

Grand Junction, Colorado

August 2, 1939

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, Campbell, Luebbert, Carson, Treece and President Boston. City Manager Soderstrum, City Attorney Hinman, and City Clerk Tomlinson were present.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 19th and the regular adjourned meeting held July 26th were read and approved.

Mr. Boston, President of the Council was detained for a few moments, and it was moved by Councilman Holcombe and seconded by Councilman Carson, that Councilman Ross act as President Pro-tem. Motion carried.

After Mr. Boston's arrival, he took the Chair.

A petition was filed for paving Kimball, Winters, and Noland Avenues, This petition was signed by quite a large number of people, but only 8 1/2% of them were owners of property along the streets in question. The Council instructed the City Manager to explain to these people, that it would be necessary for them to have at least 33 1/3% of the property owners along the streets mentioned in the petition.

Mr. Soderstrum reported that since the City of Grand Junction had adopted the policy of taking over and clearing up lots sold for taxes that they had cleared title on 220 lots, of which 165 had been sold for \$30,275.00. The assessed valuation of these lots for 1939 taxes was \$100,210. \$15,532.25 taxes were collected this year and \$1,745.45 special improvements. There are at present either completed or under construction, 16 new homes on these lots, which is not included in the above valuation.

The following resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

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 31 and 32 in Block 24, 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.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. Soderstrum read a letter from the State Highway Department in which they stated that work was completed on the viaduct and railroad underpass and the approaches, and that they were turning the project over to the City for maintenance. In the same connection, Mr. Soderstrum reported to the Council that the contract just completed did not call for the oiling of the viaduct and approaches, but that the City would be required to do this work and be repaid by the State Highway Department, out of our 3% gas tax money. The contracts had been drawn up while Mr. Soderstrum was out of town, so Mr. Boston, as President of the Council, had signed them. It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Holcombe that Mr. Boston's action in signing the aforesaid agreements be ratified, providing the City, using County oiling equipment, supervise the work of oiling the project. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The matter of the alley on the West side was brought up and discussed and it was decided that Councilmen Boston and Carson meet with the School Board delegation and also a committee from the property interested, and try to settle the matter.

Discussion on the Lawrence Avenue fence which has been recently built by the D.R.G.R.R. was had, and Mr. Hinman, Councilman Carson and City Manager Soderstrum instructed to look into the situation, and take the matter up with the Railroad Company.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk