

Grand Junction, Colorado

June 23, 1947

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction met in special session at 7:30 P. M. Councilmen present and answering at roll call were: Harper, Boston, Martin, Harris and President Carson. Also present were City Manager Fritz, City Attorney Banks and Director of Public Works and Planning, Bennett.

It was moved by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Boston that the twenty-four hour notice be waived. Motion carried.

Mr. Roy Williams, Supervisor of the Grand Mesa National Forest, was introduced by President Carson. He spoke at some length about watershed problems from the Forest Service standpoint. He then introduced Mr. Lee Kirby from Denver who is a watershed specialist for the United States Forest Service. Mr. Kirby spoke at length on problems of watershed management, pointing out the trend of the present city watershed and indicating that action to save this shed from destruction must be forthcoming. However, he said that no plan has yet been arrived at and that this meeting was an educational meeting only. After his talk, several members of the Council expressed their opinion that the watershed must be protected and measures taken to protect the poor condition that now exists in certain areas.

Mr. Fritz presented the problems occurring after the taking of bids on Hogchute Dam with the statement that the only bid received was from the Schmidt Construction Company in the amount of \$319,587.50, as compared to an engineer's estimate of around \$198,000.00, and recommended that this bid be rejected. Mr. E. H. Carter of R. J. Tipton Associates gave a more detailed report after which a motion was made by Councilman Harris and seconded by Councilman Martin that the bid of \$319,587.50 by the Schmidt Construction Company be rejected. The motion carried. After lengthy discussion concerning the building of Hogchute Dam, a motion was made by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Martin that the engineers be instructed to meet with the five contractors who were present and interested at the opening of bids and see if another basis can be arrived at to perform the construction of the Hogchute Reservoir during the summer of 1947.

A motion was made by Councilman Boston and seconded by Councilman Harris that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

/s/Carl Bennett
Carl Bennett
Acting City Clerk