books balanced - ranging in errors from

\$749.00 long to \$573.00 short. The transcript goes into full detail covering the various discrepancies as shown in the audits of the various years. We recommend that the City Treasurer co-operate more closely with the City Manager as well as all other appointive officers, and the City Manager is requested to report to the Council any neglect of duty or errors appearing in any such offices.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

(Signed) Porter Carson

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Chairman Ex-Officio

/s/

(Signed) C. E. Ross

Allen Holcombe.

It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Enstrom that the report of the Finance Committee be received and filed, and the recommendations concurred in. Motion carried.

Mr. Holcombe stated that he had been requested to bring before the Council the matter of collection of 10% of the gate receipts for the Salida-Grand Junction High School State Championship game to be held Saturday, December 14th.

The following resolution was presented and read:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the football teams of the High Schools of Grand Junction and Salida are to play for the championship of Colorado at Lincoln Park Field in Grand Junction on Saturday, December 14th, and

WHEREAS, the expenses of the Salida team, as well as all other expenses are to be deducted from the gate receipts of the game before the proceeds are divided between the competing teams, and

WHEREAS, the prevailing charges for the use of High School foot ball fields elsewhere in the State for similar contests do not generally exceed \$50.00.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council that any collections by the City from the gate receipts of such game in excess of the sum of \$50.00 be remitted and refunded to the Student Body Association of the Grand Junction High School.

It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Oates 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, Enstrom, and Carson. Councilmen voting NO - None. All of the Councilmen present voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk