

**An Ordinance Concerning the Fire Department and to Repeal Certain Other Provisions Relative to the Same.**

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Grand Junction:

Section 1—The fire department of the City of Grand Junction shall be constituted as provided by this ordinance and not otherwise and said fire department may make such rules and regulations as, according to their judgment, is deemed for the good of the fire department and the good of the City of Grand Junction not inconsistent with this ordinance. Such rules shall be submitted to and approved by the City Council.

Sec. 2—On or before the second Monday after election in each year, the active firemen connected with the fire department of the City of Grand Junction, shall nominate a chief and assistant chief engineer of the fire department.

The person receiving a majority of the votes cast for the office of chief or assistant chief engineer at such election shall be deemed the nominee of the fire department to such office and such nominee, when confirmed by the City Council as hereinafter provided, shall be declared as such chief or assistant chief engineer for the term of one year, and until their successors are elected and confirmed.

Sec. 3—The person so nominated shall present proper proof of such nomination to the City Council at their meeting on the second Monday after election and the City Council shall thereupon confirm or reject such nominee and the name or names of the person or persons so rejected, shall be by the City Clerk at once returned to the fire department, whereupon the officers in charge of the fire department shall immediately order an election to fill the place of the nominees so rejected but no names shall be submitted after rejected during the same year and the name or names of such person or persons so nominated shall, in like manner be presented to the City Council at the first meeting thereafter for confirmation or rejection and if confirmed, the nominee or nominees so confirmed shall hold his or their office for one year from the second Monday after election preceding and until his successor is elected and confirmed.

Sec. 4—All officers and members of the fire department shall be subject to removal from office by the City Council for dereliction of duty in the manner of other appointed officers.

Sec. 5—In case of a vacancy occurring in the office of chief or assistant chief engineer, the officer in charge of the fire department, shall, within ten days after such vacancy occurs, call a meeting of all active firemen, and proceed to nominate a person to fill such vacancy, which person, when confirmed by the City Council, shall fill such office. Provided that should the members of the fire department fail to nominate a person when and as provided in the preceding section for any such office, then the City Council may, in the first instance, fill such office by appointment.

Sec. 6—The regular membership of the fire department, exclusive of chief, assistant chief, janitor and driver, shall consist of eighteen active firemen.

Sec. 7—It shall be the duty of the aforesaid members of the fire department to attend all fires occurring within the city of Grand Junction, whenever possible, and to work at such fires under the direction of the chief or acting chief of the fire department and to obey all reasonable commands and instructions of said chief and also to attend whenever possible the meetings of the fire department.

Sec. 8—It shall be the duty of the chief of fire department to attend at all times if possible, any fire or fires occurring within the limits of the city and he shall see that the subordinate officers of the fire department of the city of Grand Junction shall at all times keep the wagons, hose, carts and other fire apparatus of the city in good condition for the work intended to be performed and he shall see that such subordinate officers and members carefully perform the duties of their office.

He shall at the close of the months of June, September and December and also at the close of his term of office, make a report to the City Council, under oath and show the number of fires which have occurred within the city subsequent to his preceding report and each and all reports shall show the result of such fires; and he shall also report the amount of monies received and the amount paid out and for what paid and to whom paid; and shall also report the names of the members of said department. Said chief shall receive as his compensation the sum of \$100 per annum, payable quartely.

Sec. 10—The duties of the assistant chief shall be to attend all fires occurring within the limits of the City of Grand Junction during his term of office, when possible, and to direct the fire department at such fires in case of the absence of the chief, and in the absence of the chief at other times to direct the work of the fire department and the officers thereof. Said assistant chief shall receive a salary of \$50 per annum, payable quarterly.

SEC. 11—There shall be elected by the City Council at the time above provided, a janitor whose duty it shall be to have care and charge of the city hall of the City of Grand Junction and to keep the same at all times in good condition and keep the offices and rooms therein clean and at suitable times lighted and warm.

Sec. 12—Said janitor shall give a good and sufficient bond to be approved by the City Council in the sum of \$500 conditioned that

he will faithfully perform the duties of his office during the term of his office, and that he will carefully care for and protect the property of the city under his charge, and will not damage or permit the same to be damaged during his term of office.

SEC. 13—There shall be elected by the City Council at the time above provided, a driver whose duty it shall be to care for the city team and all wagons and apparatus used by him on the streets. He shall work with said team on the streets driving the sprinkling wagon and otherwise under the direction of the street commissioner and when not otherwise engaged or needed at the fire department during reasonable working hours. He shall be under the direction of the chief of the fire department and the City Council except when working on the streets. Said driver shall sleep at the city hall and shall attend all fires occurring within the limits of the City of Grand Junction with team and wagon. Said driver shall receive a salary of \$50 per month, payable monthly.

SEC. 14—The members of the fire department shall attend the meetings of such department whenever possible, and shall in all respects comply with the rules of the department and this ordinance, and it shall be the duty of the chief of the fire department to report to the City Council any violation of rules on the part of any of the members of the fire department and also to report immediately any vacancy existing in such department by removal or failure to act on the part of any of the members or officers of the fire department.

Sec. 15—There shall be appropriated by the City Council each year the sum of \$400 to be paid to the department in warrants drawn in favor of the chief for distribution among the eighteen members of the fire department (exclusive of the chief, assistant chief, janitor and driver) according to the terms of this ordinance. The money so appropriated shall be paid as follows: \$100 shall be paid at the expiration of the first and third quarter to be divided equally among the said eighteen members; \$100 shall be paid at the expiration of the second and fourth quarter to be divided among the said eighteen members according to their credits for attendance at fires and fire department meetings in accordance with the rules of the fire department adopted on that subject.

Sec. 16—The City Council shall also pay to the fire department by warrants drawn to the chief each year the sum of \$100 for current expenses.

Sec. 17—The fire department shall also elect officers such as treasurer, secretary, etc. as they may be deemed necessary to conduct the business of the department.

Sec. 18—Ordinance No. 77, passed and adopted May 31st, 1898 and also Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of Article 1, of Ordinance No. 5, passed and adopted September 26th, 1891, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of June,  
A. D. 1898

W. P. ELA, Mayor.

Attest: *M. O. Delaplain*  
M. O. DELAPLAIN, City Clerk.

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