

Grand Junction, Colorado

September 15, 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, Oates and President Enstrom. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Bowie and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held September 1st were read and approved.

Bid for Library Bonds

This being the time set for sealed bids for \$50,000 Library bonds, to be filed, Mr. Soderstrum reported that several bids had been received. The Council ordered that the bids be opened and tabulated. Bids submitted were as follows:

Contract to Sidlo, Simons Roberts Co.

NAME OF BIDDER	2 3/4%	3%	3 1/4%	3 1/2%
Bosworth, Chanute & Loughridge Co.		1,001.75		
Gray B. Gray		1,011.36		
Peters, Writer & Christensen		1,007.743		
Brown, Schlessman, Owen Co.		1,003.117		
Amos C. Sudler	1,001.66			
J. K. Mullen		995.70	1,000.00	
1st Natl. & U. S. Banks, Grd. Jct.				1,000.00
Boettcher & Co.		1,008.60		

Sidlo, Simons & Roberts	1,018.92			
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The following Resolution was then presented and read:

Whereas, on September 4, 1937, the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, through J. P. Soderstrum, its City Manager, acting pursuant to due authorization by the City Council of said City, issued and published the following Notice:

"NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, will receive sealed bids at the office of the City Clerk at Grand Junction on Wednesday, September 15, 1937, at 7:30 P.M., for \$50,000 general obligation Library bonds of said City, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 4%, to be dated October 1, 1937 and to be due and payable serially on October 1st, as follows: \$1,000 in each of the years 1938 to 1940, inclusive; \$3000 in 1941 and \$4,000 in each of the years 1942 to 1952 inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer at Grand Junction, Colorado or at The International Trust Company, Denver, Colorado.

The bonds and the legal opinion of Mr. Myles P. Tallmadge, attorney-at-law, of Denver, Colorado, will be furnished by the City of Grand Junction.

Only unconditional bids will be considered and all bids must be accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$1,000 payable to the City Treasurer of Grand Junction, Colorado. The check of the successful bidder will be retained by the City and applied as part payment on the bonds or will be forfeited to the City in the event the purchaser fails to take up and pay for the said bonds in accordance with his contract. Checks of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned promptly.

The City of Grand Junction reserved the right to reject any or all bids submitted.

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J. P. Soderstrum, City Manager

Whereas numerous bids received by said City in response to the aforesaid Notice were opened and considered by the City Council of said City, at the regular meeting thereof on September 15, 1937, at 7:30 P.M., and, upon consideration of all of such bids, it was found, and is now found, that the following bid of Sidlo, Simons, Roberts & Co., of Denver, Colorado, was and is the lowest and best bid received:

September 15, 1937.

"Honorable Mayor & City Council
City of Grand Junction, Colorado

Gentlemen:

As per your official notice of sale for your proposed issue of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) Legally issued and executed general obligation Library Bonds of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, with full number of coupons attached, said bonds to be dated October 1, 1937, to become due and payable serially without prior option on October 1st as follows: \$1,000 in each of the years 1938 to 1940 inclusive; \$3,000 in 1941 and \$4,000 in each of the years 1942 to 1952, inclusive, both principal and semi-annual interest to be payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Grand Junction, Colorado, or at the International Trust Company, Denver, Colorado. For said bonds, delivered to us in Denver, Colorado free of exchange and collection charges and accompanied by the final approving legal opinion of Mr. Myles P. Tallmadge, Attorney at Law, Denver, Colorado, we will pay you as follows:

For bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2-3/4% per annum, we will pay you \$1018.92 for each \$1,000 of bonds. We will also pay accrued interest from date of bonds to date of delivery.

As evidence of our good faith in making this offer, we attach hereto our certified check for \$1,000 payable to the City Treasurer of Grand Junction, Colorado. This check is to be immediately returned to our representative if this bid is not accepted; otherwise to be held by you pending the delivery of said bonds and forfeited to the City in the event we fail to take up and pay for said bonds in accordance with this agreement. At the time of the delivery, said check is to be applied as part payment on the purchase price.

Respectfully submitted,

SIDLO, SIMONS, ROBERTS & CO.,
By: C. W. Derryberry

It Is Therefore Resolved by the City Council of said City that the aforesaid bid of Sidlo, Simons, Roberts & Co. be and is hereby accepted, as the lowest and best bid received by the City of Grand Junction in response to such Notice, and that the Mayor and City Clerk of said City shall execute and deliver to Sidlo, Simons, Roberts & Co., in the name and on behalf of said City, its acceptance of the aforesaid bid, together with a certified copy of this Resolution.

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

C.D. Smith driveway for bus terminal

A request from C. D. Smith was read, in which he stated that he wished to have a driveway 60-feet wide constructed on Ute Avenue, as an entrance way to the new bus terminal now under construction. A sketch was filed showing the proposed driveways. It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Ross that the request be granted. Motion carried.

authorized to sell Blackwell lots

Mr. Soderstrum reported that he had received a quit-claim deed and abstract from Brice Blackwell for Lots 21 and 22, Block 44, and that they might be sold in the near future if the Council would place a selling price on them.

It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Groves that the Following Resolution be passed and adopted as read:

It Is Resolved by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, that J. P. Soderstrum, as City Manager of said City, is hereby appointed, authorized and directed, in its name and behalf, to sell Lots 21 and 22, Block 44, in the City of Grand Junction, County of Mesa and State of Colorado, owned by said City and not used or held by it for any park or governmental purpose, for not less than the sum of \$300.00, upon such terms and conditions as he, in his discretion, may determine, and to execute and deliver a good and sufficient quit claim or special warranty deed of conveyance of said property to the purchaser thereof, and to cause the Seal of said City to be affixed thereto and attested by the City Clerk.

Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly passed and adopted.

Anderson tax sales

At a recent tax sale held by the Mesa County Commissioners, Sam Anderson was the high bidder for the special assessment tax sale certificates against Lots 19 to 24, Block "C", Keith's Addition. He made a bid of 26.7% of the face, amounting to \$120.50.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Boston that the City Treasurer be instructed to sell and assign Special Assessment Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 18751-6; 20027-32; 18387-92; 29776-81; 33753-8 for the sum of \$120.50 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.

Mills tax sales

J. B. Mills was the high bidder for the special assessment tax sale certificates on the S. 50 feet of the north 200 feet of Lot 20, Capitol Hill Subdivision, known as the Vorbeck tract. He bid 41.7% of the face, amounting to 49.38.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Boston that the City Treasurer be instructed to sell and assign Special Assessment Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 21922;21958;21968;26933; 46176 for the sum of \$49.38 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.

Fleming offer on tax certs. denied

Mr. Fleming bid \$255.90 or 35.224% of the face for tax sale certificates against a tract of land under the name of Phoebe Edwards and located on South Fifth Street. The face of the City specials is \$495.45 and the generals \$230.82. The appraised value of this property is \$675.00. It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Groves that the offer be rejected. Motion carried.

Stringer deal ratified

Mrs. Stringer offered to buy Lots 30, 31, and 32, Block 119 for \$1,250.00 on the following conditions:

\$250.00 cash with execution of sales agreement and \$1,000.00 cash without interest to be paid to the City as soon as they can deliver title. These lots are now in the process of quieting title, and no doubt will take several months yet before they are ready for delivery. The appraised value of the lots as set by the real estate exchange was \$650.00. Mr. Soderstrum stated that he had talked to the various Councilmen about these lots, and all had been in favor of making the deal.

It was therefore moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Holcombe the Mr. Soderstrum's action in signing a sales agreement with Mrs. Effie Stringer, for the purchase of Lots 30, 31, and 32, be ratified and confirmed. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Ord. No. 581

The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH "(k)" OF SECTION 18 OF ORDINANCE NO. 479", was introduced and read. It was moved by Councilman Groves and seconded by Councilman Carson that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed.

It was then moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Oates that the Ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

Councilman Carson then moved and Councilman Boston seconded the motion that the Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH "(k)" OF SECTION 18 OF ORDINANCE NO. 479" be passed and adopted, numbered 581 and published. Roll was called on the motion with the following result: Councilmen voting AYE - Ross, Holcombe, Groves, Boston, Carson, Oates, and Enstrom. Councilmen voting NO - None. All of the Councilmen voting AYE - the President declared the motion carried.

Ordinance on burning rubbish tabled

The proposed ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4 OF ORDINANCE NO. 567" was presented. It was decided to table this proposed ordinance until a later meeting, as some of the Councilmen felt more time for investigations was necessary.

Petition presented requesting Trade Boards

Scott Heckman presented a petition signed by a goodly number of the business men over the City requesting that the Council allow "Trade Boards" to be operated in this City. They explained that by "Trade Boards" they meant boards carrying cigars, tobaccos, cigarettes, candies, and such merchandise as is usually carried in their respective lines of business and representing a merchandise value equal to the value of the board less the ordinary profits made on such merchandise in the usual course of trade. There was considerable discussion on the matter, but no solution decided upon. It was moved by Councilman Ross that the petition be tabled and filed. There being no second to this motion, Councilman Ross withdrew same.

It was then moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Carson that the petition be laid over until the next meeting of the Council. Motion carried.

Borsehell offer for tax certs.

Mr. Borschell made an offer for face on Lots 14, 15, and 16, Block 83, the property formerly owned by Mrs. Rose Norgaard. The face amount of the delinquent specials is \$187.94, plus \$745.30 generals. Mr. Borshcell has a purchaser for this property who

intends to made considerable improvements immediately.

It was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Carson that the City Treasurer be instructed to sell and assign Special Assessment Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 42740 -43236 -43089 for face value, 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.

Rotary Club resolution on Police Dept. & Safety

The City Council, some time ago, ordered an intensive campaign against traffic violations. This campaign was initiated, but, nevertheless, public sentiment has been increasing against the laxity of the enforcement.

The Rotary Club have sponsored a "Community Safety Committee", and have made a study of the traffic situation, and presented the following letter outlining what they think should be done by the Council.

September 15, 1937

Members of the City Council
Grand Junction, Colorado

Gentlemen:

In sponsoring the safety campaign in Grand Junction, Colorado, the Grand Junction Rotary Club community service committee has gone very thoroughly into the traffic conditions that now exist in this city.

The following recommendations were drawn up after the Rotary Club members had discussed the situation, and also had secured advice from Sam J. Neely, Colorado director of safety, and G. R. Carell, district supervisor of the courtesy patrol in this section.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. Of prime importance and first on the list, we believe that an increased police force is absolutely necessary at this time. This city has grown until there are some 16,000 people within its boundaries; yet the police force is designed for a city of 8,000 to 10,000 people.
2. Of equal importance is a training school for all officers and patrolmen. As it is now, men are taken from any walk of life, handed a gun, given a uniform and then turned out to perform the duties of full-fledged policemen.

3. An increased police force should mean, we believe, that a traffic patrol be established. In other words, a certain group of men should do nothing but patrol the streets of Grand Junction and take care of the traffic problems. In connection with this patrol it should have the proper mechanical facilities such as automobiles and motorcycles which are in first-class condition. We also believe that a short wave radio system should be considered for all police cars.

4. One of the main reasons for the traffic problem today in Grand Junction is the fact that traffic violators are not fined after being brought into court. Their tickets are either fixed or they are let off by the judge. Not dealing with personalities in any form, we believe it is the duty of the City Council to see that law violators have paid the proper penalties, and we herewith submit a resolution passed by the Colorado Safety Council on ticket fixing and recommend that a resolution similar to this one be adopted by the Grand Junction City Council. The resolution is attached with these recommendations.

At the meeting called by Governor Teller Ammons June 23, 1937, held at the State Capitol Building, the following policies were adopted:

Those attending the meeting composed of Municipal, County and State officers, Justices of the Peace, County Judges and Citizens believe that property damages, loss of life and physical injury resulting in traffic accidents can be reduced by whole-hearted, statewide cooperation between all public officials having to do with the traffic regulations and all citizens. We believe that street and highway laws which relate directly to safety should be uniformly and fairly enforced throughout the state. We, therefore, pledge ourselves to and urge upon all others, the following policies:

(1) That there shall be no quashing or dismissal of charges under this plan; that is, there shall be no ticket fixing on violations of the safety law. When a man is arrested for drunkenness, it must not be called carelessness or recklessness.

(2) That no charge of a violation as made by an officer shall be reduced by an official entering into the prosecution of the case to one less severe, but shall be tried on the merits of each case.

(3) That there shall be a strict follow-through in all cases wherein revocation of drivers licenses is called for by the statutes. Where a person has been charged, for example, with an offense such as driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor, said defendant shall be tried upon such offense as charged, and if found guilty as charged, a report as provided by the statutes shall be promptly transmitted to the Motor Vehicle Department for disposition. The fines and costs in legal proceedings growing out of traffic cases shall be uniform through

the State, subject to the judicial discretion as to the extent of punishment, warranted by the facts in each case. The affixing of fines and costs shall not be determined in any case or under any circumstances for the purpose of providing revenue for governmental subdivisions but solely to bring about impartial law enforcement.

THE COLORADO SAFETY COUNCIL

5. As one of the biggest aids to traffic safety, we recommend that Grand Junction enforce its present ordinance which absolutely prohibits double parking on any of the streets in the city. This ordinance ought to include all delivery trucks and should be rigidly enforced. Double parking should be construed as the parking of cars outside of regular parking lanes whether anyone remains in the car or not.

6. As materially important to traffic we believe that pedestrian lanes on all streets and in front of all schools should be plainly marked and kept up. We further believe that wherever a street sign now stands the word "Stop" in big letters should be painted on the pavement by the street sign. We also recommend that right and left traffic lanes be plainly marked lines and arrows on all the main streets. Schools signs should also be made as conspicuous as possible on the pavement and at the side of the highway. Along this line, we further recommend that the speed limit in the various sections of the city be plainly marked on the pavement every few blocks in the various sections.

7. In connection with the present traffic laws we would recommend that all of the Grand Junction City ordinances be made to conform with state and national laws. We also wish to go on record as being against the ordinance which allows automobiles to make a right-hand turn against the red light. We also believe that bicycle traffic regulations should be rigidly enforced and an effort be made to control and supervise the large amount of bicycles which are definitely a hazard on the streets of our city.

8. There are two serious traffic hazards within the city limits. One is at the intersection of Fifth Street and North Avenue, and we believe that a stop sign should be placed on Fifth Street where it goes into North Avenue. Also, on West Main Street across the tracks where the Riverside School now stands the street is very narrow, and when cars are parked on both sides, two cars cannot pass each other. We recommend that parking on this street be abolished.

9. We further ask that the Council instruct the police department for the next few weeks or as long as may be necessary, to have policemen stationed at street signs on Fifth and Seventh Streets and control and supervise motor and pedestrian traffic for as long as may be necessary to educate the public as to the proper use of these electric traffic control systems. This means that

pedestrians are to go with the lights just as much as automobiles.

10. We further recommend that all diagonal parking be abolished and that parallel parking be used at all places.

In summing up these recommendations, we believe that if acted upon, they will solve Grand Junction's traffic problem, which at the present time is nothing short of deplorable. The Rotary Club has sponsored the safety movement and will take the responsibility for the educational and publicity part of the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Community Safety Committee of
Grand Junction Rotary Club

It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Groves that the communication from the Community Safety Committee of The Grand Junction Rotary Club be referred to the Police Committee of the City Council for their recommendations and their report back to the Council. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Groves that the meeting adjourn until Friday night, September 18th, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk