

Grand Junction, Colorado
November 4, 1942

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: Carson, Ross, Hoisington, Boston, Robb, Campbell, and President Treece. Also present were City Manager Brownson and City Clerk Tomlinson. City Attorney Hinman was absent.

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

A delegation comprised of Tom Brownson, B. A. Kellog and Mr. Murray of the W.P.A. appeared before the Council on behalf of a committee of service club members and other organizations who are trying to establish a service center for the troops stationed in this area. They would like to take over the Y.M.C.A. building and establish the center there, and also have the Red Cross, Rationing Board, W.P.A. and other activities now housed in the Community Service Bldg. use the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Brownson stated that this committee would be called the Mesa County Service Club and would take full responsibility for operating the building, although they requested that the City donate the \$25.00 per month to them to help defray the operating expenses of the building, which is now given every month to the Community Service Building Fund.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Robb that the City turn the Y.M.C.A. building over to the Mesa County Service Club. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The Conservation Division of the WPB has requested the transfer by bill of sale of all unused street car rails, track fastenings and other metallic track materials lying in the streets of the City, to the Metals Reserve Company, subsidiary of R.F.C., and to grant permission to Metals Reserve Co. to remove the above described material in accordance with specifications to be approved by the City. These specifications would provide that the work be done with minimum interference, with the movement of traffic, and that the slots from which the rail is removed be refilled with suitable paving material. The purpose of this request is to make the rails available for the war effort.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Ross that the following resolution be passed and adopted as read.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, F. C. Jamison, Regional Chief, Special Projects Salvage Section, War Production Board, has by letter the 23rd day of October, 1942, requested the City of Grand Junction, Colorado,

to transfer, by bill of sale, all unused street car rails, truck fastenings and other metallic track material lying in the streets of said city to Metals Reserve Company, a subsidiary of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, an agency of the United States Government, for a nominal consideration, and to grant permission to Metals Reserve Company to remove the above described material from where now located in the streets of the City of Grand Junction.

WHEREAS, said rails, track fastenings, and other metallic track material, are urgently and immediately needed in connection with the war program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction, is desirous of having said rails, track fastenings, and other metallic track material removed from its streets and is willing to contribute the same to the successful prosecution of the war program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That Bruce Brownson, City Manager, be authorized to convey title to said rails, track fastenings, and other metallic track fastenings to Metals Reserve Company by bill of sale, the form of which shall be approved by W. R. Hinman, City Attorney.

2. That Metals Reserve Company be and is hereby given permission to remove said rails, track fastenings, and other metallic track material located in the streets of the City of Grand Junction, the location of which has been established by War Production Board in said letter, and for that purpose to disturb the pavement in the streets where said rails are located; this work to be carried out in accordance with specifications to be approved by the City Manager, who shall assure himself that the work is being done with minimum interference with the movement of traffic, and that the slots from which the rails are removed are refilled with a suitable available paving material.

3. That no damage to the streets will be claimed by the City of Grand Junction, providing the Metals Reserve Company performs the work in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications set out above.

Passed and adopted November 4, 1942.

President of City Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

Mr. James E. Ragan made an offer for the tax sale certificates against Lots 6 and 7, Block 19, located between 8th and 9th on Belford Ave. The assessed valuation of these lots is \$120 and the appraised valuation is \$150. The face value of the certificates is \$181.67, County generals and \$41.96 City specials, making a total of \$223.63, for which Mr. Ragan offers \$50.00.

It was moved by Councilman Ross and seconded by Councilman Carson that the City Treasurer be instructed to sell and assign Special Assessment Tax Sale Certificates Nos. 33749-50 and 30939-40 for the sum of \$9.50, 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.

City Manager Brownson brought up the matter of the fluid milk supply in this vicinity. He read a letter from the United States Public Health Service addressed to Dr. R. L. Cleere, Secretary of the State Division of Public Health, recommending various things for relieving the milk shortage situation. The Council requested that Dr. Munro and Dr. Paige be present at their next regular meeting, to go into this matter more thoroughly.

Some time was spent on the 1943 budget. Letters from the Fire Dept. and the Police Dept. requesting that the Council consider raising the salaries in these departments, was read.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Ross that the mill levy for the year 1943 be fixed at 15 1/2 mills. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Carson and seconded by Councilman Campbell that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk