

Grand Junction, Colorado

March 17, 1937

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, Groves, Boston, Carson, Enstrom, and President Oates. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Bowie, and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 3rd were read and approved.

E. W. Taylor presented an offer for the tax sale certificates against the S. 75 feet of Lot 28 to 32 incl., Block 148, located at the NE corner of 5th and South Avenue. The appraised value is \$1,200.00. There are \$448.30 delinquent generals and \$1,475.91 delinquent specials. Mr. Taylor plans on building a cabinet shop, and offers \$900.00, of 46.78% of face value.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Groves that the City Treasurer be instructed to sell and assign Special Assessment Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 26555 -26864 -26658 -26946 -29946 for \$690.34, at any time within thirty days from and after this date, providing the purchaser and assignee thereof pay or settle the general taxes on the property in question within such period. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council present voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The Proof of Publication to the Proposed People's Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE CONTRACTING FOR MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING SERVICE TO BE FURNISHED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO," was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Enstrom and seconded by Councilman Oates that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

Mr. George Nezeris presented and application for a 3.2 beer license at 319 Main St., to be known as George's Place. Mr. Decker recommended that Mr. Nezeris be not granted a license. It was moved by Councilman Groves and seconded by Councilman Ross that the matter of granting Mr. Nezeris a license be deferred until the next meeting of the Council. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE - Ross, Holcombe, and Groves. Councilmen voting NO - Boston, Carson, Enstrom, and Oates. A majority of the Councilmen voting NO, the motion was declared lost.

Mr. Decker was asked to appear before the Council and explain to the Council why he made the recommendation which he did. Councilman Enstrom moved and Councilman Carson seconded the motion that the license be granted. Roll was called on the motion, with

the following result; Councilmen voting AYE - Boston, Carson, and Oates. Councilmen voting NO - Ross, Holcombe, Groves, and Enstrom. A majority of the Councilmen voting NO, the President declared the motion lost, and the license not granted.

The City Market presented an application for the renewal of their 3.2 beer license. It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Groves that the license be granted to the City Market. Motion carried.

Pete Ybarra presented an application for a 3.2 beer license at 137 Colorado Ave. Mr. Decker recommended against granting this license on account of the location. It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Ross that the license be not granted. Motion carried.

The following proposed Notice of Election and Amendment of Charter, was presented.

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CHARTER OF CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION.

WHEREAS qualified electors of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, in number more than 5% of the next preceding gubernatorial vote of said City, have signed, filed and presented to the City Council of said City their petitions that the following proposed amendments to the present charter of said City be submitted to vote of such electors at the general election of said City to be held on April 6th, 1937:

"AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 18 AND 22 OF ARTICLE II OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO.

Be It Enacted By The Qualified Electors of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, that Sections 18 and 22 of Article II of the Charter of said City be and are hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 18. Form of Ballot. The City Clerk shall cause ballots for every general and special election to be printed, bound, numbered, endorsed, and authenticated, as provided by the laws of the State of Colorado, except as otherwise provided by this Charter. Every ballot intended for the use of voters, shall contain the full list and correct name of all the respective offices to be filled, and the names of all candidates nominated therefor whose nominations have been duly made as provided by this Charter and Ordinances pursuant thereto, and who have not died or withdrawn, and shall contain no other names of persons. The ballots shall be so printed as to give each voter a clear opportunity to designate by cross mark (X) in a sufficient margin at the right of the name of each candidate, and of each question submitted, his choice of candidates, and his answer to the questions submitted; and on the ballot may be printed such words or instructions as will aid the voter to do so.

SECTION 22. Canvass and Election. As soon as the polls are closed the election judges shall immediately open the ballot boxes, take therefrom and count the ballots, and enter the total number thereof on the tally sheet provided therefor. They shall then carefully enter the number of votes for each candidate on said tally sheet and make return to the City Clerk as provided by law. No vote shall be counted for any candidate more than once on any ballot. The person receiving the highest number of votes cast at such election for any office shall be elected to that office. A tie between two or more candidates shall be decided by lot, under direction of the canvassing board.

Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that at the general municipal election of said City to be held on the 6th day of April, 1937, between the hours of 7 o'clock A.M. and 7 o'clock P. M. at the polling places hereinafter mentioned, the question will be submitted to qualified electors of said City, whether the aforesaid proposed Amendments of said Charter should be adopted or rejected by their vote in accordance with the provisions of Article XX of the Constitution of the State of Colorado, and the Charter of said City; the polling places at which such election is to be held are as follows:

District "A"	- City Voting Precinct 9, Polling Place - City Hall.
District "B"	- City Voting Precinct 10, Polling Place - Western Slope Garage.
District "C"	- City Voting Precinct 11, Polling Place - Y.M.C.A.
District "D"	- City Voting Precinct 12, Polling Place - Richard Warren Garage.
District "E"	- City Voting Precinct 16, Polling Place - High School.

Pursuant to and by direction and authority of the City Council of said City of Grand Junction this 17th day of March, 1937.

City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Groves and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that the City Clerk be instructed to have the foregoing

election notice published according to law. Motion carried.

The following Notice of Bond Election was then presented:

NOTICE OF BOND ELECTION

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 566 of the City of Grand Junction, adopted and approved the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1937:

Public Notice is hereby given that at the general municipal election to be held in said City on the 6th day of April, 1937, there shall be and there is hereby submitted to a vote of such qualified electors of the City as shall in the year next preceding have paid a property tax therein, the following question:

Question Submitted:

"Shall the City Council of the City of Grand Junction contract an indebtedness on behalf of the City and upon the credit thereof, by issuing the negotiable coupon bonds of the City, in an amount not exceeding \$50,000, for the purpose of constructing, furnishing and equipping a Library Building?"

The election for the submission of this question shall be held at the same time, in the same places and conducted by the same officials as in the general election for councilmen and other offices of said City.

The ballots to be used in voting upon the question above submitted, will be prepared and furnished by the City Clerk to the judges of the election to be by them furnished to the voters.

Persons whose names do not appear in the official registry and who possess proper qualifications may register for said election at the times and places designated for registering electors for said general municipal election.

At said election only qualified taxpaying electors of the City will be permitted to vote upon the question submitted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction has caused this notice to be published and posted as required by law and dated this 17th day of March, A. D. 1937.

Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk

(SEAL)

It was moved by Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Enstrom that the City Clerk be instructed to have the "Notice of Bond Election" published according to law. Motion carried.

The Proof of Publication to the Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF ASHES AND RUBBISH AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH", was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Groves and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Enstrom that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

Thereupon Councilman Enstrom moved and Councilman Boston seconded the motion that the ordinance be passed and adopted, numbered 567 and published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried, and the ordinance duly passed and adopted.

The Proof of Publication to the Proposed Ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE WIDTH OF THE ROADWAY ON FIRST STREET BETWEEN MAIN STREET AND UTE AVENUE", was presented. It was moved by Councilman Groves and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Carson that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

Thereupon Councilman Enstrom moved and Councilman Ross seconded the motion that the Ordinance be passed and adopted, numbered 568, and published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried, and the Ordinance duly passed and adopted.

The following entitled, proposed Ordinance was presented and read - "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP ACCOMPANYING ORDINANCE NO. 432, AND BEING A PART THEREOF". It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Enstrom that the Proposed Ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

The following entitled, proposed ordinance was introduced and read - "AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE VACATION OF STREETS AND ALLEYS". It was moved by Councilman Enstrom and seconded by Councilman Groves that the Ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

The State Highway Department, through Mr. Shea has requested that 1st Avenue from the E. line of 9th Street to the City limits and of 10th Street from the north line of the alleys in Blocks 8 and 9 to the R.R. right of way, be vacated. They have purchased the property all around these streets and intend to build a building at what now is the intersection of 1st Avenue and 10th Street. These streets are not now in use, and do not interfere with any existing street system.

The following entitled, proposed ordinance was introduced and read - "AN ORDINANCE VACATING PARTS OF FIRST AVENUE AND TENTH STREET IN MILLDALE SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION". It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Groves that the proposed ordinance be passed for publication. Motion carried.

Petitions were filed, signed by the members of Washington, Whitman, Emerson, P.T.A., and the County Council of P.T.A. in which it stated that they had made a study of the sewage disposal in Grand Junction, and feel that in the interest of health, the time has come to remedy the condition now existing. They recommended that the City Council make a study of the condition, and take steps to provide a sewage disposal plant, and stated further, that if such a move has been contemplated, that they, as voters in Grand Junction, pledge themselves to support such a project.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that the petitions be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

The Gibson Lumber Co. offered \$500.00 for the City's Equity in Lots 17 to 22 inclusive, Block 6. The City has secured the tax certificates on these lots and has advertised for Treasurer's Deed. To date they have paid out \$351.12 in cash, which includes the 1936 general taxes. In addition to this, there is \$269.66 delinquent specials, plus \$40.80, 1937 specials, a total of \$661.58 against the lots. In addition, it will probably cost \$50.00 yet for the City to obtain title and abstract.

It was moved by Councilman Enstrom and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that the offer be rejected, and that the City Treasurer be instructed to sell the Tax Sale Certificates against Lots 17 to 22, Block 6, for \$600.00 within thirty days. All the Councilmen voting AYE on the motion, the President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Soderstrum read a letter from the State Board of Health requesting the City to establish a tract of land for a trailer camp, and offering to furnish plans for the construction of same. It was also stated that NYA labor might be secured for the construction of same.

The Council were not in favor of constructing a trailer camp, as there is no available ground for such an enterprise, and they felt that a privately owned camp would be more satisfactory.

C. H. Hinman offered to purchase the tax sale certificates against Lots 14 to 17 inclusive, Block 23. This property is located on Teller Avenue just west of 12th St. It is vacant and has billboards facing 12th Street. The assessed valuation is only \$280.00, while the appraised value was placed at \$750.00, on account of being opposite Lincoln Park. Mr. Hinman offered only

\$248.02 for the property.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Enstrom that the offer be rejected. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: All members of the Council voted AYE, and the motion was declared carried.

A. E. Borschell offered to purchase the tax sale certificates against Lots 13 and 14, Block 77, located at 140 Grand Avenue, and involved in the Klein Land Co. Mr. Borschell offered \$989.87, or 68.99% less the amount paid to the Klein Land Co.

It was moved by Councilman Groves and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that the City Treasurer be instructed to sell and assign Special Assessment Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 29829-30; 29908-9; 29384-5; 29603-4; 29696-5; at any time within thirty days from and after this date, providing the purchaser and assignee thereof pay or settle the general taxes on the property in question within such period. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

A. E. Borschell offered to purchase the tax sale certificates against Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, Block 163. The appraised value of the lots is \$1300.00 after allowing \$300.00 for salvage of old houses. Mr. Borschell offered 50% of face plus the 1936 generals and 1937 specials, or \$720.87.

It was moved by Councilman Groves and seconded by Councilman Boston that Mr. Borschell's offer be rejected, and that the City Treasurer be instructed to sell and assign Special Assessment Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 28056-7; 28223-4; 28344-5; 35299-300; 28053-4; 28220-1; 28341a-2; 35296-7; 28055 -28222-28343-35298 for the sum of \$1,107.73, plus the 1937 specials, at any time within thirty days from and after this date, providing the purchaser and assignee thereof pay or settle the general taxes on the property in question within such period. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE City Council that all offers for the purchase of tax certificates must be submitted to the City Manager at least twenty-four hours before the time of the meeting of the Council at which the same are to be submitted, and unless submitted at least twenty-four hours beforehand, they will be laid over until the following meeting of the Council.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Groves that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting

AYE - Ross, Holcombe, Groves, Boston, Enstrom, Carson, and Oates. Councilmen voting NO - None. All of the Councilmen voting AYE, the President declared the motion carried.

The bond of Rollo Ward, cement contractor, having been approved as to form by the City Attorney, was presented. It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Carson that the bond be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

A request was made for permission to have a driveway thirty-four feet wide installed on the east side of Seventh Street at 904 North Seventh for E.O. and D.H. Pitts. It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Ross that the request be denied. Motion carried.

A request was made for permission to have a 92-foot lay-back curb and drive-way at the Shorty Johnson Garage at 7th and Teller. It was moved by Councilman Enstrom and seconded by Councilman Groves that the request be rejected. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Groves that the meeting adjourn until Wednesday, March 24th, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk