

Grand Junction, Colorado

December 19, 1947

A special meeting of the City Council had been called by President Carson for the purpose of hearing Mr. E. H. "Nick" Carter in regard to costs on Hogchute and matters pertaining to the leak in Reservoir No. 3. Mr. Carter had requested a meeting of the Council to learn just what questions they wanted answered by R. J. Tipton and Associates.

Mr. Barker, Mr. McElvain, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Stucker from the labor unions were present.

Mr. Carter showed the Council his reports on Reservoir No. 3 and showed that there was no less than 3 inches of concrete in any place in the reservoir, this varying to 4-7/16 inches. The original plans called for 4 inches but if that amount of concrete had been placed, some spots would have had to be so thick that the cost to the City would have been approximately \$8,000 to \$10,000 more than anticipated; he figured that they had a very good job and more concrete was placed in the bottom of the reservoir than had been estimated.

Mr. Barker argued with Mr. Carter as to where the mastic joints should have been placed. He contended that if the new joints had been placed exactly over the old ones, any new break or leaks would have occurred in the joints. Mr. Carter stated that their idea in planning the reservoir was that the joints be not placed over the old joints, so that the water would have several feet to go before it found the old leak. Councilman Harris recalled that at the time the original plans were shown the Council the joints were not over the old joints.

The matter of the excessive cost on Hogchute was discussed. Mr. Carter stated that the material at the site of the reservoir was not as good as had been anticipated and that it cost more money to get it in shape to use in the dam. Laboring costs, on account of overtime, were higher than had been estimated. He stated that the City had hired Walter Schmidt as manager of the project and that Schmidt took care of the labor situation. It was impossible under the limited amount of help available at the City Hall to keep the costs far enough ahead so that no one realized how much money had been spent until it was too late. These matters were discussed by the Council with Mr. Carter and Mr. Barker until 11:45 p.m. at which time the meeting adjourned.

/s/Helen C. Tomlinson
City Clerk