

Grand Junction, Colorado

May 18, 1945

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, met in special session at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Councilmen present and answering at roll call were: Treece, Hoisington, Robb, Boston, Carson, Campbell and President Harris. Also present were City Manager Brownson, City Attorney Banks and City Clerk Tomlinson.

It was moved by Councilman Robb and seconded by Councilman Carson that the 24-hour formal notice of meeting be waived. Motion carried.

The following letter was presented and read:

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION  
COLORADO

Office of the City Manager

May 18, 1945

Mr. Frank A. Harris  
President, Grand Junction City Council  
Grand Junction, Colorado

Dear Mr. Harris:

The intensely critical attitude of the Grand Junction newspaper toward the City Management and its policies of operation of the Water Department has led me to believe that it is to the best interests of the City, the City Council, and myself that I tender my resignation.

It is obviously impossible for a City Manager to successfully administer the affairs of the City and carry out the policies of the Council under such circumstances. It is particularly true at this time when we are faced with many harassing problems, an expansion of facilities, and are advancing the water works improvement and enlargement program, adopted by the Council, as rapidly as possible.

The whole hearted support of the City Council during my term is deeply appreciated, and I have no desire to embarrass the Council in any way. Although I would prefer to have my resignation become effective immediately, the matter will be left, so far as possible, to the decision of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce Brownson  
City Manager

It was moved by Councilman Treece and seconded by Councilman Robb that the resignation of Mr. Brownson as City Manager be accepted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilman Campbell and seconded by Councilman Carson that the Council request Mr. Brownson to continue as City Manager for thirty days, with the understanding that the City Council will assume all responsibility for his actions. Motion carried.

Mr. Brownson agreed, out of deference to the Council, that he would serve for thirty days as City Manager.

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

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson  
City Clerk